

Home In Wakapuaka (Weblink MA Home in Wakapuaka)

Times began to improve for our MANSSEN family. On 21 October 1853 George MANSSEN purchased 35 acres of land at Suburban North, Wakapuaka, Nelson. He purchased part of section 20 from Dr J.F. WILSON. The 1845 census showed that section 20 was owned by Robert TOD but the New Zealand Company records state that Robert TOD had purchased section 21. The records showed that section 20 was originally Colonial Reserve and on 15 October 1851 Dr J.F. WILSON purchased about 475 acres of land in Suburban North and part of this land was section 20. Section 20 Suburban North was situated on the corner of Todd's Valley, and included the green gravel quarry, which I understand had not been quarried at this time. Section 20 cost 150 pounds. George paid a 60 pound deposit and took out a mortgage with Joseph Foord WILSON for the balance of 90 pounds. The interest was 10 pound per annum to be paid half-yearly on the 22 April and 22 October each year. The 90 pounds was to be paid in full on 22 October 1858.

George was recorded as living in Suburban North before he purchased section 20 Suburban North. This information was recorded in various Nelson newspaper articles.

Suburban North was made up of 39 Accommodation sections totalling 1, 950 acres and 10 Rural sections totalling 1,500 acres making a total of 3,450 acres in Suburban North.

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 12 February 1853 - Jury List

- Conrad MANSSEN occupation labourer Suburban North

NOTE. This was 8 months before George purchasing section 20 in Suburban North.

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 02 April 1853

To Edward W STAFFOPRD Esq. Nomination for candidate for the Office of Superintendent of this Province

Signed by **George H MANSSEN**

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past database Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 02 April 1853 Volume XII Issue 578 page 22)

The Nelson Examiner Saturday April 1853

Electors (Edward W STAFFORD Esq.) nominated for Superintendent of Province of Nelson.

- Signed by George H MANSSEN

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 21 May 1853

To William COLLINS Esq. Nomination for as representative of the Suburban, Maitai, and Brook Street Valley districts in the Province Council Signed by **C MANSSEN**

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past database Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 21 May 1853 Volume XII Issue 585 page 49)

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 16 July 1853 – Nelson Electoral Roll Suburban North

- George Heinrich Conrad MANSSEN occupation labourer Suburban North
- George Henry MANSSEN occupation farmer Suburban North

NOTE. This was 3 months before George purchasing section 20 in Suburban North.

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 13 August 1853

<p>The Waimea District Electors put add in paper asking David Munro Esq M.D. to consider nomination for Representative of Government G H MANSSEN signed the nomination along with other settlers</p>
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Note The same nominations appeared in other issues of the Nelson Examiner

Saturday 30 July 1853 page 112

Saturday 06 August 1853 page 113

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 17 September 1853

Eligible Investment

For immediate sale a valuable block of land comprising between 400 and 500 acres, situated in Suburban North, about 5 miles from Nelson, two sections of which (being Nos 19 and 20) and containing fifty acres (each) have frontage on the sea beach. About a hundred acres are thickly wooded. It will be sold either in a block, or in lots to suit purchases.

This property, from its proximity to the town and the numerous eligible building sites it possesses, will be valuable investment and will be disposed of on very reasonable terms.

For further particulars apply to Joseph Foord WILSON, Nelson
August 25, 1853

Note the above newspaper article also appeared in other issues of the Nelson Examiner

Saturday 03 September 1853 page 143.	Saturday 10 September 1853 page 151
Saturday 24 September 1853 page 167.	Saturday 01 October 1853 page 175
Saturday 08 October 1853 page 183.	Saturday 15 October 1853 page 191
Saturday 22 October 1853 page 199.	Saturday 29 October 1853 page 207

