

## William Cuthbert MANSSEN and Inez Muriel RICKETTS

(Weblink William Cuthbert Manssen & Inez Muriel Ricketts)

### William Cuthbert MANSSEN

B 18 September 1885 Stoke Nelson New Zealand

D 09 March 1927 Kawatiri New Zealand

M 20 March 1915 Nelson New Zealand

### Inez Muriel RICKETTS

B 16 May 1890 Nelson New Zealand

D 30 October 1956 Nelson New Zealand

1<sup>st</sup> M 20 March 1915 Nelson William Cuthbert Manssen (2 Issue) New Zealand

2<sup>nd</sup> M 04 September 1947 (No Issue) New Zealand

Thomas Richard John GRIMMETT

B 03 August 1862 Faringdon England

D 1953 New Zealand

1<sup>st</sup> M 1884 Mary Dorothea FLAMANK NZ (4 Issue)

2<sup>nd</sup> M 04 September 1947 (RICKETTS no Issue)

Children:

1. Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN born 09 February 1916 Nelson New Zealand

2. Valda Inez MANSSEN born 10 November 1919 Nelson New Zealand

### The family history of William Cuthbert MANSSEN and Inez Muriel RICKETTS

William Cuthbert MANSSEN 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)*

It would seem likely that William started school at Stoke School then went to the Boys Central School Nelson or Hampden Street School.

He joined the Nelson Rifles for 8 years and the Wairarapa Rifles for 12 months.

Hamilton May 29 1910 [sic]

Mr C M Manssen C/o Mrs Josephson 42 Peel Street Westport

Dear Brother - Just a P.C. to let you know that I will be writing later in the week.

I remain your loving Brother Will.

NOTE post card image of Sanatorium Rotorua

Conrad Marris MANSSEN was William Cuthbert's older brother

*(Reference post card collection of Emily Ethel and Conrad Marris MANSSEN)*

1911 Nelson supplementary Electoral Roll

- William Cuthbert MANSSEN Hampden Street occupation Tailor

1914 Nelson Electoral roll

- William Cuthbert MANSSEN C/- Mrs HUNTER Washington Road Nelson occupation Tailor

Inez Muriel RICKETTS was born 16 May 1890 at Nelson. Her parents were Emma formerly WALKER and Edward Ambrose RICKETTS Sea Captain.

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1890 folio 1588 Nelson district)

#### Toi Toi School

Inez Muriel RICKETTS birth date 15 May 1890 parent Ed RICKETTS address Haven Road admission date 23 November 1898 last school Haven Road school last day July 1902 standard 6 register number 0617

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Intention to Marry 18 March 1915 Nelson district

William Cuthbert MANSSEN age 29 bachelor occupation Sailor dwelled Nelson 4 years and Inez Muriel RICKETTS age 24 occupation Dressmaker dwelled Nelson 24 years intend to marry at All Saints Church of England Vanguard Street Nelson by Rev W S LUCAS.

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Intention to Marry 1915 agency BDM series 20 item 94 page 2122 line 11 Nelson district)*

William Cuthbert MANSSEN age 29 born Stoke bachelor occupation Tailor married Inez Muriel RICKETTS age 24 born Nelson spinster occupation Dressmaker on 20 March 1915. at All Saints Church Vanguard Street Nelson by the Church of England minister Rev W S LUCAS. William's parents were Emma Elizabeth MARRIS and Charles Frederick MANSSEN occupation Gardner. Inez's parents were Emma WALKER and Edward Ambrose RICKETTS. The witnesses were L ATKINSON Tailor of Nelson and Linda RICKETTS of Nelson. Linda RICKETTS may have been related to Inez's.

*(Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1915 folio 1259 line 484 Nelson district)*

William and Inez had a son Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN who was born 09 February 1916 Nelson

**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1916 folio 1027 Nelson district)

After only one year of marriage William enlisted in World War I and was sent to France leaving behind his wife Inez and their son Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN. Before leaving he was working for William MARRIOTT Nelson as a Tailor.

