

Conrad Marris MANSSSEN and Emily Ethel MILLS
(Weblink Conrad Marris Manssen & Emily Ethel Mills)

Conrad Marris MANSSSEN

B 31 December 1882 Stoke Nelson

D 23 January 1947 Nelson

M 12 March 1910 Westport

Emily Ethel MILLS

B about 1879 Motueka Nelson

D 21 July 1950 Nelson

Children:

1. Rita Dorothy MANSSSEN born 09 April 1919 Nelson NZ

The family history of
Conrad Marris MANSSSEN and Emily Ethel MILLS

Conrad Marris MANSSSEN was born 31 December 1882 Stoke Waimea Nelson. His parents were Emma Elizabeth MARRIS age 30 years born Sheffield England and Charles Frederick MANSSSEN age 34 years born Nelson occupation Labourer. C F MANSSSEN father of Stoke registered the birth on 17 February 1883. The registrar was Robert KIRTON.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1883 folio 488 and web reg. 1883/ Nelson district)

Conrad went to Stoke School. Before his parents moved to Toi Toi Valley in 1896 Conrad went to live with his spinster aunt Mary Elizabeth MANSSSEN. He then attended Clifton Terrace School. His date of admission to the school was 25 September 1893 by which time he had passed standard II. He passed standards III and IV in 1895 and 1896. On his Clifton Terrace School it records Miss MANSSSEN as his guardian.

Life for Conrad must have been very hard coping with the farm and attending school at the same time. It was always a problem in those early years for children. They were required to help out on the farms and often their schoolwork or health suffered as a result. In 1897 Conrad left Clifton Terrace School. I believe he returned to live with his parents in Toi Toi Valley. I have been told that Conrad used to walk from his parents home in Toi Toi Valley to Wakapuaka to help his sick aunt on her farm.

1905, 1908 & 1911 Nelson Electoral Roll

Conrad Marris MANSSSEN Toi Toi Valley occupation Painter

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

Emily Ethel MILLS was born in 1879 at Motueka. Her parents were Hannah FUNNELL and James MILLS occupation brick maker.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1879 folio 3623 and web reg. 1879/ Motueka district)

Intention to Marry 08 March 1910 Buller district

Conrad Marris MANSSSEN age 28 bachelor occupation Painter dwelled Westport for 9 months and Emily Ethel MILLS age 31 spinster dwelled Westport for 3 months intend to marry in the Church of England Westport by Rev J R DART.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to marry 1910 agency BDM series 20 item 76 page 718 line 6 Buller district)

Conrad Marris MANSSSEN age 28 born Nelson bachelor occupation Painter residence Westport married Emily Ethel MILLS age 31 born Motueka spinster residence Westport married on 12 March 1910 at St John's Church Westport by Anglican Minister Rev John R DART. Conrad's parents were Emma Elizabeth MARRIS and Charles Frederick MANSSSEN occupation Labourer. Emily's parents were Hannah FUNNELL and James MILLS occupation Bricklayer. The witnesses were Rhoda O'HARA occupation Domestic Duties of Westport and John Johnson HUGHSON occupation Carpenter of Otira.
(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1910 folio 1186 line 262 and web reg. 1910/Westport district)

The Buller Electoral Rolls of 1911 and 1914 had Conrad and Emily living in Chamberlain Street Westport.

1911 & 1914 Buller Supplementary Electoral Roll
Conrad Marris MANSSSEN Chamberlain Street Westport occupation painter
Emily Ethel MANSSSEN Chamberlain Street Westport occupation married
(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

1913 & 1914 & 1915 & 1916 & 1917 Wises Post Officer Directories
Conrad Marris MANSSSEN Contractor Westport
(Reference National Library of NZ Wises Post Officer Directories)

Conrad enlisted in World War I. After the War Conrad and Emily moved back to Nelson.

1918 & 1919 Wises Post Officer Directories
Conrad Marris MANSSSEN painter Wellington Terrace Nelson
(Reference National Library of NZ Wises Post Officer Directories)

1919 Supplementary Nelson Electoral Roll
Conrad Marris MANSSSEN 73 Grove Street Nelson occupation house decorator
Emily Ethel MANSSSEN Waimea Road Nelson occupation married
(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

Conrad and Emily had no children of their own and were living just around the corner from Conrad's sister Bertha and her husband James LESSELS. Bertha LESSELS tragically died in 1919 and Conrad and Emily adopted her two-month-old baby daughter Rita Dorothy.

1922 Supplementary Nelson Electoral Roll
Conrad Marris MANSSSEN 75 Grove Street Nelson occupation house decorator
Emily Ethel MANSSSEN 75 Grove Street Nelson occupation married
(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

The house in Grove Street still stands today and is situated next door to the Bush Tavern.