NO 470 CONVEYANCE

JOSEPH FOORD WILSON TO GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN

This Deed made the Twenty First day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three (21 October 1853) between JOSEPH FOORD WILSON of the Town of Nelson in New Zealand Surgeon of the one part and GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN of Suburban North in the Province of Nelson, Labourer of the other part witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£150) paid the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN to the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged). He the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON doth hereby convey and assume unto the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN his heirs and assigns all that piece or parcel of Land situated within the District of Suburban North aforesaid containing by ad-measurement Thirty Five (35) acres little more or less and being part and parcel of the accommodation section numbered (20) Twenty upon the plan of the District of Suburban North aforesaid bounded on the north by a Road on the East by other parts of the same section on the South by Section numbered (19) Nineteen upon the said plan and on the west by a Road which said piece or parcel of land hereby conveyed and assured or intended so to be is more particularly delineated and described in the plan drawn in the margin of these presents and coloured pink Together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging or appertaining To have and To hold the said piece or parcel of land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN his heirs and assigns To the Use of the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN his heirs and assigns for ever and the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN hereby declares that no woman who may become his widow shall be entitles to Dower out of the said premises or any part thereof as Witness the hands of the said parties the day and year first above written.

JOSEPH FOORD WILSON *G.H. MANSSEN*

Signed by the above named JOSPEH FOORD WILSON and GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN
in the presence of Mr THOS. LOCKE TRAVERS. Solicitor, Nelson
HENRY MARTIN Farmer, Nelson.

(Reference Nelson City Council Lands and Deed Office No 470 Conveyance Nelson 21 October 1853)

No 471 – MORTGAGE
GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN to JOSEPH FOORD WILSON

THIS DEED made the Twenty second day of October one Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three (22 October 1853) between GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN of Suburban North in the Province of Nelson in New Zealand Labourer of the one part and JOSEPH FOORD WILSON of the Town of Nelson Surgeon of the other part Whereas the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN being indebted to the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON in the sum of ninety pounds sterling (£90) hath agreed to secure the payment thereof with interest after the rate of Ten pounds (£10) per centum per annum, in manner and at the time hereinafter particularly mentioned now this Deed witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of ninety pounds sterling (£90) so due and owing from the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN to the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON aforesaid he the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN hereby convey and assure unto the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON his heirs and assigns all that piece or parcel of land situated within the District of Suburban North aforesaid containing by admeasurement Thirty Five (35) acres little more or less and being part and parcel of the accommodation Section numbered Twenty (20) upon the plan of the District of Suburban North aforesaid bounded on the north by a road on the East by other parts of the same Section on the South by Section numbered Nineteen (19) upon the said plan and on the west by a road and which said piece or parcel of land conveyed and assured or intended so to be is more particularly delineated and described in the plan drawn in the margin of these presents and coloured pink Together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging To have and To hold the said piece or parcel of Land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON his heirs and assigns To the Use of the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON his heirs and assigns for ever subject nevertheless to the proviso for redemption hereinafter contained (that is to say) Provided always that if the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN his heirs executors administrators or assigns shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON his executors administrators and assigns the sum of Ninety (£90) sterling on the Twenty Second day of October which will be in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty eight (22 October 1858) and shall and do in the mean time well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON his executors administrators and assigns interest upon the said sum of ninety pounds (£90) after the rate of Ten pounds (£10) per centum per annum by equal half yearly payments on the Twenty Second day of April (22 April) and the Twenty Second day of October (22 October) in each year without any deduction whatsoever then the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON his heirs administrators or assigns will at no time after such payments shall have been made at the request costs and charges of the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN his heirs or assigns reconvey the said premises with the appurtenances unto the said GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN his heirs and assigns as he or they shall appoint free from all encumbrances made done or committed by the said JOSEPH FOORD WILSON his heirs executors administrators and assigns in the meantime as witness the hands of the said parties the day and year above written.

G H MANSSEN

J F WILSON

Signed by the above named GEORGE HENRY MANSSEN and JOSEPH FOORD WILSON in the presence of MR THOS LOCKE TRAVERS, sol., Nelson HENRY MARTIN, Nelson, Farmer.

