

## **Albert Ernest (KOCH) COOK and Mary Ethel MANSSSEN**

(Weblink MA Mary Ethel Manssen & Albert Ernest Cook)

(Weblink Mary's parents MA Charles Frederick Henry Manssen & Emma Elizabeth Marris)

### **Albert Ernest (KOCH) COOK**

B 28 March 1880 Wellington NZ

D 05 November 1955 Wellington NZ

M 24 October 1904 Nelson NZ

### **Mary Ethel MANSSSEN**

B 14 May 1879 Stoke Nelson NZ

D 31 March 1968 Wellington NZ

Children:

1. Thelma Jean COOK born 16 September 1905 Wellington
2. Gwendoline Eva COOK born 03 November 1909 Wellington
3. Noel Winston COOK born 18 December 1915 Wellington
4. Bryan Manssen COOK born 15 October 1919 Wellington

### The family history of Albert Ernest (KOCH) COOK and Mary Ethel MANSSSEN written by granddaughter living female AITKIN

Mary Ethel MANSSSEN 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 MANSSSEN age 31 years occupation labourer. Her parents married on 03 June 1874 in Wellington NZ. Charles Frederick MANSSSEN 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)*

Mary was the fifth child of fifteen born to Emma and Charles and like her brothers and sisters she attended Stoke School. Later her parents moved to Toi Toi Valley Nelson.

One of the memories Mary related of her early years was how her mother had been known on occasions to put bonnets on the younger boys in the family. This supposedly prevented their being vulnerable to the teat of Maori skirmishes.

1902 Nelson supplementary roll

Mary Ethel MANSSSEN occupation Domestic duties Toi Toi Valley Nelson

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

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Ernest Albert KOCH later known as Albert Ernest COOK was born on 28 March 1880 in Martin Square (off Taranaki Street) Wellington. His parents were Dina (Anna Friederike Dinah) KOCK ex STEINMULLER formerly HYMAN age 35 born Germany and Ludwig (Carl Frederick Ludwig) KOCH age 35 years born Germany occupation Labourer. His parents were married 1877 in Wellington. Ludwig KOCH father of the child registered the birth on 05 May 1880.

*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1880 folio 1372 line 27 Wellington district)*

#### Mt Cook Infants School Wellington

- Albert COOK admission date 09 February 1885 parent L Cook address Martin Square birth date 5 years parent Tinsmith register number

Mount Cook Boys School

- Albert COOK Wellington Education Board 1888 Reference EB-W8/4
- Albert COOK Wellington Education Board 1889 Reference EB-W8/7
- Albert COOK Wellington Education Board 1891 Reference EB-W8/11

Te Aro School

- Albert COOK Wellington Education Board 1892 Reference EB-W8/14
- Albert COOK admission date 22 February 1892 parent Mr Cook address Taitville birth date **28 March 1880** last school Mt Cook Boy's school last day 26 October 1894 destination work

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Intention to Marry 19 October 1904 Nelson district

Mary Ethel MANSSEN age 25 years spinster Domestic duty dwelled in Hampden Street West Nelson for 25 years and Albert Ernest COOK age 24 years bachelor occupation Clerk dwelled in Hampden Street West Nelson for 3 days intend to marry in the Residence of Charles Frederick MANSSEN of Hampden Street West Nelson by Presbyterian minister Jash H MACKENZIE.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to Marry 1904 agency BDM series 20 item 59 page 146 line 82 Nelson district)*

Mr & Mrs C.F. Manssen  
Request the pleasure of Mr F STEINMULLER  
Company at the Marriage of their daughter  
Mary to Albert Ernest Cook on Monday  
24<sup>th</sup> October at their Residence Toi Toi  
Valley at 2.30 pm  
R.S.V.P.

The above wedding invitation is in the care of a STEINMULLER descendant.

On 24 October 1904 at Hampden Street West Nelson at the Residence of C.F. MANSSEN, Mary Ethel MANSSEN age 25 years spinster born Stoke Nelson married Albert Ernest COOK age 24 bachelor occupation Clerk born Wellington. Mary's parents were Emma Elizabeth MARRIS and Charles Frederick MANSSEN occupation Farmer. Albert's parents were Dinah STEINMULLER and Louie COOK occupation Wool Presser. The witnesses were Hilda Jane MANSSEN of Nelson and Oscar COOK a Telegraphist from Wellington. James A MCKENZIE the Presbyterian minister took the service.

