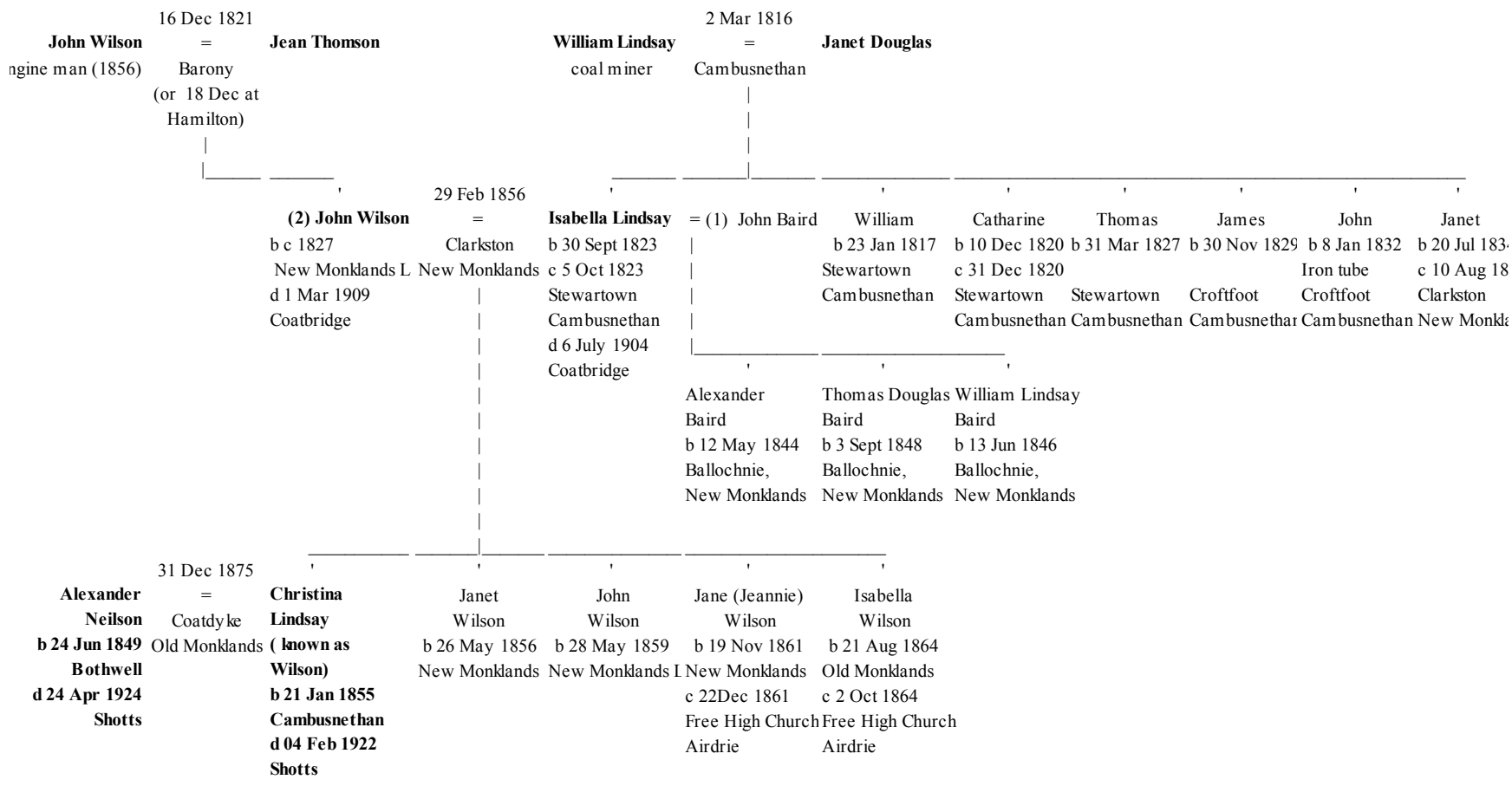


**John Wilson   Jean Thompson**



John Wilson    Jean Thompson

John and Jean were married in 1821. The marriage is recorded in two places, Dalziel and Hamilton:

O.P.R. Lanark , Dalzeil. 639/2 FR261

18 Dec 1821 John Wilson of Hamilton and Jean Thomson in this parish were proclaimed and were married 18<sup>th</sup> ditto.

And at

Lanark, Hamilton 647/5 FFR1149

1821 John Wilson and Jean Thomson both this parish for one day  
16 Dec.

Wilson  
Thomson

The only other information uncovered so far is in the 1851 census by which time, John is dead and Jean is living with her son, John and two “visitors” who were probably boarders taken to make ends meet.

1851 District 651 (formerly 642) book 13 page 3 sch 9.

Moffat Hamlet, Clarkston.

Thomson Jean	h	u	48	laundress	LKS, New Monklands
Wilson John	s	u	24	paper maker	LKS, New Monklands
Aitken James	visitor	u	78	paper maker	Mid Lothian, Kirknewton
Walker Alexander	visitor	u	50	paper maker	Mid Lothian, Currie

In view of the fact that Jean had been married, the assumption must be that that the enumerator asked “are you married” he was told “no” and he did not check whether she was a widow.

Laundress would probably have been a “suitable” occupation for a widow. Indeed in some areas widows were given a mangle by the Parish to enable them to make a living by “taking in” mangling.