(Reference Nelson City Council Lands and Deed Office No 471 Conveyance Nelson 22 October 1853)

The earlier 1849 Nelson census stated that there were no schools in the Wakapuaka district but did quote "A wooden building nearly finished, to be used for a Sunday and day school". An early school must have been completed after 1849 as I have located various information that the MANSSEN children attended Clifton Terrace School in Suburban North Nelson.

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington reference SSD 3/2 repro 57 Nelson census 1849 also copy held at Nelson Museum)

George continued to appear on the 1853 – 1859 Jury lists for the Nelson district, but now his dwelling place was recorded as Suburban North.

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 16 July 1853 – Suburban District

M = MANSSSEN George Heinrich Conrad, suburban north, labourer

M = MANSSSEN George Henry, suburban north, farmer

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past database Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 16 July 1853 Volume XII Issue 593 page 2)

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 06 August & 13 August 1853

To David MONRO Esq. Nominated as a representative for the Waimea District

Signed G H MANSSSEN along with other settlers.

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 06 August & 13 August 1853 Volume XII Issue 596 page 1)

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 20 August 1853

At a meeting of the Electors of the Wakapuaka District August 16 1853 the following Resolution was proposed by Dr Wilson and seconded by **Mr Manssen**: - "That Dr Monro, Mr Cautley, and Mr Collins as their Representatives under the New Constitution, be Invited to Dine at Four o'clock, p.m. on Wednesday the 24th inst. At the Black Bull Inn, Wakapuaka as a mark of their esteem and respect and that Mr Mackay and Mr Jollie be also requested to favour the Electors with their company on the same occasion.

W Hodgson, Chairman

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 20 August 1853 Volume XII Issue 598 page 1)

The Nelson newspaper "Examiner" printed details of men on the Nelson jury list. This enabled me to follow our MANSSSEN family's movements

Year	Name	Address	Occupation
1853-54	MANSEN Conrad	Suburban North	Labourer

Note the different spelling of the family surname MANSSSEN.

The New Zealand Parliament met for the first time in Auckland on 27 May 1854. George MANSSSEN appeared on the Electoral Rolls for the Province of Nelson from 1854 to 1877.

Nelson Friday 23 June 1854 New Zealand Government Gazette Province of Nelson Electoral Roll for The Province of Nelson for the Year 1854-55 – Town of Nelson

- George Heinrich Conrad MANSSSEN Suburban North labourer
- George Henry MANSSSEN Suburban North farmer

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington NZ Government Gazette Nelson Friday 23 June 1854 Volume II no 10 page 58)

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 01 July 1854

Electoral Roll for the Province of Nelson for the year 1853-54 Suburban Districts

MANSSSEN George Heinrich Conrad suburban north, labourer

MANSSSEN George Henry, suburban north, farmer

(National Library of NZ Papers past database Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 01 July 1854 Volume XIII page 2)

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle Wednesday 25 October 1854

Ploughing Match at Wakapuaka – Prize 4th = H MANSSSEN (Jun) Bullock team

Note I believe this was Henry MARTIN who won the 4th prize.

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington microfiche 393/783 Reel 14895 Nelson Examiner 1854 - 270)

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 09 December 1854

List of persons claiming to be entitled to vote for the Election of Members of the Board of Trustees and Auditors under the "Nelson Trust Funds Act;" showing their place of abode, calling. Ground on which their claim is made, and number of votes claimed.

MANSSSEN George Heinrich suburban north, farmer, owner – 1

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past database Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 09 December 1854 Volume XIII Issue 691 page 3)

The Nelson Examiner newspaper dated 13 December 1854 ran a report of a plough match that was held at Wakapuaka. The bullock team 4th prize went to H. MANSSSEN (Jun). I believe this was Joanna's son C.H.MARTIN, who often used the surname MANSSSEN.