William Cuthbert MANSSEN service number 17794 Gunner 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Canterbury Infantry Regiment NZ Field Artillery enlisted Featherston on 05-04-1916, left NZ for overseas duty on 26-07-1916, saw duty in France and returned on Maunganui departing 19-03-1918 and was discharged on 07-01-1919 after a total of 2 years 278 days duty. Discharged no longer physically fit for war service on account of illness contacted on Active Service (Pulmonary Tubercle). He spent some time in Brockenhurst hospital England. He was 5 feet 6½ inches in height, weight 10 stone 8 pounds, chest 34-38½ inches, Complexion fair, eyes blue, hair fair and religion Church of England. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

*(Reference NZDF Personnel Archives now at Archives NZ Wellington William Cuthbert Manssen 17794)*

William Cuthbert MANSSEN occupation Tailor address Russell Street Nelson – Discharged Soldiers Settlement Amendment Act 1917 date 03 February 1919 number 927 City of Nelson 60' x 110' date 13 February 1919 Recommended £485 Application to find balance = line 6744 on register.

William and Inez had a daughter Valda Inez MANSSEN who was born 10 November 1919 Nelson

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

## 1919 Nelson Electoral roll

- William Cuthbert MANSSEN Russell Street occupation Tailor
- Inez Muriel MANSSEN Russell Street occupation married

## 1922 Nelson Electoral roll

- William Cuthbert MANSSEN Franklyn Street occupation Pensioner
- Inez Muriel MANSSEN Franklyn Street occupation married

## 1925 &amp; 1928 Nelson Electoral roll

- William Cuthbert MANSSEN Franklyn Street occupation Tailor
- Inez Muriel MANSSEN Franklyn Street occupation married

## 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1929 NZ Post Officer Directory

- William Cuthbert MANSSEN Franklyn Street Nelson Assistant Tailor

## Nelson Lands and Survey Nominal Index Book Volume 2

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During the Depression when work was scarce William went to work at the Public Works Department camp in Kawatiri where he worked as a Labourer. His wife and family stayed in Nelson.

William Cuthbert MANSSEN age 37 born Nelson occupation Labourer died 09 March 1927 Kawatiri Murchison district. Cause of death Coroners verdict: "That the deceased William Cuthbert MANSSEN met his death on the night of 08 March 1927 by drowning in the Buller River of Kawatiri there being no evidence to show how he got in the water." His parent's were Emma formerly MARRIS and Charles Frederick MANSSEN occupation Labourer. He was buried 11 March 1927, at Nelson cemetery (Wakapuaka) by Church of England minister Rev John B DART. William was age 25 when he married Inez RICKETTS in Nelson. His widow was age 37 and his living issue were 1 male age 11 years and 1 female age 7 years. W C ROBERTSON agent authorised in writing by Coroner Murchison registered the death on 11 March 1927. The registrar was H PATTERSON.

*(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1927 folio 591 line 3 Murchison district)*

I transcribed some of the details from the Coroner's report. Conrad Marris MANSSEN identified the body as his brother William Cuthbert MANSSEN. Conrad said that William had a nervous breakdown and as a result was an inmate at Porirua mental Hospital for about three months that was two years ago. Six people gave evidence all said that he was okay except one. William had worked at Kawatiri for 12 months at the Public Works Department where the inquest was held. On the night of the 8<sup>th</sup> William had been playing cards with others in their huts and he complained of a headache, excused himself from the card game and retired to his hut. It was a very hot night. When they went to call him in the morning he wasn't in his hut but the bed had been slept in. He was not at breakfast. When he failed to turn up for work a fellow worker went to look for him and found him face down in about five to six feet of water in the river at the back of the camp. He pulled him out from the river but he was very cold and was dead. He had been there for a long time. Stones were in his coat pocket. The coroners verdict was: That the deceased William Cuthbert MANSSEN met his death on the night of 08 March 1927 by drowning in the Buller River of Kawatiri there being no evidence to show how he got in the water."

*(Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency J Justice series COR coroners 46 item 1926/291 William Cuthbert Manssen)*

William was buried on 11 March at the Wakapuaka Cemetery. William and Inez had been married 11 days short of their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

William Cuthbert MANSSEN place Nelson occupation Tailor court Nelson filed date 01 April 1927 type Will

**ORDER** (Reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOO series 17072 accession W5410 item 2312 court Nelson)

Inez was left a widow with a son and daughter to bring up on her own.

