

Carl Friedrich Heinrich MANSSEN & Emma Elizabeth MARRIS
later known as Charles Frederick Henry MANSSEN
 (Weblink MA Charles Frederick Henry Manssen & Emma Elizabeth Marris)

Charles Frederick Henry MANSSEN

B 18 July 1847 Nelson NZ
 D 07 November 1924 Nelson NZ
 M 03 June 1874 Wellington NZ

Emma Elizabeth MARRIS

B 17 October 1852 Sheffield England
 D 29 July 1947 Wanganui NZ

Children:

1. Carl William MANSSEN (twin) born 23 May 1875 Stoke Nelson NZ
2. Alice Edith MANSSEN (twin) born 23 May 1875 Stoke Nelson NZ
3. John Harold MANSSEN born 11 July 1876 Stoke Nelson NZ
4. Bertha MANSSEN born 09 April 1878 Stoke Nelson NZ
5. Mary Ethel MANSSEN born 14 May 1879 Stoke Nelson NZ
6. Margaret Eva MANSSEN born 19 July 1880 Stoke Nelson NZ
7. Percy MANSSEN born 17 October 1881 Stoke Nelson NZ
8. Conrad Marris MANSSEN born 31 December 1882 Stoke Nelson NZ
9. Hilda Jane MANSSEN born 03 May 1884 Stoke Nelson NZ
10. William Cuthbert MANSSEN born 18 September 1885 Stoke Nelson NZ
11. Frederick Henry MANSSEN born 20 October 1886 Stoke Nelson NZ
12. Norman MANSSEN born 18 December 1887 Stoke Nelson NZ
13. Francis Moss MANSSEN born 07 January 1889 Stoke Nelson NZ
14. Ruby MANSSEN (twin) born 03 June 1892 Stoke Nelson NZ
15. May MANSSEN (twin) born 03 June 1892 Stoke Nelson NZ

The family history of
 Charles Frederick Henry MANSSEN and Emma Elizabeth MARRIS

Carl Friedrich Heinrich MANSSEN was born 18 July 1847 Nelson. His parents were recorded as Johanna Catherine Elisabeth and George Heinrich Conrad MANSSEN. Carl's godparents were Friedrich Michael Daniel SCHUMACHER and Friedrich H TIESJEN. The Lutheran Church Minister Rev J W HEINE baptised Carl on 21 May 1847 [sic] in Nelson. The date (month) of the baptism was written incorrectly. Carl Friedrich Heinrich MANSSEN was later known as Charles Frederick Henry MANSSEN.

(Reference Stoke museum research centre Nelson Lutheran Church register page 1 Nelson)

One of the godparents Friedrich Michael Daniel SCUMACHER came to New Zealand aboard the ship St Pauli the same vessel as the MANSSEN family.

Charles was five years old when his parents and family moved to Wakapuaka. He attended Clifton Terrace school and in 1858 won a 2nd Class prize for the school when exams were held together with Hillside School, Suburban North. His teacher was Mr CARSWELL.

Meeting register 1856 – 1877 of the Suburban North Committee of Education
 Meeting 01 February 1858

At the exams Charles MANSSEN won prize for Clifton Terrace School 2nd Class prize

(Reference Nelson Museum Stoke A4050 GSM SUB)

At the end of the first year, the residence of the district were canvassed by the Committee for donations towards prize giving and the 1st February 1858 was a red letter day for both school. The committee met in a marquee erected by William SMALL on the Green at Ellendale for the purpose examining the scholars of both schools by Archdeacon Paul and Dr Greenwood and several other gentlemen from town.

After a most careful and lengthy examination of the schools which gave great satisfaction to the teachers and pupils themselves prizes were bestowed on the following children.

Clifton Terrace School – 2nd Class = Charles MANSSSEN

(Reference publication Early tide to Wakapuaka by P V & N L Wastney page 60)

A cricket match was played in 1867 between Wakapuaka and a visiting Richmond team. Charles played in the Wakapuaka team, but sadly they lost. Members of the team were C MANSSSEN, J. PAGE, John PAGE and others.

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 12 January 1867

Wakapuaka Cricket Club played Nelson City Butchers

Wakapuaka won with 7 wickets to go down – Team members **Manson** - John Page – J Page – Northam – Hibbert – Dobson – Barnett – Gill – Slater – Blanchett – Batchelor

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche 106/5-12 1867 Nelson Examiner 12 January 1867)

The Nelson Examiner Tuesday 05 March 1867

Wakapuaka Cricket Club played Richmond Cricket team at Wakapuaka played on Saturday 02 March – Richmond won – **C Manson** 7 points in 1st innings – run out – 9 points 2nd innings also in same team J Page & John Page. They will play in Richmond on Wednesday 29.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche 106/5-12 1867 Nelson Examiner 05 March 1867)

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 09 March 1867

Shooting contest 0 Rifle firing for the Government Prizes Wakapuaka – Private C Manson – 300 yards 10 points – 400 yards 10 points – 500 yards 6 points = total 26 points

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche 106/5-12 1867 Nelson Examiner 09 March 1867)

The Nelson Examiner Tuesday 02 & 11 April 1867

Wakapuaka Cricket team played Richmond at Richmond - Wakapuaka team lost – **Munson** played 1st innings 2 points – 2nd innings 0 points

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche 106/5-12 1867 Nelson Examiner 02 & 11 April 1867)

The Nelson Examiner 09 November 1867

Private **C F Manson** – shooting 100 yards score 0-3-4-4-3, 200 yards score 0-2-0-0-0, 300 yards score 0-2-0-2-2, total 22 points

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche 106/5-12 1867 Nelson Examiner 09 November 1867)

Charles joined the Wakapuaka Artillery Company on 19 May 1866 and in the first year attended 19 parades for which he was paid £3 capitation grant. Interestingly on the register his surname was spelt “Mansoon”. Charles held the rank of Gunner. He continued as a member of the company for many years. His highest attendance for any year was 32 parades in 1869. Charles left the company on 21 September 1871 when the reason for leaving was recorded as “Left the district”. He was 24 years old at the time. Where he went to I do not know.