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 13 December 1854
To W Wells Esq. Nomination for Candidate as Trustee of Nelson Trust Funds
Signed G H Manssen and H MARTIN signed together with other suburban North residents on 01 December 1854

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past database Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 13 December 1854 Volume XIII Issue 692 page 1)

CONTINUE Researching Papers Past from this date using search MANSSSEN"

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Year	Name	Address	Occupation
1854-55	MANSEN George Heinrich Conrad	Suburban North	Labourer

Note the different spelling of the family surname MANSSSEN.

The Nelson Examiner Saturday July 01, 1854 - Suburban District Electoral Roll

- George Henry MANSSSEN occupation farmer Suburban North
- George Heinrich Conrad occupation labourer Suburban North

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 09 December 1854 – List of persons entitled to vote

- George Heinrich MANSSSEN occupation Farmer owner Suburban North

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 13 & 16 & 20 December 1854
To W Wells Esq. Nomination for Candidate as Trustee of Nelson Trust Funds
Signed G H Manssen and H MARTIN signed together with other suburban North residents on 01 December 1854

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers Past database Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 13 December 1854 Volume XIII Issue 692 page 1)

The Nelson Examiner 23 December 1854 Nelson Electoral Roll

- George Heinrich MANSSSEN occupation farmer owner Suburban North

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 24 February 1855 – Supplement list of jurors

- George Heinrich Conrad MANSEN occupation Labourer Suburban North

The Nelson Examiner Wednesday 07 March 1855 & Saturday 10 March 1855
Notice for nomination and acceptance to Suburban North district to Provincial Council to Joseph Foord WILSON Esq.
signed on behalf of meeting by George Heinrich MANSSSEN and Thomas DOUGHTY

Nelson Examiner 07 & 10 March 1855

TO JOSEPH FOORD WILSON, ESQ. The undersigned most respectfully intimate their intention of nominating you and supporting you to represent the Suburban Districts in the Provincial Council, vacant by the resignation of William Collins, Esq.
Signed on behalf of the Meeting
THOMAS DOUGHTY
GEORGE HEINRICH MANSSSEN

(Reference National Library of NZ newspaper section Nelson Examiner 07 & 10 March 1855)

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)

On the 02 April 1855 Eliza MANSSEN was born. She was the last child born to George and Johanna and also the first child they would lose. The very next year Eliza accidentally drowned in a washtub.

1855 & 17 December 1856 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls Nelson Suburban North Roll

- George Heinrich Conrad MANSSEN occupation labourer freehold Suburban North leaseholder & householder Suburban North
- George Henry MANSSEN occupation farmer leaseholder & householder Suburban North

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 07 & 14 July 1855

Nominated for Suburban District William Wells Esq. by Electors signed by G H MANSSEN

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche 393/783 reel 14895 The Nelson Examiner Saturday 07 & 14 July 1855 item 86 & 92)

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Year	Name	Address	Occupation
1855-56	MANSSEN George Heinrich Conrad	Suburban North	Labourer

Note the different spelling of the family surname MANSSEN.

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)

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Year	Name	Address	Occupation
1856-57	MANSSEN George Heinrich Conrad	Suburban North	Labourer

Note the different spelling of the family surname MANSSEN.

Progress in Wakapuaka and Nelson

One month after George purchased the land, the new Nelson Provincial Council met for the first time. The Council started to work on the Education Act and Country Roads Amendment Act. The Education Ordinance Act was passed on 25 March 1856. George was elected to the committees for the Suburban North District Education and Roads Board

(Reference New Zealand Government Gazettes, Province of Nelson issue Wednesday 30 September 1857).

The first rate Collector was Thomas DODSON the second Conrad MANSSEN when the depot was the MANSSEN house just south of the Tod's Valley corner.

(Reference publication Early Tide to Wakapuaka by P V & N L Wastney page61)

The Education Board listed the name of Conrad H. MANSSEN
The Country Roads Board listed the name of G. H. MANSSEN

The Education Ordinance Act introduced a tax of £2 on every household, plus 50 shillings for each child from the ages of 5 to 14 years. Information contained in the meeting register dated 1856 to 1877 of the Suburban North Committee of Education tells us more about George.