1921 & 1922 & 1924 Wises Post Officer Directories
Mrs Ethel MANSSSEN 75 Grove Street Nelson
(Reference National Library of NZ Wises Post Officer Directories)

Hampton Street School

- Rita Dorothy MANSSSEN admission date 28 July 1924 register number 0406

1926 & 1927 & 1929 Wises Post Officer Directories
Conrad Marris MANSSSEN painter Tipahi Street Nelson
(Reference National Library of NZ Wises Post Officer Directories)

1925 & 1928 & 1931 & Nelson Electoral Roll

Conrad Marris MANSSEN Tipahi Street Nelson occupation painter

Emily Ethel MANSSEN Tipahi Street Nelson occupation married

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

Auckland Point School

- Rita Dorothy MANSSEN admission date 04 February 1929 register number 0751

Upper Moutere School

- Rita Dorothy MANSSEN admission date 05 March 1930 register number 0592

Auckland Point School

- Rita Dorothy MANSSEN admission date 31 March 1930 register number 0993
- Rita Dorothy MANSSEN admission date 23 March 1931 register number 1126 former 0993

Upper Moutere School

- Rita Dorothy MANSSEN admission date 02 March 1932 register number 0629 former 0613

Auckland Point School

- Rita Dorothy MANSSEN admission date 23 March 1932 register number 1258

1931 & 1932 & 1934 & 1935 & 1942 & 1946 & 1947 & 1949 Wises Post Officer Directories

Conrad Marris MANSSEN painter Quebec Road Nelson

(Reference National Library of NZ Wises Post Officer Directories)

From 1931 until their deaths they lived in Quebec road with their daughter Rita Dorothy MANSSEN

1935 & 1938 Nelson Electoral Roll

Conrad Marris MANSSEN Quebec Road Nelson occupation painter

Emily Ethel MANSSEN Quebec Road Nelson occupation married

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

1941, 1943 & 1946 Nelson Electoral Roll

Conrad Marris MANSSEN Quebec Road Nelson occupation painter

Emily Ethel MANSSEN Quebec Road Nelson occupation married

Rita Dorothy MANSSEN Quebec Road Nelson spinster

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

Conrad Marris MANSSEN age 64 born Stoke (about 1883) died 23 January 1947 Quebec Road Nelson. Cause of death was Angina Pectoris 2 days – hyperpiesia 7 years as certified by Dr D C LOW who saw him last on 23 January 1947. His parents were Emma MARRIS and Frederick MANSSEN occupation Farmer. Conrad was buried on 25 January 1947 Nelson by Church of England minister Rev D J DAVIES. Conrad was buried at the Wakapuaka Cemetery by the Anglican Minister D J DAVIES. Conrad was age 27 when he married Ethel Emily MILLS in Westport. His widow was age 67 years and his living issue was recorded as 1 female (adopted) age 26 years. The undertaker P A DAY of Nelson registered the death on 27 January 1947.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1947 folio 756 and web reg. 1947/ Nelson district)

1949 Nelson Electoral Roll

Emily Ethel MANSSEN Quebec Road Nelson occupation widow

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

Emily and her daughter Rita continued to live in the home at Quebec Road. Quebec Road subsequently became known as Watson Street but it is still the same family home that Conrad and Emily. Rita continued to live in the same house until her death in 1999.

Emily Ethel MANSSSEN age 70 year born Motueka (about 1880) died 21 July 1950 Public hospital Nelson from Quebec Road Nelson. Cause of death was Infective encephalitis – 4 days Measles 1 week as certified by Dr K M GALLOWAY who saw her last on 21 July 1950. Her parents were Hannah FUNNELL and James MILLS occupation Bricklayer. Emily was buried 24 July 1950 Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson by Church of Christ minister RA BLAMPIED. She was age 30 when she married Conrad Marris MANSSSEN in Westport. Her living issue was 1 female (adopted) age 29 years. P A DAY the undertaker of Nelson registered the death on 25 July 1950.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1950 folio 3402 and web reg. 1950/ Nelson district)

Emily Ethel MANSSSEN address Nelson occupation widow court Wellington filed date 19 September 1950 type Will Probate

ORDER (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Agency AAOM series 6031 item 1772/50)

Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson General block 20 plot 44 & 45

Burial record Conrad Marris MANSSSEN died 23 January 1947 age 64 years

Burial record Ethel Emily MANSSSEN died 24 July 1950 age 70 years.

