

## DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT SLIMMON & HELEN LINDSAY

### 1.6 Grizzel “Grace” Slimmon (1823 - ?) & James Wilson (1811 - 1879)

According to the International Genealogy Index (IGI), Grizzel (Grace) Slimmon was born on 22 Mar 1823 in Libberton, Lanark, Sct. She was christened on 20 Apr 1823. On 28 Nov 1856, at age 23, she married James Wilson (a 43 year old widower) in Libberton. Subsequent census records suggest that the age difference between Grace and James may only have been 10 to 13 years.

Grace appeared in the 1861 census of Scotland living with her husband and extended family at Craigland, Libberton parish, Lanarkshire. Children in the household were:

- Archibald Wilson (age 13) - probably Grace’s step-son.
- John Slimmon (age 7) - possibly a child from a previous relationship but recorded as James' son.
- William Wilson (age 4) - b. 31 Mar 1857, Quothquan, Libberton.
- Helen Wilson (age 2) - b. 4 Feb 1859, Quothquan, Libberton

In the 1861 census, James’ occupation was recorded as a “roadman” (i.e. in charge of road maintenance.)

Grace appeared again in the 1871 census, living at Stidling in Libberton parish. Two more children appeared including:

- Agnes Wilson (age 9) - b. 17 Jun 1861, Quothquan, Libberton
- Susan Wilson (age 7) - b. 28 Sep 1863, Quothquan, Libberton
- James Carrie (age 9) - James’ grandson

In that census, Grace was recorded with a second initial ‘S’ and James’ occupation was recorded as a “carrier” (driver of a horse-drawn cart or carriage.)

Grace appeared in the 1881 census still living in Stidling but now working as a “grocer” and, as a widow, using her maiden name of Slimmon. Her son William and daughter Susan were living with her.

At age 68, Grace appeared in the 1891 census in Smithy, Libberton Parish, visiting a William & Isabella Calder. Her occupational status was recorded as “living on private means.”

Grace probably died prior to 1901 because she does not appear in the census of that year. James Wilson died 4 Oct 1879 at Stidling, Libberton at age 68. Cause of death was recorded as “disease of heart”. The record also indicates that his parents were Archibald Wilson (millwright) and Susan Ormiston. The IGI indicates that a James Wilson was born in Carnwath on 14 Apr 1811. No parents were recorded to confirm that James to have been ‘our’ James Wilson but it does agree with his age at time of death.

**DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT SLIMMON & HELEN LINDSAY****Children of Grace Slimmon & James Wilson:****1.6.1 John Slimmon**

- Born ~1845 (prior to Grace and James marriage which suggests he was a child from a previous relationship but recorded in the 1861 census as the son of James Wilson.)
- Appeared in the 1881 census living in Annan, Dumfriesshire, in the home of William and Margaret McIntosh and working as a “coachman (domestic)”.
- Married Janet Davidson (b. 18 Sep 1885, daughter of James Veitch and Elizabeth Davidson) who died of cerebral meningitis 24 May 1910 at age 26.
- Could not be found in the 1891, 1901 or 1911 census.
- Died of “myocardial cystitis” 23 Feb 1933 in Braeside, Ancrum, Roxburgh (approximately 40 miles south-east of Edinburgh.)
- Both his and his wife’s death records indicate he had been a male nurse but had retired prior to his wife’s death.

**1.6.2 William Wilson**

- Born 31 Mar 1857, Quothquan, Libberton

**1.6.3 Helen Wilson**

- Born 4 Feb 1859, Quothquan, Libberton

**1.6.4 Agnes Wilson**

- Born 17 Jun 1861, Quothquan, Libberton

**1.6.5 Susan Wilson**

- Born 28 Sep 1863, Quothquan, Libberton