Meeting held at the Black Horse Inn – Monday 29 June 1857

Present at the meeting members including Mr MANSSEN

(Reference Nelson Museum Stoke A4050 GSM SUB)

Meeting register 1856 – 1877 of the Suburban North Committee of Education

Meeting held at the committee rooms – 07 December 1857

Present at the meeting Mr MANSSEN and others

A letter was read out from Dr GREENWOOD Secretary to the Central Board of Education dated 14 referring to the appointment of a collector of the “Education Rate” when Mr MANSSEN agreed to undertake that Office having held it on a previous occasion.

(Reference Nelson Museum Stoke A4050 GSM SUB)

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 14 February 1857 – Jury List

- George Heinrich Conrad MANSSEN occupation labourer Suburban North
- Henry John MARTIN occupation labourer Suburban North
- William PAGE occupation Plasterer Suburban North

The Nelson Examiner Wednesday 22 April 1857

Unclaimed Letters

Mr MANSSEN Wakapuaka = 1 letter

The Nelson Examiner Wednesday 22 July 1857

Local Intelligence – Wakapuaka

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Suburban North at the Black Horse Inn on the 28th ultimo William WELLS esq. in the chair. The following persons were elected to the local committee for 1857-8 under the Education Act – Conrad H MANSSEN

The Nelson Examiner Wednesday 23 September 1857

Election nomination for Mr T D DODSON Signed by G H MANSSEN

(reply in same newspaper)

To Mr G H MANSSEN and the other gentlemen that have signed the above request etc. accepted by Thomas DODSON

The Nelson Examiner Wednesday 07 October 1857

Unclaimed letters list

C MANSSEN (2) Letters

The Nelson Examiner supplement 14 November 1857

- George Heinrich MANSSEN occupation farmer owner Suburban North

11 December 1857 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls

- George Heinrich MANSSEN occupation farmer owner Suburban North

Meeting register 1856 – 1877 of the Suburban North Committee of Education

Meeting held on the 04 January 1858

Present at the meeting Mr MANSSEN and other members

Decided to hold exams between the two schools at "Ellendale" on the 01 February 1858 at 1 o'clock. Messrs COLLINS, WASTEY and MANSSSEN appointed to receive addition of subs to purchase prizes.

(Reference Nelson Museum Stoke A4050 GSM SUB)

This was the last appearance of George MANSSSEN in the meeting register. But his stepson, Charles Henry MARTIN, appeared in later entries in the register.

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Year	Name	Address	Occupation
1857-58	MANSSSEN George Heinrich Conrad	Suburban North	Labourer
1858-59	MANSSSEN George Heinrich Conrad	Suburban North	Labourer

At the end of the first year, the residence of the district were canvassed by the Committee for donations towards prize giving and the 1st February 1858 was a red letter day for both school. The committee met in a marquee erected by William SMALL on the Green at Ellendale for the purpose examining the scholars of both schools by Archdeacon Paul and Dr Greenwood and several other gentlemen from town.

After a most careful and lengthy examination of the schools which gave great satisfaction to the teachers and pupils themselves prizes were bestowed on the following children.

Clifton Terrace School – 2nd Class = **Charles MANSSSEN**

(Reference publication *Early tide to Wakapuaka* by P V & N L Wastney page 60)

Note Charles MANSSSEN was the son of Johanna and George. In the same publication as above it states that Ellendale was originally the property of Robert TOD and that George's stepson Charles Henry MARTIN retained the name of Ellendale for his property but documentation state that his property was known as Mount Hamburg. I believe that George and Joanna MANSSSEN retained the name Ellendale for their property and that perhaps the marquee was erected on the MANSSSEN property as George was involved in district affairs.

The Nelson Examiner supplement 27 February 1858 - Jury list

- George Heinrich Conrad MANSSSEN occupation labourer Suburban North
- John Henry MARTIN occupation Labourer Suburban North
- William PAGE occupation plasterer Suburban North

The Nelson Examiner Wednesday 14 April 1858

List of unclaimed letters - Mr MANSSSEN

On 23 November 1858 George MANSSSEN sold part of his property of section 20 to his stepson Charles Henry MARTIN. This land contained the Green Gravel Quarry known to locals as Martin's Gravel Pit.