Rfm CONRAD MARRIS MANSSSEN Husband of ETHEL father of Rita died 23 January 1947 age 64 years
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(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZ cemetery transcripts)

Conrad and Emily MANSSSEN their children and descendants

1- **Rita Dorothy MANNSEN** (born LESSELS adopted niece) born 09 April 1919 Nelson died 04 February 1999 Nelson

Rita Dorothy LESSELS was born 09 April 1919 in Milton Street Nelson.

Rita She was only 2 months old when her mother Bertha LESSELS formerly MANSSSEN died. Her mother's younger brother Conrad and his wife Emily took Rita and bought her up as their own child. They legally adopted her around 1920.

Rita Dorothy LESSELS was born 09 April 1919 in Milton Street Nelson. Her adopted parents were Emily Ethel and Conrad Marris MANSSSEN born Nelson occupation Painter. Noted is "This entry has been made under the authority of Section 8, Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act 1915. The adoption birth was registered on 19 November 1920.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1920 folio 6901 line 273 Nelson district)

Auckland Point School

- Rita Dorothy MANSSSEN admission date 04 February 1929 register number 0751

Upper Moutere School

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1941, 1943, 1946, 1949 & 1951 Nelson Electoral Roll

Rita Dorothy MANSSEN Quebec Road Nelson spinster

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

1954, 1957, 1960, 1963, 1966 & 1969 Nelson Electoral Roll

Rita Dorothy MANSSEN 10 Watson Street Nelson Housekeeping

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

1975 & 1978 Nelson Electoral Roll

Rita Dorothy MANSSEN 10 Watson Street Nelson Cleaner

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

1981 Nelson Electoral Roll

Rita Dorothy MANSSEN 10 Watson Street Nelson Pensioner

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

1987 & 1990 Nelson Electoral Roll

Rita Dorothy MANSSEN 10 Watson Street Nelson Retired

(Reference National Library of NZ microfilm of NZ electoral Rolls)

Rita Dorothy MANSSEN never married and lived the majority of her life in Quebec Road, which was later named Watson Street Nelson.

Rita Dorothy MANSSEN died 04 February 1999 in Nelson

The family history of
James MILLS and Hannah FUNNELL

James MILLS

B Nelson

D Nelson

M 1874 Nelson

Hannah FUNNELL

B about 1854 Nelson

D 1936 Nelson

Children:

1. **Emily Ethel MILLS** born 1879 Motueka Nelson
2. Edith May MILLS born 07 June 1891 Nelson NZ
3. Percy Edmund MILLS born about 07 June 1891 Nelson NZ
4. Cecil Harold MILLS born 31 August 1893 Nelson NZ
5. Leslie Bernard MILLS born about 31 August 1893 Nelson NZ

James MILLS was born about
(MILLS arrived on "Lord Auckland" 1842 Nelson)

Hannah FUNNELL was born about 1854. Her father Walter FUNNELL a pioneer settler (arrived NZ 1842) from Motueka

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1853 folio 509 Motueka district)

Intention to Marry 31 July 1874 Motueka district

James MILLS full age bachelor occupation bricklayer dwelled Motueka 3 days and Hannah FUNNELL age 20 spinster dwelled in Motueka age 20 intend to marry in the house of Walter FUNNELL by the Rev W B CARTER. The father Walter FUNNELL gave consent for the minor to marry.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to Marry 1874 agency BDM series 20 item 19 page 433 line 200 Motueka district)

James MILLS married Hannah FUNNELL 1874 Motueka district

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1874 folio 1531 Nelson)

James and Hannah had a daughter Emily Ethel MILLS who was born in 1879 at Motueka

ORDER (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1879 folio 3623 and web reg. 1879/ Motueka district)

James and Hannah had a daughter Edith May MILLS who was born 07 June 1891 Nelson

SEARCH (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1891 folio

James and Hannah had a son Percy Edmond MILLS who was born 07 June 1891 Nelson

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James and Hannah had a son Cecil Harold MILLS who was born 31 August 1893 Nelson

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James and Hannah had a son Leslie Bernard MILLS who was born 31 August 1893 Nelson

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Toi Toi School

- Edith May MILLS admission date 01 August 1901 parents James Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 07 June 1891 last school Hampton Street last day 24 July 1905 destination home duties register number 0862

Central Nelson School

- Percy Edmund MILLS admission date 29 July 1901 parents Jas Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 07 June 1891 last school Hampton Street register number 1153
- Percy Edmund MILLS admission date 04 April 1906 parents Jas Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 07 June 1901 last school N.B.C. last day 13 April 1906 destination work register number 1640 former registration number 1153
- Leslie Bernard MILLS admission date 05 July 1901 parents Jas Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 31 August 1893 last school Hampton Street last day 18 May 1908 destination work register number 1483
- Cecil Harold MILLS admission date 17 July 1905 parents Jas Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 31 August 1893 last school Hampton Street last day 18 December 1908 destination work register number 1547

