

**William George STUART and Matilda FENSOM  
Chart 12-13**

(Weblink Stuart Fensom about 1896 Australia)  
(Weblink to William's parents to be created chart 24-25)  
(Weblink to Matilda's parents to be created chart 26-27)

**William George STUART**

B about 1875 England or Australia  
D 07 June 1959 Westcoast NZ  
M 1896 Braidwood NSW Australia

**Matilda FENSOM**

B about 1878 England or Australia  
D 18 January 1937 Westcoast NZ

Children:

1. **George Leslie STUART** born 20 October 1895 Braidwood NSW Australia
2. Joseph William STUART born about 1898 Braidwood NSW Australia
3. Albert STUART born Australia or New Zealand

The family history of  
William George STUART and Matilda FENSOM

William George STUART was born about 1875 in England or Australia  
**SEARCH** (Reference RGO UK birth registration)

Matilda FENSOM was born about 1878 in England or Australia  
**SEARCH** (Reference RGO UK birth registration)

William George STUART married Matilda FENSOM about 1896 in Braidwood New South Wales Australia  
**ORDER ON LINE** at [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au) Reference Australian NSW RGO marriage registration William G STUART & Matilda FENSOM 1896 record 2860 Braidwood district)

William and Matilda had a son George Leslie STUART who was born 1896 in Braidwood NSW Australia  
**ORDER ON LINE** at [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au) Reference Australian NSW RGO birth registration 1896 record 29250 Braidwood District)

William and Matilda had a son Joseph William STUART who was born about 1898 in Braidwood NSW Australia  
**ORDER ON LINE** at [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au) reference Australian NSW RGO birth registration 1898 record 19670 Braidwood District)

William and Matilda had a son Albert STUART who was born in Australia or New Zealand  
**SEARCH** (Reference RGO Australia or NZ birth registration)

Return of second class stationary engine drivers to whom certificates of service have been granted from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1903 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1904 Name of person William George STUART class of certificate second class stationary service date of issue December 24<sup>th</sup> 1903 number 806 (16). District not recorded.

*(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office 1904 AJHR Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives 1904 H-I volume 3 section H15A page 16)*

## **SEARCH** NZ Electoral Rolls and Directories

1905 page 429

FENSOM Jos sleeper cutter

1906 Karamea Nelson NZ Towns NZPO Directory page 449

STEWART Wm sleeper cutter

FENSOM Jos sleeper cutter

FENSOM Wm sleeper cutter

1907 Karamea Nelson NZ Towns NZPO Directory page 465

STEWART Wm sleeper cutter

FENSOM Jos sleeper cutter

FENSOM Wm sleeper cutter

1908 Karamea Nelson NZ Towns NZPO Directory page 486

STEWART Wm sleeper cutter

FENSOM Jos sleeper cutter

FENSOM Wm sleeper cutter

1909 Karamea Nelson NZ Towns NZPO Directory page 515

STEWART Wm sleeper cutter

FENSOM Jos sleeper cutter

1910 Karamea Nelson NZ Towns NZPO Directory page 531

STUART Wm G boarding house

FENSOM Jos sleeper cutter

1911 Karamea Nelson NZ Towns NZPO Directory page 581

STUART Wm G boarding house

FENSOM Jos sleeper cutter

1912 Karamea Nelson NZ Towns NZPO Directory page 568

STUART Wm G boarding house

1914 Motueka Electoral Rolls

- William George STUART Karamea bushman

- Matilda STUART Karamea married

*(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZ Electoral rolls)*

William George STUART during World War One registered in the second Reserves occupation Farmer place Karamea Buller

*(Reference NZSG CD ROM World War One census)*

April 1918 Stones Canterbury Nelson, Marlborough and Westland Directories

STUART Wm Boarding House Keeper Karamea Nelson District

*(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Stones Canterbury Nelson, Marlborough and Westland Directories)*

1919 Motueka Electoral Roll

- William George STUART Karamea Bushman

- Matilda STUART Karamea married

- George Leslie STUART Seddonville NZ Railways Surfaceman

*(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZ Electoral rolls)*

Matilda STUART formerly FENSON died 18 January 1937 in Buller district

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1937 folio 628 Buller district and **SEARCH** Newspaper death notice)

William George STUART died 07 June 1959 in the Greymouth District

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1959 folio 1846 Greymouth district and **SEARCH** Newspaper death notice)

This is the last will and testament of me Matilda STUART wife of William George STUART of Karamea in the Provincial District of Nelson in the Dominion of New Zealand Farmer. etc. I give devise and bequeath the whole of my estate of whatsoever nature and wheresoever situated (subject to the Payment of the just funeral and testamentary expenses) to my husband William George STUART absolutely provided always that should my husband predecease me then and in such case I leave the whole of my estate to my sons and daughters who survive me in equal shares, share and share alike.