1931 & 1935 & 1938 & 1941 & 1943 & 1946 Nelson Electoral roll

- Inez Muriel MANSSEN Franklyn Street occupation married

1931, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1937 & 1938 NZ Post Officer Directory

- Mrs Arth MANSSEN Franklyn Street Nelson
- 1937, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1946 & 1947 NZ Post Officer Directory
- Mrs Inez MANSSEN 34Franklyn Street Nelson
- 1948 & 1949 NZ Post Officer Directory
- Mrs Oneg M MANSSEN 34Franklyn Street Nelson

Inez Muriel MANSSEN formerly RICKETTS full age born Nelson widow (27 March 1929) married Thomas Richard John GRIMMETT full age born Faringdon Berkshire England widower (03-May 1918) occupation retired builder on 04 September 1947 at The Cathedral Nelson by Church of England minister Rev Bert D JAMESON. Inez's parents were Emma WALKER and Ambrose Edward RICKETTS occupation Sea Captain. Thomas's parents were Charlotte Rachel HUNT and Richard GRIMMETT occupation Builder. The witnesses were Inez's daughter V I WINSTANLEY and daughter-in-law E M MANSSEN both of Nelson. (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1947 folio 1259 Nelson district)

1949 Nelson Electoral roll

- Inez Muriel GRIMMETT Franklyn Street occupation married
- Thomas Richard John GRIMMETT Franklyn Street occupation married

Inez Muriel GRIMMETT ex MANSSEN formerly RICKETTS passed away on the 30 October 1956 age 66 years from 144 Collingwood Street and was buried alongside of her first husband William Cuthbert MANSSEN at the Wakapuaka Cemetery Nelson. (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1956 folio

Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson Anglican block 32 plot 37

Burial record: MANSSEN William C died 9<sup>th</sup> March 1927 42 years (stone read 41) and MANSSEN (GRIMMETT) Inez Muriel died 30 October 1956 age 66 years (wife)

17794 Pte W C MANSSEN Canterbury Regiment died 09 March 1927 age 41 and his wife Inez Muriel died 30 October 1956
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William and Inez MANSSEN their children and descendants

**1- Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN** born 09 February 1916 Nelson died 30 June 1958 Nelson married Muriel Catherine BARTON-WEST born 04 November 1905 England died 06 October 1972 Nelson (No Issue)

Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN born 09 February 1916  
(Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1916 folio 1027 Nelson district)

Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN attended Hampden School admission date 16 February 1922 register number 0243

Nelson College registers from 1930 to 1934  
Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN 1930-34 served World War Two No 2 G.R. Squadron Royal New Zealand Air Force - Diary Proprietor 30a Motueka Street Nelson  
(Reference Publication Nelson College registers 1856-1956)

1938 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN labourer 34 Franklyn Street Nelson

Muriel Catherine BARTON-WEST was born 05 November 1905 England. Her parents were Laura le Maistre MONKS and Charles BARTON-WEST.

1949 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN labourer 9 Endeavour Street Nelson

Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN married 1949 New Zealand Muriel Catherine BARTON-WEST **SEARCH** (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1949 folio

1954 & 1957 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN labourer & Milk Bar Proprietor 30A Motueka Street Nelson
- Muriel Catherine MANSSEN married 30A Motueka Street

1963 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Muriel Catherine MANSSEN married 144 Collingwood Street

1969 & 1972 Nelson Electoral Roll

- Muriel Catherine MANSSEN widow 187 Hampden Terrace Street

Cuthbert Maurice / Morris MANSSEN age 42 years died 30 June 1958 from 144 Collingwood Street Nelson and was cremated 02 July 1958 and the ashes interned at Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson Shone & Shirley Funeral Directors  
(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1958 folio and cremation records No 4 17/27 Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson)

Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN death 30 June 1958 Nelson NZ publication Nelson College Magazine 1958 pupil 1930-1934

Cuthbert Maurice MANSSEN place Nelson occupation Guest House proprietor court Nelson filed date 01 August type Intestate Letter of administration  
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington probate agency AAOO series 17072 accession W5410 item 6463 Nelson court)

Muriel Catherine MANSSEN formerly BARTON-WEST died 06 October 1972 and was cremated 10 October 1972 and the ashes interned at Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson Shone & Shirley Funeral Directors  
(Reference RGO NZ death registration and cremation records No 4 25/27 Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson)

Muriel Catherine MANSSEN place Nelson occupation widow court Nelson filed date 25 October 1972 type Will  
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOO series 17073 accession W5410 item 293/72 court Nelson)

Newspaper article Nelson

MANSSEN Muriel Catherine – On October 6, 1972 at her home 187 Hampden Terrace Nelson loved wife of the late Cuthbert Maurice Manssen loved niece of Mrs Beryl Monks and cousin of Pam (Mrs J O Nicholas) and Douglas Monks.

Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson block 1 Plot 6 - headstone inscription

In loving memory of CUTHBERTY MAURICE MANSSEN died 30 June 1958  
In loving memory of MURIEL CATHERINE MANSSEN died 06 October 1972

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**2- Valda Inez MANSSEN** born 10 November 1919 Nelson died 27 January 1975 Nelson married October 1939 Nelson Gordon Charles WINSTANLEY born 1912 Nelson died 27 May 1965 Christchurch

2-1- **Female WINSTANLEY** and Male OLDHAM

Valda Inez MANSSEN born 10 November 1919 Nelson  
**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1919 folio 5794 Nelson district)

Valda Inez MANSSEN attended Hampden School admission date 22 September 1924 register number 0432

Gordon Charles WINSTANLEY was born 1912 details unknown  
**ORDER** (Reference RGO NZ birth registration 1912 folio)

Valda Inez MANSSEN married Gordon Charles WINSTANLEY October 1939 Nelson  
**SEARCH** (Reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1939 folio)

Gordon Charles WINSTANLEY died 27 May 1965 Christchurch  
**SEARCH** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1965 folio)

Valda Inez MANSSEN died 27 January 1975 Nelson  
**SEARCH** (Reference RGO NZ death registration 1975 folio)

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### RICKETTS Miscellaneous Information

**0- Ambrose RICKETTS** born about 01 October 1809 Great Chalfield Wiltshire England died 1883 (age 71) NZ married 11 October 1841 Bradford Wiltshire England **Elizabeth** born about 1819 England died 1876 (age 56)

- # Ambrose RICKETTS was born 01 October 1809 Great Chalfield Wiltshire England
- 0-1- **James Henry** RICKETTS born about 19 November 1848 (web reg. 1848/387) Nelson NZ
- 0-2- **John James** RICKETTS born about 18 November 1849 Nelson NZ died 13 July 1916 Spring Grove Nelson NZ married 16 June 1886 (web reg. 1886/131) Eliza KIDSON  
# John James RICKETTS married COX formerly WELLS 24 January 1872 (folio 1359) Nelson NZ  
#John James RICKETTS married Eliza KIDSON/RIDSON 16 June 1886 (folio 131) Nelson NZ
- 0-2-1- Charles Nelson RICKETTS born 19 December 1895
- 0-3- **George** RICKETTS born about 10 April 1853 Nelson NZ
- 0-4- **Ambrose Edward** (Captain Edward) **RICKETTS** born about 07 March 1855 Nelson died 06 November 1923 (age 68) married 27 December 1888 Takaka **Emma WALKER** born 1854 Nelson died 04 October 1938 Nelson  
# Ambrose Edward RICKETTS born about 07 March 1855 Nelson NZ = RGO NZ birth registration 1855 folio and web reg. 1855/1173  
# Ambrose Edward RICKETTS aged 34 bachelor occupation Mariner dwelled Nelson 4 days and Emma WALKER age 34 spinster dwelled Nelson 4 days intend to marry in Woodlands Mr VANTS residence Takaka by Rev C W JENNINGS = Archives NZ Wellington Intention to Marry 1888 agency BDM series 20 item 33 page 1347 line 125 Takaka district)  
# Ambrose Edward RICKETTS married Emma WALKER 27 December 1888 (folio 3111) Lower Takaka Nelson NZ  
# Ambrose Edward RICKETT 1895 Marine Department Report = Archives NZ Wellington AJHR 1895 section H 29 page 11  
# Ambrose Edward RICKETT 1904 Marine Department Report = Archives NZ Wellington AJHR 1904 section H 15 page 31  
# Ambrose Edward RICKETTS age 68 years died 06 November 1923 = RGO NZ death registration 1923 folio and web reg. 1923/  
# Ambrose Edward RICKETT place Nelson occupation Master Mariner court Nelson death date 06 November 1923 filed date 17 November 1923 type Will = Archives NZ Wellington probate agency AAO series 17072 accession W5410 item 2070 Nelson  
# Emma WALKER born about 1854 Nelson = RGO NZ birth registration 1854 folio and web reg. 1854/  
# The parents of Emma WALKER arrived NZ on the ship 'Thomas Harrison' which departed Gravesend 26 May 1842 arrived Nelson 25 October 1842 the passenger lists = John WALKER married age 38 occupation Quarryman, Sarah WALKER married age 33 wife, John WALKER child age 10, Mary WALKER child age 9, Isaac WALKER child age 7, Sarah WALKER child age 4 & George WALKER child age 2  
# Emma RICKETTS formerly WALKER died 04 October 1938 Nelson = RGO NZ death registration 1938 folio and web reg. 1938/
- 0-4-1- **Inez Muriel RICKETT** born 16 May 1890 (folio 1588) Nelson died 30 October 1956 1<sup>st</sup> married 20 March 1915 **William Cuthbert MANSSEN** (2 issue) 2<sup>nd</sup> married 04 September 1947 Thomas Richard John RIMMETT (no issue)
- 0-4-2- Florence Evelina RICKETTS born 13 December 1891 (web reg. 1892/191) Nelson died
- 0-4-3- Louisa Linda Emma RICKETTS born about 28 December 1893 (web reg. 1894/18273)  
# Linda Louisa RICKETTS married ALDRIDGE 1915 folio 09444
- 0-4-4- Morris Ambrose RICKETTS born about 1896 (web reg. 1896/17418) NZ died age 66 years in 1962 (web reg. 1962/43014)
- 0-4-5- Fanny Mary Allison RICKETTS born 1898 (web reg. 1898/11717) NZ