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1904 folio 6130 line 162 Nelson district)*

1905 Wellington central Electoral Roll

Albert Ernest COOK occupation Cadet Post Office 77 Ghuznee Street Wellington

Married life began for Albert and Mary at 77 Ghuznee Street, Wellington where Albert continued his employment with the Post Office. After the birth of their first child, Thelma Jean COOK, they moved to 65 Wallace Street and three years later to 78 Hataitai Road. Over a span of 14 years they had a second daughter Gwendoline Eva COOK, followed by two boys, Noel Winston COOK and Bryan Manssen COOK.

Mary and Albert had a daughter Thelma Jean COOK who was born 16 September 1905 Wellington

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1905 folio 4925 Wellington district)

1908 Wellington South Electoral Roll

Albert Ernest COOK occupation Clerk 65 Wallace Street Wellington

Mary Ethel COOK occupation married 65 Wallace Street Wellington  
(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZ Electoral Roll)

Mary and Albert had a daughter Gwendoline Eva COOK who was born 03 November 1909  
Wellington

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio 5582 Wellington district)

1911 & 1914 Wellington East Electoral Roll

Albert Ernest COOK occupation Clerk 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

Mary Ethel COOK occupation married 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZ Electoral Roll)

Mary and Albert had a son Noel Winston COOK who was born 18 December 1915  
Wellington

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1916 folio 945 Wellington district)

Mary and Albert had a son Bryan Manssen COOK who was born 15 October 1919  
Wellington

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1919 folio 5679 Wellington district)

1919 & 1922 & 1925 & 1928 & 1931 & 1935 Wellington East Electoral Roll

Albert Ernest COOK occupation Clerk 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

Mary Ethel COOK occupation married 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZ Electoral Roll)

1938 & 1941 & 1943 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

Albert Ernest COOK occupation Clerk 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

Mary Ethel COOK occupation married 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZ Electoral Roll)

1946 & 1949 & 1951 & 1954 Mt Victoria Electoral Roll

Albert Ernest COOK occupation Clerk 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

Mary Ethel COOK occupation married 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

(Reference National Library of NZ microfiche of NZ Electoral Roll)

They remained in Hataitai Road for the rest of their lives. While travelling between the North and South Island, relatives often stayed with the Cooks, enabling Mary to keep in touch with her family. A nephew Norman MANSSEN junior lived with the family while attending Victoria University.

Mary was well known for her hospitality and home making. She was a superb cook – a fact much appreciated by grandchildren on their Sunday visits. The groaning afternoon tea trolley was a reliable source of pleasure. A member of the Anglican Church Mary regularly attended All Saints Church Kilbirnie.

During the Second World War both Mary's sons joined the Forces and served in England. Noel in the Royal Navy and Bryan in the Air Force. Sadly only Noel returned. In 1943, some twenty years after the death of Charles Mary's mother, Emma, came to live with her. Emma later moved on to her son, Frederick MANSSEN and his wife Ruby, in Wanganui, as Hataitai Road became filled with returning younger generation. Daughter Gwen, her husband Roderick FRASER and their two young sons, Donald and Bryan (named after their uncle lost in the War) came from Dunedin to live with her parents while Rod was in camp at Ohakea, Their twin daughters, Barbara and Margaret, were born while at Hataitai, and a third daughter, Lesley, shortly after they moved to Newtown.

Before the end of the War, Noel COOK married Doreen CAREY, and David was born in England. On their return to New Zealand, Noel and Doreen stayed briefly at Hataitai before moving to their own home at Titahi Bay. They also had twins a girl, Rosemary, and a boy, Richard, Mary loved having her family around.

The oldest of the family, Thelma Jean (known always as Jean) lived away from Wellington. She married Francis DWYER (also a Post Office employee (and they began their married life in Masterton, moving later to Palmerston North, Their six children Albert, Lawrie, Keith, Shirley, Mary and Patricia were all born in Masterton.

Albert Ernest COOK age 75 years born Wellington, retired Civil Servant died on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1955 at Wellington Public Hospital formerly from 78 Hataitai Road Wellington. Cause of death was Myocardial infarction 10 weeks as certified by Dr C A MACLEOD who saw him last on 04 November 1955. His parents were Dina STEINMULLER and Louie COOK. He was buried by the Anglican minister Rev D B MALCOLM on 07 November 1955 at Karori cemetery. Albert was age 24 when he married in Nelson to Mary Ethel MANSSEN. His widow was aged 76 years and living issue 1 male age 40 years and 2 females age 50 and 46 years. W A WILSON the Funeral Director of Wellington registered the death on 09 November 1955.