As witness my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1920 signed by the said Matilda STUART (her signature)

I WILLIAMGEORGE STUART of Karamea in New Zealand Farmer ---that Matilda STUART of Karamea in New Zealand Married Woman now deceased etc. died Westport 18<sup>th</sup> January 1937

Value of estate £370

(Reference Archives of NZ Matilda STUART probate record place Karamea occupation married women court Wellington filed date 13 April 1937 probate number 60409 type Will)

This is the last Will and Testament of me, WILLIAM GEORGE STUART formerly of Karamea but now of Rununga in the Provincial District of Nelson on the Dominion of New Zealand Farmer.

I revoke all former Wills and Testamentary dispositions by me made and declare this to be my last Will.

I appoint my son ALBERT STUART of Runanga Miner to be the Executor of this my Will.

I Give devise and bequeath the whole of my Estate of whatsoever nature and wheresoever situate (subject to the payment of my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses) to my son ALBERT STUART absolutely.

As witness my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1945

Signed by the said WILLIAM GEORGE STUART

(Reference Archive NZ Christchurch Office Probate file Greymouth CAIF 3387 CH300 Box 21 GM 3511/1959)

Note: I have only transcribed a portion of the complete probate documentation.

Orowaiti Cemetery Headstone Row 5 plot 79

In Loving memory of Matilda beloved wife of W G STUART died January 18 1937 age 59 years At rest. Erected by her loving family. William George beloved husband of M STUART died June 7 1959 age 84 years. At rest

(Reference NZSG Cemetery transcript microfiche 625 P01.10 p66)

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### William & Matilda STUART their children and descendants

**1- George Leslie STUART** born about 1897 Major's Creek NSW Australia died 11 November 1964 Mokihinui Westcoast NZ married 08 June 1918 Mokihinui Grantly District  
**Annie Sharp BOYD refer chart 6-7**

**2- Joseph William STUART** born about 1898 Braidwood NSW Australia died 02 August 1974 Westport NZ married 1918 Mary Agnes SIMPSON born about 1897 died 31 March 1990 Westport NZ

2-1-Grace Ellen STUART born 1919 folio 2472 June quarter Wellington married EGGERS

2-2- Reginald Albert STUART born 1923 folio 1122 March quarter Karamea

2-3- Kevin Leonard STUART born 1924 folio 4661 September quarter Karamea

2-4- Joseph Gordon STUART born 1926 folio 3011 June quarter Karamea

- 2-5- James Royal STUART born 1929 folio 6391 December quarter Karamea
- 2-6- Raymond STUART born 1932 folio 2723 June quarter Karamea
- 2-7- Bruce Donald STUART born 1938 folio 2919 June quarter Buller
- 2-8- Patricia Margaret STUART born 1941 folio 3588 June quarter Buller married FLEMING
- 2-9- Hector Desmond STUART born 1946 folio 1697 March quarter Buller
- 2-10- John Leslie STUART born folio quarter Buller

Joseph William STUART was born about 1898 in Braidwood NSW Australia  
**ORDER ON LINE** at [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au) reference Australian NSW RGO birth registration 1898 record 19670 Braidwood District)

Joseph William STUART married Mary Agnes SIMPSON 1918  
**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1918 folio 5995 NZ and SEARCH Archives NZ Intention to Marry 1918 agency BDM series 20 item

4 September 1946 Coal prospecting licence

Joseph William STUART, William Stirling CLARK and Alfred HIGGINS were granted a licence to prospect of coal by warden of Karamea Archibald Albany MCLACHAN. A rental of two shillings and sixpence per acre or fractional part of an acre per annum payable held yearly in advance.

First schedule - The area of land containing 39 acres more or less situated in section 17 block II Ohika survey district commencing at a point distant 120 chains in a north-north easterly direction from the Te Kuha Railway Station and bounded as follows, First in a north easterly direction for a distance of 10 chains thence easterly 30 chains thence south westerly 30 chains thence north westerly 20 chains to the point of commencement.

Second schedule – The licensees shall commence vigorous prospecting operations on the land within in one month from the date hereof and shall expend no less than £20 per month on such prospecting during current licence.

A report of the work done and the results obtained shall be forwarded to the inspector of mines at the end of each ...this during the currency of this licence.