Examiner newspaper 25 February 1871

Suburban North District Roads rates one penny in the pound = C MANSEN £1.13s.4d

(Reference National Library of NZ Examiner newspaper 25 February 1871)

Examiner newspaper 17 March 1871

Report of Wakapuaka v Stoke cricket game at Suburban North
C MANSEN 1 bw 1 run 1st innings, run out for 3 in second innings
(Reference National Library of NZ Examiner newspaper 17 March 1871)

Examiner newspaper Tuesday 21 March 1871

Report of Wakapuaka v Nelson College cricket, C MANSON [sic] C WITHER 2.
(Reference National Library of NZ Examiner newspaper Tuesday 21 March 1871)

I began looking at the early Electoral Rolls but Charles did not appear on any. I was to find no trace of him until 1874.

Emma Elizabeth MARRIS was born 17 October 1852 1 Manton Street Sheffield in the County of York England. Her parents were Annie formerly CUTHBERT and William MARRIS occupation draper. Annie MARRIS mother of 1 Manton Street Sheffield registered the birth on 28 October 1852. The deputy registrar was Henry WILSON.

(Reference RGO UK birth registration 1852 December quarter volume page line 443 & 1852 Book M 9 C 277 Sheffield district)

Emma's parents separated and after their divorce in June 1861 her father was given custody of their daughter. Emma then went to live with her widowed grandmother Elizabeth MARRIS on the family farm in Walcot Lincolnshire.

1861 Census Civil Parish Walcot County Lincolnshire England

- Elizabeth MARRIS head widow age 61 owner of the Land born Lincoln Lincolnshire England (abt 1800)
- Mary A MARRIS daughter unmarried age 29 farmers daughter born Rowston Lincolnshire England (abt 1832)
- **Emma MARRIS** granddaughter age 8 Scholar born Sheffield Yorkshire England (abt 1853)
- Joseph ATKINSON servant unmarried age 20 master farmer servant born Kirkby Lincolnshire England (abt 1841)
- William SWIN servant unmarried age 13 Stable boy born Tattershall Lincolnshire England (abt 1848)
- Bidy WRIGHT servant unmarried age 13 maid of works born Walcott Lincolnshire England (abt 1848)

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1861 Census Parish Walcot County Lincolnshire England Fen Schedule 24)

When Emma was age 8 years 9 months old she wrote a letter to her father that read:

My Dear Papa

I take up my pen to write a letter out of the fen so you must excuse each mistake and the next I send a better will make is not for want of affection her that I did not write to Papa so dear for Grandma and Aunt has been busy each day and I have been helping to heap up the hay Jean had began to mow the Bank and Uncle Osgerby [sic] has come down so lean and lank he has broke his horses knees and poor people begin to sneeze he has sold Dr Foster for a £60 debt so up to London he has gone and the country left should you in the City meet no doubt you will him greet Grandma and Aunt join in love with me hoping soon your face to see.

From

Your affectionate Daughter

Walcot Fen
July 15, 1861

Emma E MARRIS

(Reference original letter held by her living grandson MANSSEN in New Zealand)

Emma's father William MARRIS married Betsy Elizabeth UTTING

Emma Elizabeth MARRIS her father William and stepmother Betsy Elizabeth left England and arrived in Nelson New Zealand on 30 March 1863.

On 11 May 1863 Emma and her family were living in Washington Valley Nelson.

(Archive of NZ Wellington Agency NP [Nelson Provincial] Series 7 Item 1863/330 MARRIS William application for appointment)

Emma's stepbrother John William MARRIS was born 24 January 1864 in Washing Valley

Emma's father purchased the Waimea Road Store and ran the Grocery shop along with Betsy. Emma's stepsister Francis Elizabeth MARRIS was born about 1866 in Nelson.

Emma's father William MARRIS died on 04 September 1869 in Nelson and left behind his widow Betsy and their two children John William and Francis Elizabeth MARRIS. Emma would have been aged 16 years 11 months at the time of her father death.

I believe Emma helped her stepmother Betsy run the Waimea Road Store and continued living with her until Betsy married William WALKER in 1871. Emma was the witness at Betsy and William WALKERS marriage.

Emma received at letter from her friend C A HALLIDAY and it reads:

Nelson July 24th, 1872

Dear Emma

I received your short postscript with many thanks.

I saw the baby the other day and of all the laughable objects it beats all its face and hands are so shrivelled that one would think it had been to sea for 20 years. Fanny came running out with it as though it was a feather. John asked what I thought of it before Mrs Walker I made no reply.

They have moved to the shop now I suppose they think it will be more convenient and save rent as well.

I would like to know how you enjoy the weather I think it has rained here incessantly for the past 2 weeks

I think the story told in the letter about the flea you caught and strangled to be the most incredible I ever heard of. Well I am not aware of anything more to say for the present so I must conclude.

