

Eliza MANSSEN
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B 02 April 1855 Suburban North Nelson NZ
D 19 April 1856 Suburban North Nelson NZ
Never married as she died young

The family history of
Eliza MANSSEN

On the 02 April 1855 Eliza MANSSEN was born to George and Johanna MANSSEN.

Girl (Eliza) MANSSEN was born 02 April 1855. Her parents were Johanna Catherine Elizabeth formerly MARTEN [sic] and George Henry Conrad MANSSEN occupation farmer. G H C MANSSEN farmer of Suburban North registered the birth on 18 April 1855. The registrar was John POYNTER.

(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1855 folio 73 line 41 web reg. 1855/ Nelson district)

Eliza MANSSEN age 1 year died 19 April 1856. Daughter of George Conrad MANSSEN of Suburban North farmer & Johanna Catherine Elisabeth his wife. Cause of death accidentally drowned. Ishmael CLARKE the undertaker Nelson registered the death on 25 April 1856. The deputy registrar was John POYNTER.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1856 folio 43 line 22 web reg. 1856/ Nelson district)

Eliza had a very short life as on the 19 April 1856 she drowned. An inquest was held by coroner Joseph F WIMSON on 21 April at the home of George MANSSEN. Details of the coroners report are recorded below.

Eliza MANSSEN Inquest & Depositions No. 2 56.96

John POYNTER Esq. Registrar of Births, Deaths etc. etc. Nelson

<p>Sir</p> <p>I have the honor to forward herewith, for record in your office, Inquest & Depositions quoted in the Margin</p>	<p>Provincial Secretary Office Nelson May 2nd 1856</p>
<p>I have the honor to be Sir Your most obed! Servt. S J MULLER Provt. Secretary</p>	

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Office Coroners report agency J Justice series 61 item 1)

May 2 – 1856 Eliza MANSSEN Prov' Sect. Covering Inquest & Depositions

<p>Nelson New Zealand To wit</p>	<p>Information of witness taken this twenty first day of April in the district of Suburban North at the house of George Henry MANSSEN in the said district before Joseph Foord WILSON Esquire Coroner for the said district concerning the death of Eliza MANSSEN then and these witness as follows:</p>
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Caroline E MANSSSEN (signature in paragraph)

Proven I am the daughter of Henry MANSSSEN Farmer Suburban North and the sister of the deceased who was one year old - about one o'clock on Saturday afternoon my little sister walked out of doors - I was in the bed room making the bed - I was in the bed room three or four minutes when my mother told me to go and look after the child. I did not go the first time but she told me again in a minute or two - when I saw my sister laying in the washing tub with about four inches of water in it - she was laying on her face with her feet and legs cracked up and her arms spread out - and she was quite still and appeared as if she was dead - I took her out of the tub and took her in to the house and gave her to my mother - My mother rubbed her with hot dry ashes and wrapped her in a blanket in a short time she began to cry and the froth came from her mouth - then my mother gave her some milk and water and sugar- my mother then sent me to Nelson to go for the doctor and when I arrived at home my sister was dead.

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Caroline E MANSSSEN (signature)
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All the above information were severally taken and acknowledged for the day year and place above mentioned before Jos. F, WILSON Coroner (signature)

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Eliza's older sister Caroline was only 14 years old at the time and probable felt responsible for the death of her younger sister.

In this century we all know that Eliza's mother should not have given a drowned person anything to drink or eat.

Both Eliza's sister and mother would have questioned their actions thinking about how they could have prevented Eliza's death.

This would have been a sad time for the family and the first death for the MANSSSEN family in New Zealand.