Some documents left by Charles Henry MARTIN state that he named his property Mount Hamburg but another publication state that his property was called Ellendale. I believe that Charles's property was Mount Hamburg and that his mother and step-father's property was Ellendale which was apparently the original name given to the section owned by Robert TODD.

Two German settlers Conrad MANSSEN and C H MARTIN both settled on land around the corner where Tod's Valley joins the main road. Both men were well known in the district affairs. C MANSSEN had some to the colony in 1843 on the St Pauli with his wife Joanna. C H MARTIN opened the Gravel Pit and sold road gravel for many years. He was a well-read man who spoke English fluently but with a strong German accent. His mud cottage standing on the hillside near the pit was a familiar sight in the early part of this century (1900) and it was the delight of school children to call on their way home for a drink of cold water from Mr Martin's pump over the old well. He left the Martin Prizes to Hillside and Clifton Terrace School and to the Nelson school of Music as well as a piece of land for a public reserve. He seems to have retained the name of Ellendale for the property (originally Robert Tod's).

(Reference Early Tide to Wakapuaka by P V & N I Wastney pages 55 & 56)

1858 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls Suburban North

- George Heinrich Conrad MANSSEN occupation labourer freeholder Suburban North leaseholder & householder Suburban North
- George Henry MANSSEN occupation farmer leaseholder Suburban North & Householder Suburban North

The Nelson Examiner newspaper 11 December 1858

Suburban North Road Tax One Penny in the Pound

G MANSSEN £1.9s.2d & W PAGE £1.5s.0d

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche 106/5-12 1857-58 volume 106/6 L.W. 109 072z Nelson Examiner 11 December 1858)

The Nelson Examiner Saturday 08 January 1859

List of unclaimed letters – G H MANSSEN (returned)

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche 1859 – L.W. 109 106/6 Nelson Examiner 08 January 1859)

The Nelson Province registers at Archives New Zealand Wellington Office provided evidence that G.H. MANSSEN had written five letters to the Superintendent of Nelson between 1857 and 1862. These letters however were not traceable, they had been lost or destroyed. They contained tenders for firewood, cutting a bridle track to Pelorous, and improving the road to the new cemetery.

The Taranaki Wars broke out on the 17 March 1860 and many Nelson settlers volunteered for service. Family stories tell of George and Johanna's son Charles Frederick Henry MANSSEN, volunteering and the buttons on his uniform were kept and have been handed down the line to some of his descendants. I have not found his name on any of the 1860 volunteer lists, but I did find him listed in the Wakapuaka Artillery Company in 1867 and have come to the conclusion that the buttons are off the Wakapuaka Volunteer Company uniform.

Nelson opened up its homes to 1,250 Taranaki refugees in September 1860, most of them being women and children. This was a very worrying time for the Nelson settlers with the Wairau tragedy not forgotten. The Taranaki refugees returned to their homes the following year in April 1861.

07 December 1861 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls Suburban North

- George Heinrich MANSSEN occupation farmer owner Suburban North

The Nelson Examiner 18 March 1863

Road Board Tax One Penny in the Pound names listed for Suburban North

George MANSSEN £1.9s.2d

(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library microfiche 393/783 reel 14895 Nelson Examiner newspaper 18 March 1863)

In the publication "Early Tide to Wakapuaka by P V & N L Wastney information about our MANSSEN ancestors are located on pages recorded below

- C MANSSEN pages 61 & 72
- Conrad MANSSEN pages 55 & 78
- Charles MANSSEN page 60
- Joanna MANSSEN page 55
- Miss MANSSEN pages 77 & 102
- Mrs Geo. H. MANSSEN page 101

In the book "Early Tide to Wakapuaka" by P.V. and N.L. WASTNEY, additional information about our George MANSSEN tells of a political meeting held at the Black Horse Inn in 1863.