I remain

Your affectionate friend

C A HALLIDAY

Mother not having much time to spare and not very good eyesight has asked me to write for

Mrs NEAVE told me to tell you when I wrote to say that she wanted to see you

John has received a letter from Mr LEMON/LENNON stating that he would take him into the Telegraph Department cadet. Thom says he would like to see you before he's away he was sorry he did not see you last time you here.

I have not seen Mrs WALKER or the baby yet.

You are to be sure and remember what I said when you were here I e to take care of
yourself
Hope you are happy and comfortable in your situation

I remain

Your affectionate friend & well wishes

Annie HALLIDAY

PS Come up when you are in town.

(Reference original letter held by her living grandson MANSSEN in New Zealand)

Fanny and John mentioned in the first part of the letter were Emma's stepsister Francis and stepbrother John MARRIS. Mrs WALKER mentioned in the letter was Emma's stepmother. I have been unable to work out who C.A. HALLIDAY and Annie HALLIDAY are. I have also been unable to work out who Mrs NEAVE and Mr LEMON are or if the transcription of these surnames are correct.

I do not know where Emma was living from July 1872 to when she married in June 1874.

Intention to Marry 02 June 1874 Wellington district

Charles Frederick Henry MANSSEN age 26 bachelor occupation labourer dwelled in Wellington 8 weeks and Emma Elizabeth MARRIS age 21 spinster occupation servant dwelled in Wellington 3 days intend to marry in the house of Oliver CLAYTON Willis Street Wellington by Rev Lo. MORLEY.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to marry 1874 agency BDM series 20 item 19 page 313 line 96 Wellington district)

Charles Frederick Henry MANSSEN age 26 years bachelor occupation farmer married Emma Elizabeth MARRIS age 21 years spinster on 03 June 1874 in the house of Oliver CLAYTON Willis Street Wellington New Zealand. Both couples signed the register. The witnesses were Catherine CLAYTON and Oliver CLAYTON occupation painter of Willis Street Wellington. The officiating minister was William MORLEY.

(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1874 folio 657 line 111 web reg. 1874/7804 Wellington district)

I have been unable to find out why Charles and Emma married in Wellington. On the Intention to marry it stated that Charles had been in Wellington for eight weeks and Emma for only three days before the wedding. Remember Charles's parents had a separation agreement and Emma's father had died. Emma's stepmother had remarried and had started a new family. I believe they both journeyed to Wellington to marry quietly away from the complicated lived of their families. Oliver and Catherine CLAYTON could have been friends of one of both of them.

Charles and Emma settled in Stoke, Nelson and this is where the twins Carl and Alice where born. They were followed by another 13 children the last two also twins. All of the children's birthplaces were registered as Stoke. Charles registered the births of seven of their children, Emma registered six of the births and Jane BEATTIE was present at two births registered those. I beleive Jane BEATTIE was a midwife.

Charles and Emma had twins Carl William (eldest of twins) and Alice Edith MANSSEN (younger of twins) who were both born 23 May 1875 Stoke Nelson NZ. Their parents were Emma Elizabeth former MARRIS and Charles Frederick MANSSEN occupation labourer. C F MANSSEN the father occupation labourer of Stokes registered the births on 29 June 1875. The registrar was Robert PICKETT.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration folio 1875 folio 718 web reg. 1875/3843 & 1875/3844 Nelson district parents Emma Elizabeth & Charles Frederick Manssen)

Colonist newspaper 08 June 1875 page 3

BIRTHS

MANSSEN - May 24, at Stoke, Mrs C Manssen, of twins, a son and a daughter.

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past Colonist newspaper 08 June 1875 page 3)

Charles and Emma had a son John Harold MANSSEN was born 11 July 1876 Stoke Suburban South Nelson NZ. His parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 23 born Sheffield Yorks England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 29 born Nelson NZ occupation Labourer. His parents were married 03 June 1874 Wellington NZ. Charles Frederick MANSSEN Labourer of Stoke the father registered the birth on 15 August 1876. The registrar was Robb. PICKETT.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1876 folio 2295 Nelson district)

Charles and Emma had a daughter Bertha MANSSEN was born 09 April 1878 Stoke Suburban South Nelson NZ. Her parents were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 25 born Sheffield York England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 30 years born Nelson NZ occupation Labourer. John's parents were married 03 June 1874 Wellington NZ. E. E. MANSSEN the mother of Stoke Suburban North registered the birth on 17 May 1878. The registrar was Robert PICKETT.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1878 folio 1401 line 136 Nelson district)

Charles and Emma had a daughter Mary Ethel MANSSEN was born 14 May 1879 Stoke Suburban South Nelson NZ. Her parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 26 years born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 31 years occupation labourer. Her parents married on 03 June 1874 in Wellington NZ. Charles Frederick MANSSEN father Labourer of Stoke registered the birth on 21 June 1879. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1879 folio 1433 line 160 Nelson district)

1878-79 Wises New Zealand directory

- Charles MANSSEN Stoke North Nelson

(Reference National Library of NZ Wises New Zealand directories)

While in Stoke Charles joined the Stoke Rifle Company on March 1879 and attended many parades until 1883. He may have resigned and joined another Company but I am really not sure. It would take time to research through all the early Artillery Company records at National Archives.

Charles and Emma had a daughter Margaret Eva MANSSEN was born 19 July 1880 Stoke Suburban South Nelson NZ. Her parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 27 years born Sheffield York and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 33 years born Nelson labourer. Her parent's married 03 June 1874 Wellington NZ. Emma E MANSSEN the mother of Stoke registered the birth on 26 August 1880. The registrar was Robert KIRKTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1880 folio 2704 line 209 Nelson district)

Charles started to appear on the Electoral Rolls from 1880 as residing in Stoke and his occupation was recorded as Labourer. I was told that they were not very well off, but who was in those days.

