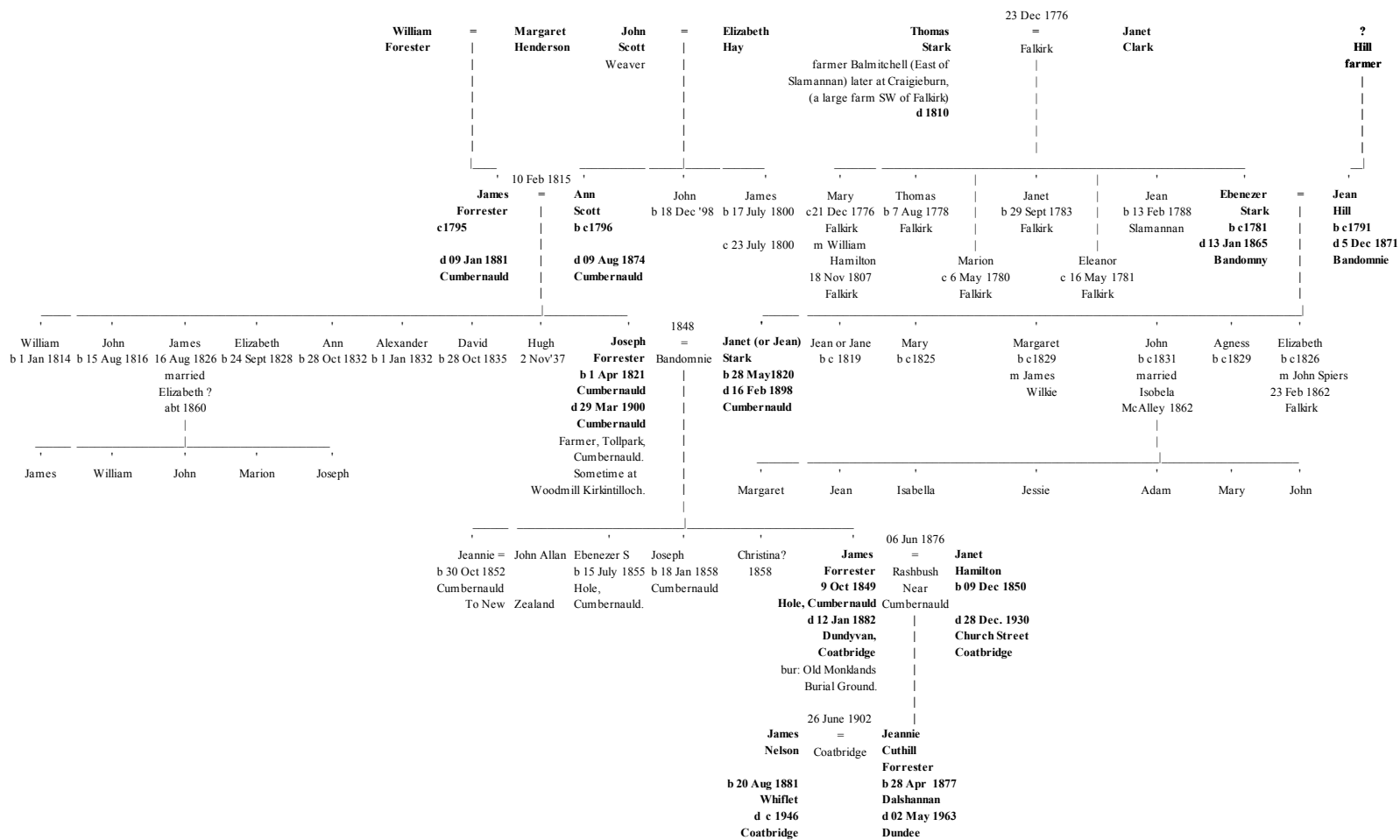


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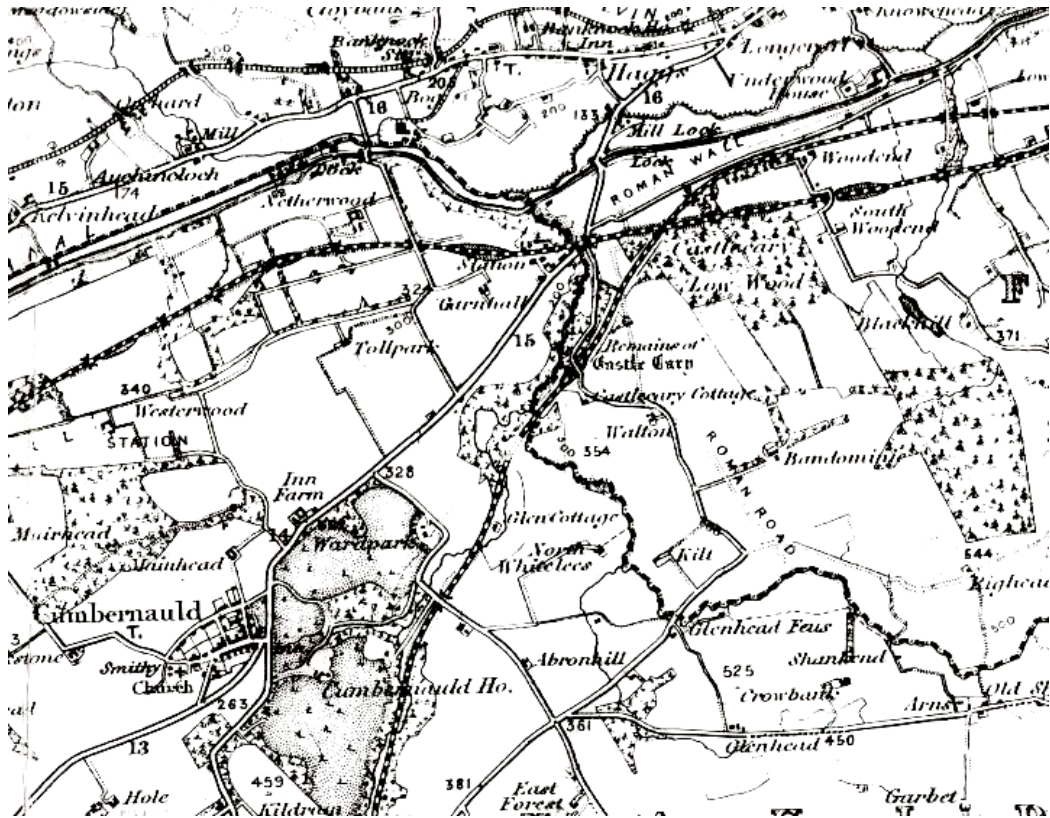
Apart from censuses, no concrete information has been unearthed about this couple. The 1841 census finds them at Rashbush. This farm (also known as Threshbush) lay between the farms of Rigghead and Bandomnie. It does not appear on the map below which was surveyed in the 1860's but is nevertheless mentioned as late as 1888 when other branches of the family were occupying it. (See Alex Hamilton and Jean Cuthill)