Mr MACKAY wanted the district to elect a vigilance committee "to watch not only over their representatives but over the School Committee and Country Road Board, and all other matters concerning the district". Mr MANSSEN said that if their representatives were not competent to look after and watch over the interests of the district without having a vigilance committee to look after them, then the best thing would be to respectfully ask them to resign.

George and Johanna's oldest daughter Caroline Louisa Henrietta MANSSEN married William PAGE on 04 April 1865 at School Suburban North Nelson New Zealand.

The Legal Separation

On 22 September 1864 sadness was to fall on the MANSSEN household with the legal separation of George Henry Conrad MANSSEN and Johanna Catherine Elisabeth, his wife. They had been in New Zealand for 20 years, struggling together through the floods in Upper Moutere, near starvation when they returned to Nelson, breaking in their land at Wakapuaka, and the death of their daughter Eliza. It must have had a toll on their relationship. Detailed below is a copy of the Deed of their Legal Separation. I have not summarised this document, and you will draw your own conclusions.

NO: 6587 TD (Title Deed)
 CONVEYANCE TO USES
 GEORGE HENRY CONRAD MANSSEN
 and JOHANNA his wife
 TO WILLIAM PAGE

THIS DEED made the twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four (22 September 1864) BETWEEN GEORGE HENRY CONRAD MANSSEN of Suburban North in the Province of Nelson in New Zealand Farmer of the first part JOHANNA MANSSEN the wife of the said George Henry Conrad Manssen of the second part and WILLIAM PAGE of Suburban North aforesaid Plasterer of the second part Whereas unhappy differences have arisen and still do subsist between said George Henry Conrad Manssen and Johanna Manssen and by reason of such differences they have agreed to live separate and apart from each other. Now this deed Witnesseth that in pursuance of the said recite agreement in that behalf and in consideration of the premises He the said George Henry Conrad Manssen Doth hereby for himself his heirs executors and administrators covenant with the said William Page his heirs executors and administrators in manner following that is to say That the said Johanna Manssen may from time to time and at all times thereafter live separate from the said George Henry Conrad Manssen her husband as if she were sole and unmarried And that she shall be free from the power and command restraint control authority and government of him the said George Henry Conrad Manssen