The licence shall deposit the sum of £20 as security for compliance with the conditions of the license to be forfeited in the event of non-compliance

The Licenses shall not cut any timber from the watershed of Ballarat Creek and shall not permit any drainage of debris from operations to enter the watershed of the said creek.

Consented to at Wellington this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1946

Also Renewal of the within licence for a term of one year from 4 September 1947 is hereby consented to Dated at Wellington this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1947

*(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office Agency CAIM accession CH624 box 4 record 11975)*

This is the last will and testament of me JOSEPH WILLIAM STUART of Westport, retired Farmer

I hereby revoke all will and testamentary dispositions heretofore at any time made by me.

I give devise and bequest all the real and personal property of whatsoever kind and whatsoever situate which I shall possessed of or entitled to or over which I may have any disposing power at the time of my death unto wife MARY AGNES STUART and I appoint my said wife to be the sole executrix of this will

In witness whereof I have to this last will and testament set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1974.

Signed by Joseph William STUART

*(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office Probate Greymouth agency CAIF series 3387 accession CH300 box 35 record GM 120/1974)*

1990 Greymouth High Court (died 31 March 1990)

This is the last will of me Mary Agnes STUART of Westport in New Zealand married woman (widow). I give and devise and bequeath the whole of my estate of whatever nature and

whatever situate to such of them my children (including GRACE ELLEN EGGERS, REGIANLD ALBERT STUART, KEVIN LEONARD STUART, JOSEPH GORDON STUART, JAMES ROYAL STUART, RAYMOND STUART, BRUCE DONALD STUART, PATRICIA MARGARET FLEMING, HECTOR DESMOND STUART and JOHN LESLIE STUART) as are living at my death and if more than one in equal shares Provided however and I declare that should any child of mine predecease me leaving a child or children living at my death then and in every such case such grandchildren or grandchildren of mine shall take and if more than one in equal shares the share or interest which his her or their parent wqould have taken under this paragraph 3 had such parent been living at my death.  
Signed and dated 16 February 1962.

*(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office Probate Greymouth agency CAIF series 3387 accession CH845 Box 15 record GM 60/1990)*

### Westport Orowaiti Cemetery Row 1 Plot 610

In loving memory of JOSEPH WILLIAM STUART died 2 August 1974 aged 75 years.  
MARY AGNES STUART died 31 March 1990 aged 93 years At Rest

*(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche cemetery transcripts supplement to Headstone NZSG P01.11 microfiche 883 31/94 3044)*

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### 3- Albert STUART born died married

William and Matilda had a son Albert STUART who was born in Australia or New Zealand  
**SEARCH** (Reference RGO Australia or NZ birth registration)

Albert STUART Westland Warden Court 1925 = This document is missing

*(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office Westport Warden Court CH80/71e 7048 Licence residence site 1925)*

Albert Edward STUART of Karamea bushman granted Hand-sawing and Timber-cutting Warrant dated at Westport 10 January 1922 for a term of six month fee payable £3.  
All that parcel of land containing Twenty acres more or less situated in Block IX Oparara S.D. as per sketch plan annexed hereto and starting at its westerly point a distance of 15 chains from the Oparara raod due North 20 chains then westerly 10 chains then Southerly 20 chains then easterly a distance of 10 chains returning to starting point.

*(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office Westport Warden Court CH80/71c 5862 Licence warrant hand-sawing etc 1922)*

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## STUART and FENTON Miscellaneous Information

NZSG Certificate collection  
STUART

### NZ Electoral Rolls

1943 Buller Electoral Roll  
STUART Albert Edward Carroll Street Runanga miner

STUART Emily Keturah Seddonville married  
STUART George Leslie Seddonville miner  
STUART Jean Hawthorne Seddonville married  
STUART Joseph William Nine Mile Road Westport bushman  
STUART Leonard James 34 Romilly Street Westport lorry drive  
STUART Mary Duncan Street Runanga married  
STUART Mary Agnes Nine Mile road Westport married  
STUART Nesta Irene Romilly Street Westport married  
STUART Percival Seddonville miner  
STUART William George Carroll Street Runanga farmer  
*(Reference Christchurch Public Library microfiche of NZ Electoral rolls)*  
1943 Westland Electoral Roll  
STUART Agnes Frances Stafford Street Hokitika married  
STUART Allan Main street Kumara labourer  
**STUART TO BE CONTINUED**  
*(Reference Christchurch Public Library microfiche of NZ Electoral rolls)*