1880 Suburb of Nelson Electoral Roll

- Charles Frederick MANSSEN occupation labourer address Stoke residential

(Reference National Library of NZ 1880 Suburb of Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche 202-556)

Charles and Emma had a son Percy MANSSEN who was born 17 October 1881 at Stoke Nelson. His parents were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 29 born Sheffield Yorkshire England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 33 years born Nelson NZ occupation Labourer. His parent's were married 03 June 1874 Wellington NZ. E. E. MANSSEN mother of Stoke registered the birth on 24 November 1881. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1881 folio 3721 line 266 Nelson district)

1881 Waimea Electoral Roll number 496

- Charles MANSSEN occupation labourer address Stoke residential
(Reference National Library of NZ 1881 Suburb of Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche 203-557)

Charles and Emma had a son Conrad Marris MANSSEN who was born 31 December 1882 Stoke Waimea Nelson. His parents were Emma Elizabeth MARRIS age 30 years born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 34 years born Nelson occupation Labourer. His parent's married 03 June 1874 Wellington NZ. C F MANSSEN father of Stoke registered the birth on 17 February 1883. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1883 folio 488 line 50 Nelson district & web reg. 1883/3265)

1883-84 Wises New Zealand directory

- Charles MANSSEN Stoke North Nelson
(Reference National Library of NZ Wises New Zealand directories)

Charles and Emma had a daughter Hilda Jane MANSSEN who was born 03 May 1884 Stoke Waimea district Nelson. Her parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 31 years born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 34 born Nelson NZ occupation Labourer. Her parent's married 03 June 1874 Wellington NZ. E. E. MANSSEN mother of Stoke Nelson registered the birth on 30 June 1884. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1884 folio 1628 line 137 Nelson district)

Charles and Emma had a son William Cuthbert MANSSEN who was born 18 September 1885 Stoke Nelson. His parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 33 born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 37 born Nelson NZ occupation Labourer. His parent's married 03 June 1874 Wellington NZ. J BEATTIE wife of John BEATTIE shoemaker of Stoke who present at the birth registered the birth on 28 October 1885. Perhaps Mrs BEATTIE was the midwife or neighbour. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1885 folio 3937 line 241 Nelson district)

1885-86 Wises New Zealand directory

- Charles MANSSEN Stoke North Nelson
(Reference National Library of NZ Wises New Zealand directories)

Charles and Emma had a son Frederick Henry MANSEN (MANSSEN) who was born on 20 October 1886 Stoke Nelson NZ. His parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 34 born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSEN age 38 born Nelson New Zealand occupation labourer. His parent's married 03 June 1874 Wellington New Zealand. Jane BEATTIE wife of John BEATTIE a shoemaker of Stoke who was present at the birth registered the birth on 01 December 1886. I believe that Jane was the midwife at the birth or perhaps a neighbour. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1886 folio 3908 line 284 Nelson district)

1886 Waimea Electoral Roll number 496

- Charles MANSSSEN occupation labourer address Stoke residential
(Reference National Library of NZ 1886 Suburb of Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche 206-860)

Nelson Evening Post newspaper 26 April 1887

STOKE

A meeting of the householders was held last night Mr Meeson in the chair. After the balance sheet had been read and adopted, the following were elected for the ensuing year: - Messrs A Harley, C Harley, J Ching, C Ching, W Biggar, **C Manssen**, and W B Condell

The meeting then carried the following resolution - That this meeting objects to the present system of cumulative voting.

The Committee then met and elected Mr W B Condell Chairman and Secretary and Mr O Ching Treasurer.

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past Nelson Evening Post 26 April 1887 page 3)

Charles and Emma had a son Norman MANSSSEN who was born 18 December 1887 Stoke Nelson NZ. His parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 35 born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSSSEN age 39 born Nelson NZ occupation Labourer. His parent's married 03 June 1874 Wellington NZ. E. E. MANSSSEN mother of Stoke registered the birth on 25 January 1888. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1888 folio 523 page 22 Nelson district)

1887 Waimea Electoral Roll

- Charles MANSSSEN occupation labourer address Stoke residential
(Reference National Library of NZ 1887 Suburb of Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche 208-562)

Sadly in 1888 their daughter Margaret Eva MANSSSEN died at the age of eight years. Only four years later the youngest twins lived for only two days. The following year was perhaps the hardest, with the death of their oldest son Carl William MANSSSEN at the age of 18 years.

Emma and Charles's daughter Margaret Eva MANSSSEN age 8 years born Stoke died 10 October 1888 Stoke Nelson NZ. Cause of death was Diphtheria 19 days as certified by Dr A Groves DUFF M D who saw her last on 09 October 1888. Her parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS and Charles Frederick MANSSSEN labourer. She was buried on 12 October 1888 at St Barnabas Church cemetery Stoke. The funeral witnesses were William D GREENWILL and Austin MOSS Householders. C F MANSSSEN father present at the death Labourer registered the death on 10 October 1888. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1888 folio 1775 line 98 Nelson district)

Nelson Evening Mail newspaper 10 October 1888

DEATHS

Manssen - At Stoke, on October 10th Margaret Eva daughter of Charles and Emma Manssen aged 8 years and 8 months

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past Nelson Evening Mail newspaper 10 October 1888 page 2)

Colonist newspaper 11 October 1888

DEATH

Manssen - October 10, at Stoke, Margaret Eva, daughter of Charles and Emma Manssen, aged 8 years and 3 months

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past Colonist newspaper 11 October 1888 page 3)

I believe that Emma made a decision to have a family photo of the remaining 11 children. Charles was not in the photo and his descendants have said that he did not like his photo taken. There are many other MANSSEN who also do not like their photo taken.