James MILLS died date and details unknown Nelson

Hannah MILLS died 1936 Nelson

Probate Hannah Mills place Nelson widow Court Wellington filed date 27 March 1936 type Intestate letter of administration

(Reference agency AAOM series 6029 item 58238 Archives NZ Wellington Office)

James and Hannah MILLS their children and descendants

1- Emily Ethel MILLS born 1879 Motueka Nelson died 24 July 1950 Nelson NZ married 12 March 1910 Westport **Conrad Marris MANSSSEN refer top of page**

2- Edith May MILLS born 07 June 1891 Nelson NZ died married 1913 Albert Ernest PROSSER born died

Edith May MILLS born 07 June 1891 Nelson NZ
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1891 folio

Toi Toi School

- Edith May MILLS admission date 01 August 1901 parents James Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 07 June 1891 last school Hampton Street last day 24 July 1905 destination home duties register number 0862

Edith May MILLS married Albert Ernest PROSSER 1913
(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1913 folio 7811

Albert Ernest PROSSER occupation shopkeeper address Allnutt Street Temuka second reserve World War One 1914-1918

3- Percy Edmund MILLS born about 07 June 1891 Nelson died December 1973 Nelson NZ married 1917 Bertha Florence MILLS born 1894 died 26 April 1982 Nelson NZ

Percy Edmond MILLS was born 07 June 1891 Nelson
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1891 folio

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- Percy Edmund MILLS admission date 29 July 1901 parents Jas Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 07 June 1891 last school Hampton Street register number 1153
- Percy Edmund MILLS admission date 04 April 1906 parents Jas Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 07 June 1901 last school N.B.C. last day 13 April 1906 destination work register number 1640 former registration number 1153

Percy Edmond MILLS address Murchison occupation Tailor first reserve World War One 1914-1918

Percy Edmond MILLS married Bertha Florence MEAD 1917
(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1917 folio 1232 NZ

Percy Edmond MILLS died 1973 Nelson NZ

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1973 folio

Percy Edmond MILLS Probate place Nelson occupation retired Court Nelson filed date 20 December 1973 type Will

(Reference agency AAOO series 17073 accession W5410 item 357/73 Archives NZ Wellington)

Bertha Florence MILLS age 86 died 26 April 1982 Nelson NZ

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1982 folio

Bertha Florence MILLS Probate place Nelson occupation widow Court Nelson filed date 14 June 1982 type Will

(Reference agency AAOO series 17073 accession W5410 item 140/82 Archives NZ Wellington)

4- Cecil Harold MILLS born about 31 August 1893 died about married 1921 Blenheim Jessie Mills ANNAND born died

Central Nelson School

Cecil Harold MILLS admission date 17 July 1905 parents Jas Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 31 August 1893 last school Hampton Street last day 18 December 1908 destination work register number 1547

Cecil Harold MILLS service number 6/3097 private NOK father James Mills address Tipahi Street Nelson enlisted in World War One 1914-1918

Intention to marry 01 April 1921 Blenheim district

Cecil Harold MILLS age 27 bachelor Tailor dwelled in Blenheim 2 years and Jessie Mills ANNAND age 24 spinster Home duties dwelled in Blenheim 5 years intend to marry at Presbyterian Church Blenheim by Rev W D ROBB.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to Marry 1921 agency BDM series 20 item 134 page 2173-24 Blenheimt)

Cecil Harold MILLS married Jessie Mills ANNAND 1921 (folio 5138)

Electoral Roll C H MILLS 93 High Street Blenheim

5- Leslie Bernard MILLS born about 31 August 1893 Nelson NZ died 1952 Lower Hutt married 1921 Janet Stark McFarlane MCKENZIE born died

Leslie Bernard MILLS was born 31 August 1893 Nelson SEARCH (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1893 folio

Central Nelson School

- Leslie Bernard MILLS admission date 05 July 1901 parents Jas Mills address Tipahi Street birth date 31 August 1893 last school Hampton Street last day 18 May 1908 destination work register number 1483

Leslie Bernard MILL service number 33747 Private NOK mother Mrs Hannah Mills address Tipahi Street Nelson occupation Painter enlisted in World War One 1914-1918

Leslie Bernard MILLS married Janet Stark McFarlane MCKENZIE 1921 folio 05265

Leslie Bernard MILLS died 1952 and was buried on 21 November 1952 Taita cemetery
Lower Hutt

MILLS & FUNNELL Miscellaneous Information