#### Family tree

0- Leonard James STUART born 13 September 1910 Karamea Westport NZ (both parents born Australia) died 19 January 1983 Charleston aged 72 Years married 1930 folio 02941 Nesta Irene Stewart LOWE  
0-1- Ronald Leslie STUART born 07 September 1930 Karamea Westport NZ  
0-2- Lionel STUART born 04 September 1932 Karamea Westport NZ  
0-3- Irene Dawn STUART born 27 June 1934 Karamea Westport NZ  
0-4- Peggy STUART born 24 September 1935 Karamea Westport NZ  
0-5- Brian James STUART born 27 April 1938 Karamea Westport NZ  
Additional Information = address 34 Romilly Street Westport occupation Tractor Driver Public Works Department Westport served in the RNZAF 416374 LAC WWII.  
*(Reference NZDF Personnel Archives RNZAF 416374)*

#### School records

Kaikorai School records  
George STUART born 08 May 1881 parent Geo. L. Stuart address City Rd Roslyn admission date 18 July 1892 last school Caversham last day 12 December 1892 destination word **SEARCH** (Reference Archives NZ Dunedin Office Reg. No. 269 comment HKN AG 71/3/0269 NZSG Dunedin)

#### Marriage records

William STUART married Catherine McRAE 1891 folio 3681  
George STUART married Eva MARTIN 1910 Folio 4969  
Leonard James STUART married Nesta Irene Stewart LOWE 1930 Folio 02941  
Sylvia Isabel FENSON married George Robert HEWISON 1929 Folio 05206

#### Probate records

- Desmond Noel FENTON probate record place Picton occupation Grocer court Blenheim probate number 75/83 filed date 20 May 1983 type Will held at Blenheim Court perhaps now Archives NZ Christchurch Office

1929 Supreme Court of New Zealand Westport

**Joseph FENSOM** (indexed FENSON) of Karamea in the district of Nelson under the Mental Act 1911 the document certifies that he be detained in a Public Institution and that the Public Trust for Greymouth is entitled to the possession and management of the estate of the patient. Signed and dated 12 October 1929

*(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office Westport agency CAIF series 20704 accession CH300 Box 80 record 598/1929)*

There was a probate and will for Alexander Cumming STUART a Settler of Kumara (died on or about 23 December 1890) dated 1891 where he leaves everything to his friend Hugh THOMAS settler of Arahura.

*(Reference Archives NZ Christchurch Office probate Hokitika Agency CAIF series 20702 item CH300 box 48 record HK 402/1891)*

#### Cemetery records

Mary FENTON Mrs NZSG Cemetery Fiche P01.04 Page Headstone & Burial

Karamea Cemetery Block XIII plot 353  
Alberta May STUART 4 Years buried 15 March 1932  
Greymouth Cemetery  
STUART Grace Sec.1 Row 6 No. 13  
STUART Leslie Sec.1 Row 6 No. 13  
STUART William Sec.2 Row 19 No. 20

#### Mokihinui Cemetery Westcoast

Wife and mother Emily K STUART died 20 July 1974 aged 69 years Husband and Father Percival STUART died 18 January 1983 aged 81 years.

*(Reference NZSG Cemetery transcripts microfiche P01.06 item 84)*

#### Orowaiti Cemetery Headstone plot RSA

STUART Leonard James 72 years died 22 January 1983 416374 LAC RNZAF

*(Reference NZSG Cemetery P01.14 Fiche 627)*

Westport Orowaiti Cemetery Supplement to Headstone NZSG P01.11 Microfiche 883 31/94

- 3258 Row A1 Plot 12 In loving memory of GEOFFREY MYRICK STUART a loving husband 18<sup>th</sup> October 1986 age 53

Hokitika Headstones to 1980 44/81 Reference P04.06 NZSG Microfiche 251-252

- 550 19065 Rfm. R.J. STUART Rifle Brigade Died 24 May 1963
- 1270 Row 40 In loving memory of PAUL STUART loved father of VICKY and BARRY died 24 March 1962 age 31
- 1438 Row 4 G.W.V. 2880 Rfm. T.J. STUART Rifle Brigade died 19 November 1948 N.Z.E.F. and South Africa War
- 1798 Row 25 Sacred to the memory of SHIRLEY FAY beloved daughter of VERNICE and ROBERT JOHN STUART died 06 April 1945 age 15
- 1804 Row 25 MARY ELIZABETH STUART native of Westburg Tasmania Died 31 January –32 age 83. EVA MARY BURGER native of Westbury Tasmania died 11 December 1939 age 83
- 1805 Row 25 In loving memory of JAMES STUART native of Dumbarton Scotland died 16 October 1916 age 73
- 1970 Row 2 In loving memory of DAVID P STUART 1876-1951. AGNES P STUART 1878-1953. FRANCIS P STUART 1911-1942