I have been unable to find where Charles and Emma lived in Stoke. All records simply state Stoke. I believe they were renting, as I could find nothing on any purchases of land or titles under the name of Charles in Stoke. On the marriage certificate of their youngest daughter it stated that Hilda was born at Bishopdale, which is very near Stoke. This could be a clue as to where the family lived.

Charles and Emma had a son Francis Moss MANSSEN who was born on 07 January 1889 Stoke Nelson NZ. His parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 36 born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 40 years born Nelson NZ occupation labourer. His parent's married 03 June 1874 Wellington New Zealand. E. E. MANSSEN mother of Stoke registered the birth on 18 February 1889. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1889 folio 540 line 29 Nelson district)

1890 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Charles MANSSEN occupation labourer address Stoke residential

(Reference National Library of NZ 1890 Suburb of Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche 211-565)

Charles and Emma had a twin daughter Ruby MANSSEN (elder of twins) who was born 03 June 1892 Stoke Nelson NZ. Her parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 38 years born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 44 years born Nelson New Zealand. Her parent's married 03 June 1874 Wellington New Zealand. C F MANSSEN father of Stoke registered the births on 06 June 1892. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1892 folio 1611 line 100 Nelson district)

Charles and Emma had a twin daughter May MANSSEN (younger of twins) who was born 03 June 1892 Stoke Nelson NZ. Her parent's were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS age 38 years born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSSEN age 44 years born Nelson New Zealand. Her parent's married 03 June 1874 Wellington New Zealand. C F MANSSEN father of Stoke registered the births on 06 June 1892. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1892 folio 1611 line 101 Nelson district)

Charles and Emma's oldest son Carl William MANSSEN age 18 years born Nelson occupation labourer died on 12 December 1893 Waimea Hospital Blenheim. Cause of death was Typhoid fever 1 day Hyperpyrexise 2 days as certified by Dr George CLYHONE who saw him last on 12 December 1893. He was buried on 14 December 1893 at Taylor cemetery by Wesleyan minister Rev W B MENTIN [sic]. Thomas BATTY undertaker of Blenheim registered the death on 21 December 1893. The registrar was William MOLLIGAN [sic]. Taylor cemetery is now known as the Omaka cemetery in Blenheim.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1893 folio 2000 line 80 Wairau district)

1893 & 1894 City of Nelson Electoral Rolls

- Charles Frederick MANSSEN occupation labourer residential Stoke
- Emma Elizabeth MANSSEN occupation domestic duties residential Stoke (number 1872)

(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZ Electoral rolls 1893 & 1894)

1896 Wises Directory Nelson **SEARCH AGAIN** to complete

- MANSSEN residence Hampden Street Nelson

1896 City of Nelson Electoral Roll

- Charles Frederick MANSSEN occupation labourer Stoke residential (number 2306)
- Emma Elizabeth MANSSEN occupation domestic duties Stoke residential (number 2307)
(Reference National Library of NZ 1896 City of Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche 218-572)

1896 Wises Directory Nelson **SEARCH AGAIN** to complete

- MANSSEN residence Hampden Street Nelson

On the 11 October 1898 Charles Frederick MANSSEN a railway employee purchase a house and land in Toi Toi Street Nelson. The strip of land was 5 acres, 1 rod and 24 perches. This house is still standing today and the property is owned by a descendant from the Simpson branch. The house has changed with some additions and alteration and much of the surrounding land has been subdivided.

Lands and Survey Nelson Nominal Index Book Volume 2

- Chas. Fredk. MANSSEN reference 1/801
(Reference Lands and Survey Nelson Nominal Index Books)

Lands and Survey Nelson Nominal Index Book Volume 1 page 801

- Certificate of Title 4/104 transfer 5444 11 October 1898 attached certificate of title
(Reference Lands and Survey Nelson Nominal Index Books)

Nelson City Council New Zealand Certificate of Title

- Transfer No. 5444 produced 11 am 19 October 1898 Jessie COOPER to Charles Frederick MANSSEN of City of Nelson Railway Employee.
- Mortgage No. 4928 Produced 11 am 11 October 1898 Charles Frederick MANSSEN to Henry EDWARDS
- Mortgage No. 4929 Produced 11 am 11 October 1898 Charles Frederick MANSSEN to Roger William Willesley KINGDOM
- Mortgage No. 5280 Produced 11.30 am 20th February 1900 Charles Frederick MANSSEN to Thomas CAWTHORN
- Mortgage No. 5281 Deed 11.30 am 20th February 1900 Charles Frederick MANSSEN to Roger William Willesley KINGDON
- Transmission No. 1106 of above mortgage No. 5281 to Andrew TURNBULL and others executors of the Will of the above named Roger William Willesley KINGDOM of whom died 18th July 1903 produced 3 pm 30th August 1904
- Transfer above mortgage No. 5281 produced 2.30 pm 16 March to Andrew TURNBULL and others to John GASGOUR
- 10230 Mortgage Charles Frederick MANSSEN to Mary Elizabeth MANSSEN produced 17th October 190? 10.53 am

The property ran from Toi Toi Street to Quebec Road containing 5 acres, 1 rod & 20 perches.
(Reference Nelson City Council New Zealand Certificate of Title register book 4 folio 1048 [4/104] DP 8 5444)

In 1898 Charles's occupation was recorded as railway employee. I have searched the A.J.H.R. volumes held at Archives New Zealand where lists of railway employees can be found but to date I have not found Charles name. These lists cover 1898 to 1980 but they are not in alphabetical order. I have only looked through a few years.