1841 Census Dist. 479 book 18 page 4

Rashbush

Stark	Ebenezer	60	farmer	y
Stark	Jean	40		y
Stark	Jane	22		y
Stark	Jannet	20		y
Stark	John	10		y
Stark	Agnes	8		y
Stark	Elizabeth	5		y

Rashbush was between Bandomnie and Rigghead and can be found towards the right of the map below.



By 1851 the family were in Bandomnie, which they were to occupy for many years:

1851 Census Dist. 479 book 1 page 6.

Bandomnie

Stark Ebenr.	h m	70	Farmer 70 acres	STI, Denny
Stark Jean	w m	60		STI, Denny
Stark Jean	d u	30	Employed at home	STI, Denny
Stark Mary	d u	26	Employed at home	STI, Denny
Stark Margaret	d u	22	Employed at home	STI, Denny
Stark John	s u	20	Employed on the farm	STI, Denny
Stark Agness	d u	18	Employed at home	STI, Denny
Stark Elizabeth	d u	15		STI, Denny
Anderson John	serv u	12	farm lab	LKS

By 1861 the size of Bandomnie had increased from 70 acres to 120 acres, perhaps reflecting the incorporation of at least part of neighbouring Rashbush.



Bandomnie 1999

1861 census Dist. 479/2 book 11 page 4.

Bandomnie

Stark Ebenezer	h m	80	farmer of 120 acres	STI, Falkirk
Stark Jean	w m	70		STI, Falkirk
Stark Jean	d	39	domestic servant	STI, Falkirk
Stark Mary	d	33	domestic servant	STI, Falkirk
Stark John	s	28	ploughman	STI, Falkirk
Stark Agnes	d	23	domestic servant	STI, Falkirk
Stark Elizabeth	d	21	domestic servant	STI, Falkirk
Hutton William	serv	19	farm servant	LKS Barony

5 rooms with windows

Ebenezer died in 1865 and son John took over the farm. At the census in 1871, Jean, aged 79, is living with John and his family.

1871 Census 479 book 11 page 3

Bandomnie

Stark John	h m	38	farmer	STI, Falkirk
Stark Isabella	w m	34	farmers wife	STI, Denny
Stark Isabella	d	6	farmers daughter	STI, Falkirk
Stark Jane	mother w	79	farmers daughter	STI, Falkirk
Lothian Mark	serv u	24	farm servant	Linlithgow
Sneddon Richard	serv u	13	farm servant	LKS, Airdrie
Binnie Agness	serv u	21	farm servant	STI, Falkirk
Welsh Ellin	serv u	16	general domestic	STI, Denny

4 rooms with windows.

Jean died at the beginning of December 1871.

Deaths:

1865 479/2 No. 15

Ebenezer Stark Farmer Married to Jean Hill	M	85	1865 13 January Bandomnie parish of Falkirk	Thomas Stark farmer (deceased) Janet Stark M.S. Clark (deceased)	Pneumonia 10 days	Mary Stark daughter
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1871 479/2 No. 150.

Jean Stark Widow of Ebenezer Stark farmer	F	80	1871 Dec 5 th Bandomnie	---Hill farmer (deceased)	Dissentry 2 weeks	John Stark son
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Inventory and Confirmation for Ebenezer:

Ebenezer Stark farmer at Bandomnie

1 cash	£ 40-00-00
2 Crop, stock, furniture etc.	£ 440-17-06
3 Commercial Bank	£ 418-02-04
“	£ 413-01-10
“	£ 201-15-01
Clydesdale Bank	£ 259-16-02
“	£ 101-10-07
“	£ 100-12-01
4 Loan to John Spiers	<u>£ 11-12-01</u>
	<u>£1987-14-02</u>

Executor John Stark sometime at Rashbush now at Bandomnie only son.

Legacies:

Wife: £20 held for alimentary ease.

£12 p.a. to unmarried daughters.

Janet, wife of Joseph Forrester, Holebrae. Margaret, wife of James Wyllie, Abronhill.

Elizabeth Stark, wife of John Spiers, Burnhouse, £30 each.

Mary and Agnes Stark, £200 each plus their choice of a cow from the byre. (eldest to choose first) plus all the furniture west of the kitchen.

John is the only son and gets the tack of the farm of Bandomnie.

£10 to U.P.Church Cumbernauld.

The estate would be worth close to £100,000 in 2002.