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1955 folio 5296 line 672aWellington district)*

Albert Ernest COOK place Wellington occupation Retired Civil Servant Court Wellington filed date 02 February 1955 type Will

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOM series 6031 item 1100/55)*

Mary and Albert had been married 48 years. Mary lived alone in the family home. Her devotion to high standards of housework and her strength of character gave her a routine that kept her happily independent for 13 years.

1957 & 1960 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

Mary Ethel COOK occupation widow 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

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

1963 & 1966 Miramar Electoral Roll

Mary Ethel COOK occupation widow 75 Hataitai Road Wellington

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

Mary much loved in her old age, was supported by her daughter, Gwen, and son Noel. Weekly family gatherings at Titahi Bay on Sundays provided many happy memories for her grandchildren. In spite of increasing deafness, she kept up a keen interest in all the young people's activities. Her deafness in fact became a lively source of fun as she was persuaded to grapple with the technology of a hearing aid. Her ability to laugh at herself was an endearing characteristic.

Mary Ethel COOK formerly MANSSEN age 88 years born Nelson widow died 31 March 1968 at Public Hospital Wellington formerly from 78 Hataitai Road Wellington. Cause of death was Myocardial infarction, congestive Heart failure 2 years as certified by Dr C J CALCINAI [sic] who saw her last on 30 March 1968. Her parents were Emma Elizabeth formerly MARRIS and Charles Frederick MANSSEN occupation Labourer. Mary was cremated at Karori cemetery on 02 April 1968. Mary was age 25 years when she married Albert Ernest COOK in Nelson. Her living issue were 1 male age 52 years and 2 females age 62 & 58 years. The funeral Director of Wellington authorised in writing G DURHAM who registered the death on 04 April 1968. The registrar was N MABERLY [sic].

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1968 folio 3075 line 425 Wellington district)

Karori cemetery Cremation Wall Area A Block FA Row 03 Plot 007 Wellington

Albert Ernest COOK died 05 November 1955 age 75 years Mary Ethel COOK died 31 March 1968 age 88 years.

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### Mary & Albert COOK their children and descendants

- 1- Thelma Jean COOK** born 16 September 1905 Wellington NZ died 15 November 1980 Palmerston North NZ married 26 August 1928 Wellington NZ Francis Edward DWYER born 21 February 1904 Dunedin NZ died 06 January 1981 Palmerston North NZ
- 1-1 **Male DWYER** and Female RICHARDSON
    - 1-1-1- Female DWYER and Male BAGGIO
    - 1-1-2- Male DWYER
  - 1-2- **Male DWYER** and Female BELL
    - 1-2-1- Female DWYER and Male MARTIN
      - 1-2-1-1- Male MARTIN
      - 1-2-1-2- Male MARTIN
    - 1-2-2- Female DWYER and Male JACKSON
      - 1-2-2-1- Male JACKSON
    - 1-2-3- Female DWYER and Male DEEKLING
      - 1-2-3-1- Female DEEKLING
    - 1-2-4- Male DWYER and Female MCKAY
      - 1-2-4-1- Male MCKAY
    - 1-2-5- Male DWYER
    - 1-2-6- Female DWYER
    - 1-2-7- Male DWYER
    - 1-2-8- Male DWYER
  - 1-3- **Male DWYER** and Female FECK
    - 1-3-1- Female DWYER
    - 1-3-2- Female DWYER (adopted)
    - 1-3-3- Male DWYER (adopted)
  - 1-4- **Female DWYER** and Male WICKSTEED
    - 1-4-1- Male WICKSTEED and Female STEFFERT
      - 1-4-1-1- Female WICKSTEED
    - 1-4-2- Female WICKSTEED and Male SMITH
      - 1-4-2-1- Male SMITH
      - 1-4-2-2- Female SMITH
    - 1-4-3- Female WICKSTEED and Male BUTCHER
      - 1-4-3-1- Female BUTCHER
      - 1-4-3-2- Male BUTCHER
  - 1-5- Female **DWYER** and Male SHAILER
    - 1-5-1- Female SHAILER
    - 1-5-2- Female SHAILER and Male BIBERSTEIN
    - 1-5-3- Male SHAILER
  - 1-6- **Female DWYER** and Male KEEGAN
    - 1-6-1- Female KEEGAN and Male CLARK
    - 1-6-2- Female KEEGAN