1899 City of Nelson Electoral Roll

- Charles Frederick MANSSEN occupation labourer Toi Toi Valley Nelson residential (number 2306)
- Emma Elizabeth MANSSEN occupation domestic duties Stoke residential (number 2307)
(Reference National Library of NZ 1896 City of Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche 218-572)

1901 – 1902 Post Office directory

- Chas. F MANSSSEN Toi Toi Street Nelson
(Reference National Library of NZ Post Office directory)

1902 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Charles Frederick MANSSSEN occupation labourer Toi Toi Valley Nelson
- Emma Elizabeth MANSSSEN occupation domestic duties Toi Toi Valley Nelson (supp)
(Reference National Library of NZ 1902 Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche)

1903 Post Office directory

- Chas. F MANSSSEN occupation labourer Toi Toi Street Nelson
(Reference National Library of NZ Post Office directory)

1905 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Charles Frederick MANSSSEN occupation labourer Hampden Street West
- Emma Elizabeth MANSSSEN occupation domestic duties Stoke
(Reference National Library of NZ 1905 Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche)

1908 & 1911 & 1914 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Charles Frederick MANSSSEN occupation labourer Hampden Street West
- Emma Elizabeth MANSSSEN occupation married Toi Toi Valley
(Reference National Library of NZ 1908 & 1911 & 1914 Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche)

Nelson City Council New Zealand Certificate of Title

- Transfer Charles Frederick MANSSSEN to George Mason HARDEN of Nelson retired Hotel Keeper produced 19th October 1915 at 2.9 pm. Signed by W JOHNSTON. The property ran from Toi Toi Street to Quebec Road containing 5 acres, 1 rod & 20 perches.
(Reference Nelson City Council New Zealand Certificate of Title register book 4 folio 1048 [4/104] DP 8 13427)

Charles and Emma sold the Toi Toi property in 1915 and moved to Halifax Street in Nelson. This would be the last home they would share. Their children had all grown up and had families of their own by this stage. Charles and Emma looked forward to the visits from their grandchildren. Sunday was the day when some of the family would come for tea or they would visit their children in their own homes.

Lands and Survey Nelson Nominal Index Book Volume 2

SEARCH Emma MANSSSEN 6/280 = Nominal Index book Volume 6 page 280 = 13 June 1916 Title 13715 Certificate of Title 39/50 part of section 184
(Reference Lands and Survey Nelson Nominal Index Book Volume

1917, 1918, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 & 1926 Post Office directory

- Chas. F MANSSSEN Halifax Street Nelson
(Reference National Library of NZ Post Office directory)

1919 & 1922 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Charles Frederick MANSSSEN occupation labourer Halifax Street
- Emma Elizabeth MANSSSEN occupation married Halifax Street
(Reference National Library of NZ 1919 & 1922 Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche)

Charles enjoyed a game of cards with his sons and sons-in-laws. They were a very happy couple and are remembered fondly by many of their descendants. It was while living in Halifax Street that Charles and Emma celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 03 June 1924.

Charles did not keep good health according to many tales. He apparently had something wrong with his heart.

On the 07 November 1924 Charles Frederick Henry MANSSN passed away at Nelson Public Hospital at the age of 77 years from heart failure. Dr D.W.LAW had last seen Charles the day before his death. Charles was buried on 09 November at the Wakapuaka cemetery. Rev F KING an Anglican minister took the service. He left behind his widow Emma aged 72 years and their 10 surviving children. Their daughter Bertha had died five years previously.

Charles Frederick Henry MANSSSEN age 77 years born Nelson NZ occupation labourer died 07 November 1924 Nelson Hospital from Nelson. Cause of death was valvular heart disease heart failure duration 7 days as certified by Dr D G Law who saw him last on 06 November 1924. His parents were Johanna Elizabeth and George Henry Conrad MANSSSEN occupation gardener. He was buried on 09 November 1924 at Nelson cemetery (Wakapuaka) Nelson by Church of England minister Rev F KING-ROWE. He was 26 years when he married Emma E MARRIS in Wellington. He left behind a widow age 72 years and his living issue were recorded as 7 males aged 48, 43, 42, 39, 38, 37 & 36 years old and 3 females age 49, 46 & 40 years old. The undertaker Alfred SHONE of Collingwood Street Nelson registered the death on 13 November 1924. The deputy registrar was W R MILLER. (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1924 folio 3478 line 147 web reg. 1924/9830 Nelson district age 77 born about 1847)

Nelson Evening Mail newspaper Friday 07 November 1924

DEATH

MANSSSEN – On November 7th 1924 at Nelson Charles Frederick beloved husband of Emma Elizabeth MANSSSEN age 77 years.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Nelson Evening Mail newspaper Friday 07 November 1924 – 101/11)

**Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson
TYPE HEADSTONE DETAILS**

1925, 1928, 1931, 1935, 1938 & 1941 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Emma Elizabeth MANSSSEN occupation widow Halifax Street
(Reference National Library of NZ 1925, 1928, 1931, 1935, 1938 & 1941 Nelson Electoral Roll microfiche)

1935, 1937, 1938 & 1940 Post Office directory

- Emma E MANSSSEN 60a Halifax Street Nelson
(Reference National Library of NZ Post Office directory)

Emma continued to live in Halifax Street for many years. Her son Norman and his family lived with her around this time. During World War II Emma packed up and went to live with her daughter Mary COOK at 78 Hataitai Road, Hataitai, Wellington.