- 0-5- Frank Perry RICKETTS** born about 17 March 1857 Nelson NZ died 01 April 1980 married 1913 ANDREW  
 # Frank Perry RICKETTS born 17 March 1857 Nelson NZ = RGO NZ birth registration 1857 folio and web reg. 1857/
- 0-5-1- Frank Perry RICKETTS born died 1980 Nelson married 1913 ANDREW  
 # Frank Perry RICKETTS married ANDREW = RGO NZ marriage registration 1913 folio 3453 and web reg. 1913/  
 # Frank Percy RICKETTS address 8 Rentone Street Nelson occupation Waterside worker second reserves World War One  
 # Frank Perry RICKETTS died 1980 = RGO NZ death registration 1980 folio and web reg. 1980/  
 # Frank Perry RICKETTS age 89 years died 01 April 1980 = Nelson Newspaper Death Notice 1980 page 46
- 0-6- Charles Alfred RICKETTS** born about 30 May 1862 Awaroa Nelson NZ died about 1941 married 10 January 1889 NZ Jane STAINS born died  
 #Charles Alfred RICKETTS born about 30 May 1862 Awaroa Nelson = RGO NZ birth registration 1862 folio and web reg. 1862/  
 # Charles Alfred RICKETTS married Jane STAINS on 10 January 1889 = RGO NZ marriage registration 1889 folio 0421 and web reg. 1889/606  
 # Charles Alfred RICKETTS Marine department report = AJHR 1895 section H29 page 11  
 #Charles Alfred RICKETTS died = RGO NZ death registration folio and web reg.  
 #Charles Alfred RICKETTS place Nelson occupation Master Mariner court Nelson filed date 22 August 1941 type Will Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOO series 17072 accession W5410 item 3515  
 # Jane RICKETTS formerly STAINS died 1950 = RGO NZ death registration 1950 folio and web reg. 1950/  
 # Jane RICKETTS place Nelson occupation widow court Nelson filed date 01 August 1950 type Will = Archives NZ Wellington probate agency AAOM series 6031 item 1459/50

RICKETTS family arrived on "Bolton" 1842 Nelson

"Bolton" departed Gravesend 29 October 1841 arrived Nelson 15 March 1842

- **Ambrose** RICKETTS married age 28 occupation Wheelwright
- Elizabeth RICKETTS married age 22 wife
- **William** RICKETTS married age 20 occupation Mason
- Maria RICKETTS married age 19 wife

**SEARCH** (Reference Publication "From Wiltshire to Nelson 1842 – 1992 – The RICKETTS Family in NZ 1842 – 1992 by I N RICKETTS page 78 photograph of above family)

- 0- William RICKETTS** born about 1821 Waltham England died 04 May 1889 Spring Grove Nelson NZ Zealand married 11 October 1841 Bradford Wiltshire England **Maria** surname unknown born about 1820 England died 05 January 1894 Tadmour NLN NZ  
 # William RICKETTS was born 01 October 1809 Great Chalfield Wiltshire England. His father was John RICKETS  
 # William RICKETTS place Spring Grove occupation Farmer death date 04 May 1889 court Nelson filed date 23 May 1889 type Will = Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOO series 17070 accession W5410 item 876 Nelson court  
 # Maria RICKETTS place Spring Grove occupation widow death date 05 January 1894 court Nelson filed date 22 January 1894 type Will = Archives NZ Wellington Probate agency AAOO series 17072 accession W5410 item 158 Nelson court

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