1-6-3- Female KEEGAN

Thelma Jean COOK was born 16 September 1905 Wellington  
**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1905 folio 4925 Wellington district)

Francis Edward DWYER was born 21 February 1904 Dunedin NZ

Thelma Jean COOK married Francis Edward DWYER on 26 August 1928 Wellington NZ

Thelma Jean DWYER formerly COOK died 15 November 1980 Palmerston North NZ

Francis Edward DWYER died 06 January 1981 Palmerston North NZ

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**2- Gwendoline Eva COOK** born 03 November 1909 Wellington NZ died 02 September 1979  
Wellington NZ married 03 January 1934 Wellington Roderick James Cramond FRASER  
born 05 January 1907 Wellington NZ died 20 November 1979 Wellington NZ

2-1- **Male FRASER** and Female NEWMAN

2-1-1- Female FRASER

2-1-2- Male FRASER

2-1-3- Female FRASER

2-2- **Male FRASER** and Female THOMPSON

2-2-1- Male FRASER

2-2-2- Female FRASER

2-2-3- Female FRASER

2-3- **Female FRASER** (twin) and Male RUSSELL

2-3-1- Male RUSSELL

2-3-2- Female RUSSELL

2-4- **Female FRASER** (twin) Male MORRIS

2-4-1- Male MORRIS

2-4-2- Female MORRIS

2-5- **Female FRASER** and Male AITKEN

Gwendoline Eva COOK was born 03 November 1909 Wellington  
**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio 5582 Wellington district)

Roderick James Cramond FRASER was born 05 January 1907 Wellington NZ

Gwendoline Eva COOK married Roderick James Cramond FRASER 03 January 1934  
Wellington

Gwendoline Eva FRASER formerly COOK died 02 September 1979 Wellington NZ

Roderick James Cramond FRASER died 20 November 1979 Wellington NZ

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**3- Noel Winston COOK** born 18 December 1915 Wellington NZ died 03 April 1973 Titahi  
Bay NZ married 2 May 1943 Suffolk England Doreen Louisa Lewer CAREY born 05 July  
1921 Sussex England

3-1- **Male COOK** and Female HOLDEN

3-1-1- Male COOK

3-1-2- Female COOK  
3-1-3- Male COOK  
3-2- **Female COOK** (twin) and Male PERKINS  
3-2-1- Female PERKINS  
3-2-2- Male PERKINS  
3-2-3- Female PERKINS  
3-3- **Male COOK** (twin) and Female PERKINS  
3-3-1- Male COOK  
3-3-2- Female COOK  
3-3-3- Male COOK

Noel Winston COOK was born 18 December 1915 Hataitai Road Wellington. His parents were recorded as Mary Ethel formerly MANSSEN age 36 years born Stokes and Albert Ernest COOK age 35 born Wellington occupation Clerk. They were married on 24 October 1904 Nelson. The birth registration record that Noel had 2 older sisters age 10 and 6 years old. The father A E COOK of Hataitai registered the birth on 04 February 1916  
*(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1916 folio 945 line 222 Wellington district)*

Doreen Louisa Lewer CAREY born 05 July 1921 Sussex England

Noel Winston COOK married Doreen Louisa Lewer CAREY 2 May 1943 Suffolk England

Noel Winston COOK died 03 April 1973 Titahi Bay NZ

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**4- Bryan Manssen COOK** born 15 October 1919 Wellington NZ (killed in action World War Two) died 24 July 1942 Germany

Bryan Manssen COOK born 15 October 1919 Wellington NZ  
**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1919 folio 5679 and web BDM reg. 1919/ Wellington district)

Bryan Manssen COOK (killed in action World War Two) died 24 July 1942 Germany

Bryan Manssen COOK age 22 years born Wellington NZ usual occupation Clerk usual place of abode Wellington New Zealand died while serving in The Royal New Zealand Air Force attached to the Royal Air Force as Pilot Officer service number 40736. His parents were recorded as Mary Ethel formerly Manssen and Albert Ernest COOK occupation Postal Officer. He died on 24 July 1942 and was buried at Oldenburgh (sage) British Military cemetery Germany. Cause of death was killed on air operations as certified by Officer of Defence Force. The informant was W F Ingram Flying Officer from Air Headquarters Wellington.  
*(Reference RGO NZ World War Two death registration 1939-1945 folio)*

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### COOK Miscellaneous information