Emma was a great correspondent and on 12 November 1940 she wrote a letter to one of her grandsons. At the time her address was recorded as 78 Hataitai Road. This was the family home of her daughter Mary COOK. Emma signed her letter 'your loving Gran'. Emma was known to write numerous to her grandchildren during the war and many of her descendants still have copies of these letters.

1943 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

- Emma Elizabeth MANSSSEN occupation widow 78 Hataitai Road Wellington
(Reference National Library of NZ 1943 Wellington Central Electoral Roll microfiche)

During the War one of Mary's married daughters and her family moved into the same family home. At the end of the World War Two Mary's son and daughter-in-law arrived home from England and stayed also stayed with the family until they could find a home. Accommodation was hard to find after the war and many family had to share houses.

Due to the overcrowding Emma left Wellington and moved to Wanganui where she began living with her son Frederick and his wife Ruby. Emma loved to read the newspaper and she looked forward to relatives sending her any Nelson newspapers. She was known to always wear a mop cap on her head and in this can be seen in most photos. Emma was known to dress in the colour black.

1946 Wanganui Electoral Roll

- Emma Elizabeth MANSSEN occupation widow 17 May Street Wanganui
(Reference National Library of NZ 1946 Wanganui Electoral Roll microfiche)

Emma's descendants say that she was of small stature about 5 feet and weighing a little over 6 stone with a good sense of humour. She lost her sight in one eye from an accident but I do not know when or what happened. Even with having only the sight in one eye Emma managed to read everyday and write numerous letters to her expanding family.

Emma Elizabeth MANSSEN formerly MARRIS age 94 years died 29 July 1947 at 17 May Street Wanganui NZ. Cause of death was Senile decay was certified by Dr G N ROBERTSON who saw her last on 25 July 1947. Her parents were Annie TARANT (actually CUTHBERT) and William MARRIS occupation Storekeeper. Emma was buried on 31 July 1947 at Aramoho cemetery Wanganui by Methodist minister Rev B H BARRITT. She was born in Sheffield England and dwelled in New Zealand for 68 years (arriving about 1879 but it was actually 1863). She was age 22 when she married Charles Frederick MANSSEN in Wellington. Her living issue were 4 males age 72, 61, 59 & 58 years old and 1 female age 68 years. The undertaker A R C CERIEGH [sic] registered the death on 01 August 1947.
(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1947 folio 3111 line 197 web reg. 1947/24543 Wanganui district age 94 years born about 1853)

Emma's living was issue were John Harold MANSSEN, Mary ETHEL COOK, Frederick Henry MANSSEN, Norman MANSSEN and Francis Moss MANSSEN but she also left many grandchildren and great grand children.

MANSSEN Emma Elizabeth wife of C F H WC (Wanganui Chronicle) 30.7.1947 notice died 29.7.1947 94 years interned at Wanganui ex Nelson (son)
(Reference Wanganui Alexander Research Library biographical index cards)

Emma Elizabeth MANSSEN was buried on 31 July 1947 at Aramoho cemetery Wanganui. Late of Nelson born Sheffield England 17 October 1852 she died Wanganui 29 July 1947. Emma's son Percy MANSSEN was buried in the same plot previously in 1941. Directions of their grave is as follows; at the Aramoho cemetery turn left into the 2nd driveway (2nd drive named McNeill Street & 1st is named Centra Drive) - walk to 3rd major cemetery block on your left this is the 'F' block – (rows begin 1 to 14) continue walking down McNeill Street until you reach row 12 – the headstone recording the name of Emma and her son Percy is situated about half way down the left side of row 12.
(Reference Aramoho cemetery Wanganui burial records F 12.771)

Aramoho cemetery Wanganui block F row 12 number 771

In Living memory of EMMA ELIZABETH MANSSEN late of Nelson, born Sheffield 17th October 1852 died Wanganui 29th July 1947; also her son PERCY MANSSEN born Nelson 17th October 1882 died Wanganui 7th September 1941

(Reference Wanganui Museum Research Library Aramoho cemetery transcripts number 2853)

My Memories of Emma MANSSEN
By (grandson) Male living MANSSEN

From 1927 to 1935 I lived at Halifax Street in Nelson with my grandmother, who was then between seventy-five and eighty three years old. During this time I developed a great love and respect for her and affectionately called her Gran. Even though I was young at the time, being 14 in 1930, I retain pleasant memories of a gentle, cultured lady who was of even temperament and always grateful for anything that was done for her. She was of small stature, walked steadily without assistance and liked to spend a portion of each day walking about outside. The outdoors she particularly loved, including the trees and gardens surrounding the house. She always dressed immaculately in the style of elderly ladies of that time and was never seen without a cap or a hat, especially her cap which she wore at home when inside or outside the house. Emma preferred light meals and with tea she favoured buttered white bread thinly cut in preference to cake. From time to time she would ask me to catch her a silver belly eel from the Matai River which ran along the back of the house. I would clean and skin it and my mother would poach it in a white sauce, making a dish, which Gran thought, was a great delicacy, a view not shared by everyone in the house, especially my father.

Despite being handicapped by having use of but one eye the sight of the other having been lost in an accident, she enjoyed reading and letter writing. From an early age Emma had been known for her literary scholarship and in her old age she retained this skill in a marked degree and correspondence on a regular basis with many members of her family. She wrote many letters while resting on her bed. Since a nib pen and an inkwell was not practical, the only difficulty she encountered was in finding a reliable fountain pen. At that time ballpoint pens were not available. My mother and father were often to search in vain for a fountain pen that might prove reliable.

The *Nelson Evening Mail* was her favourite newspaper and nothing in it would escape her scrutiny. When my family had finished reading the papers she would meticulously fold and tie several together for posting to her sons who lived in Wanganui and to other people whom she thought might be interested in the reporting of special events in the Nelson district. She was knowledgeable on many subjects and took a great interest in local and world news and especially in family activities. Members of her family frequently visited her, one regular being her son Conrad who would cycle from Washington Valley every fine Sunday morning and share morning tea with her while they sat on a shaded garden seat and talked. A number of the visitors were old friends from the Nelson area. I cannot recall their names but some did come from Wakapuaka.

From this vantage point in my life, I realised My Grandmother was a very special person who possessed an immense inner strength which must have carried her through many difficult situations arising from the raising of such a large family.

05 June 1992

Charles and Emma MANSSEN their children and descendants

1- Carl William MANSSEN (twin) born 23 May 1875 Stoke Nelson NZ died 12 December 1893 Blenheim (Never married)

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Carl William Manssen" document.

2- Alice Edith MANSSEN (twin) born 23 May 1875 Stoke Nelson NZ died 19 October 1938 Palmerston North married 31 August 1903 Masterton NZ **Edward Lewis BATT** born 23 January 1876 Waimea South Nelson NZ died 12 May 1949 Foxton NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Alice Edith Manssen & Edward Lewis Batt" document.

3- John Harold MANSSEN born 11 July 1876 Stoke Nelson NZ died 10 July 1959 Hastings NZ married 24 December 1902 Kaituna NZ **Malvina Louisa GIBSON** born 21 November 1879 Blenheim NZ died 06 October 1949 Hastings NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 John Harold & Malvina Louisa Gibson" document.

4- Bertha MANSSEN born 09 April 1878 Stoke Nelson NZ died 05 June 1919 Nelson NZ married 04 July 1900 Nelson NZ **James SMITH LESSELS** born 11 April 1865 Lewisham Middlesex England died 11 April 1934 Nelson NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Bertha Manssen & James Smith Lessels" document.

5- Mary Ethel MANSSEN born 14 May 1879 Stoke Nelson NZ died 31 March 1968 Wellington NZ married 24 October 1904 Nelson NZ **Albert Ernest COOK** born 28 March 1880 Wellington NZ died 05 November 1955 Wellington NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Mary Ethel Manssen & Albert Ernest Cook" document.

6- Margaret Eva MANSSEN born 19 July 1880 Stoke Nelson NZ died 10 October 1888 Stoke Nelson NZ (died young never married)

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Margaret Eva Manssen" document.

7- Percy MANSSEN born 17 October 1881 Stoke Nelson NZ died 07 September 1941 Wanganui NZ married 10 December 1923 Wanganui NZ **Teresa Mary MCEWEN** formerly **GOODE** born about 1884 Wanganui died November 1952 Wanganui NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Percy Manssen & Teresa Mary Goode" document.

8- Conrad Marris MANSSEN born 31 December 1882 Stoke Nelson NZ died 23 January 1947 Nelson NZ married 12 March 1910 Westport NZ **Emily Ethel MILLS** born about 1879 Motueka Nelson NZ died 24 July 1950 Nelson NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Conrad Marris Manssen & Emily Ethel Mills" document.

9- Hilda Jane MANSSEN born 03 May 1884 Stoke Nelson NZ died 05 October 1931 Dunedin NZ married 11 May 1910 Nelson **Thomas John ROBERTSON** born 04 September 1881 Dunedin died 31 May 1966 Dunedin NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Hilda Jane Manssen & Thomas John Robertston" document.

10- William Cuthbert MANSSEN born 18 September 1885 Stoke Nelson NZ died 09 March 1927 Kawatiri Nelson NZ married 20 March 1915 Nelson NZ **Inez Muriel RICKETTS** born 16 May 1890 Nelson NZ died 30 October 1956 Nelson NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 William Cuthbert Manssen & Inez Muriel Ricketts" document.

11- Frederick Henry MANSSEN born 20 October 1886 Stoke Nelson NZ died 29 December 1968 Wanganui married 21 April 1913 Wanganui **Ruby Julia SHAW** born 09 June 1888 Nelson died 10 July 1980 Wanganui NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Frederick Henry Manssen & Ruby Julia Shaw" document.

12- Norman MANSSEN born 18 December 1887 Stoke Nelson NZ died 10 June 1957 Auckland NZ married 30 March 1912 Nelson NZ **Eliza BATE** born 02 October 1885 Takaka Nelson NZ died 12 March 1988 Auckland NZ

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Norman Manssen & Eliza Bate" document.

13- Francis Moss MANSSEN born 07 January 1889 Stoke Nelson NZ died 08 February 1978 Tauranga NZ married 07 December 1914 Westport NZ **Letitia Mary RENOLDS** born 02 December 1894 Westport died 30 November 1990 Tauranga

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Francis Moss Manssen & Letitia Mary Reynolds" document.

14- Ruby MANSSEN (twin) born 03 June 1892 Stoke Nelson NZ died 05 June 1892 Stoke Nelson NZ (died young never married)

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 Ruby Manssen" document.

15- May MANSSEN (twin) born 03 June 1892 Stoke Nelson NZ died 05 June 1892 Stoke Nelson NZ (died young never married)

For full details refer "Manssen Family in New Zealand" section "4 May Manssen" document.