and shall and may live and reside in such place or places and in such manner as to her for time to time shall seem meet – and that he the said George Henry Conrad Manssen shall not nor will molest or disturb the said Johanna Manssen in her person or in her manner of living nor at any time or times hereafter require or by any means whatsoever either by ecclesiastical censure or by taking out citation or process or by commencing or instituting any suit whatsoever seek or endeavour to compel her the said Johanna Manssen to cohabit or live with him the said George Henry Conrad Manssen or to compel any restitution for conjugal rights nor shall nor will for that purpose or otherwise use any force violence or constraint to the person of the said Johanna Manssen or sue or cause to be sued any person whomsoever for receiving harbouring protecting or entertaining her but that she the said Johanna Manssen may in all things live as if she were sole and unmarried without the restraint or correction of the said George Henry Conrad Manssen or of any other persons or persons by or through him means consent or procurement And further that it shall be lawful for the said Johanna Manssen from henceforth to have take and enjoy to her own separate and absolute use all such furniture clothes linen wearing apparel and the wearing apparel of her children farm utensils articles and things whatsoever which she now has or may hereafter purchased or which are or may in any manner become her property AND THIS DEED ALSO WITNEASSETH that in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinbefore contained on the part and behalf of the said George Henry Conrad MANSSEN and for divers other good cause and considerations him thereunto moving He and the said William Page doth hereby himself his heirs executors and administrations covenant with the aid George Henry Conrad Manssen his executors and administrators in manner following (that is to say) That the said Johanna Manssen shall not at any time hereafter molest or disturb the said George Henry Conrad Manssen or require or by any means whatsoever either by ecclesiastical censure or by taking out any citation or process or by commencing or process or by commencing or instituting any suit whatsoever or in any other manner endeavour to compel him the said George Henry Conrad Manssen to cohabit or live with the or to compel any restitution of conjugal rights And further that he the said William Page his heirs executors or administrators shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter will sufficiently save defend keep harmless and indemnified the said George Henry Conrad Manssen his heirs executors and administrators and his and their real and personal estate of from and against all and every the debt and debts which the said Johanna Manssen shall or may at any times hereafter during the said separation contract with any person or persons whomsoever and of and from all actions suits claim and demands whatsoever on account thereof AND THIS DEED ALSO WITNESSETH that in consideration of the sum of Twenty five pounds sterling this day paid by the said William Page to the said George Henry Conrad Manssen (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) and also in consideration of the covenant He the said George Henry Conrad Manssen Doth hereby convey and assure unto the said William Page and his heirs All that piece of parcel of land situated within the District of Suburban North aforesaid containing by admeasurement Twenty Five acres little more or less and being part and parcel of the Accommodation Section numbered “20” twenty upon the plan of the District of Suburb and North aforesaid Bounded on the North and east by other parts of the Same Section on the South by Section numbered “19” upon the said plan and on the West by a road and which said lands and hereditaments hereby conveyed and assured or intended so to be are delineated and more particularly described in the plan thereof drawn in the margin on these presents and thereon coloured yellow Together with the Dwelling house erections and buildings now being upon the same or any thereof And all the appurtenances to the same belonging or appertaining to hold the said land hereditaments and all and singular other the premises unto the said William Page and his heirs subject to a certain Deed of Mortgage of the said premises bearing date the twenty first day of September (22 September) instant and made between the said George Henry Conrad Manssen of the one part and James Burnett of the City of Nelson in the said Province Of Nelson Gentleman of the other part for securing the repayments of One hundred pounds

sterling (£100) and interest thereon at the rate of twelve pounds ten shillings (£20.10s) per centum per annum To the use of Johanna the wife of the said George Henry Conrad Manssen and her assigns during her life without impeachment of waste And after the death of the said Johanna To the use of the said William Page his heirs and assigns upon trust that the said William Page sell the said premise together or in parcels and either by Public Auction or Private contract and may buy in or rescind any contract for sale and resell without being responsible for loss occasioned thereby and may enter into execute and do all such agreements assurances and things for effectuating any such sale as he shall thing fit and shall hold the monies to arise therefrom and from every such sale (after payment thereof of all expenses) upon the trusts following that is say upon trust to pay the same equally among such of the Children hereinafter named of the said George Henry Conrad Manssen by the said Johanna his wife namely Charles Frederick Manssen, Caroline Louisa Henrietta Manssen and Mary Elizabeth Manssen as shall be living at the death of the said Johanna Manssen or shall be then dead – leaving lawful issue then living to be paid to his or their respective executors or administrators as part of his or their personal estate AND THIS DEED FURTHER WITNESSETH that for the considerations aforesaid He the said George Henry Conrad Manssen doth hereby assign unto the said William Page his executors administrations and assigns All and Singular the household goods furniture Farming Implements Chattels and other effects now being now being or which hereafter may be in and by upon the Dwelling house and on the premises hereinbefore described and intended to be hereby conveyed and assured To hold the same unto the said William Page his executors administrations or assigns upon trust to permit the said Johanna Manssen during her life to use the same And after death upon trust to divide the same equally between the said Charles Frederick Manssen, Caroline Louisa Henrietta Manssen and Mary Elizabeth Manssen their executors administrators or assigns – IN WITNESS whereof the said parties so these presents have hereunto subscribed their names the day and year first above written.

GEORGE HENRY CONRAD MANSSEN, JOHANN MANSSEN The X Mark of WILLIAM PAGE P.M. Signed by the above named GEORGE HENRY CONRAD MANSSEN, JOHANNA MANSSEN and WILLIAM PAGE in the presence of me the said WILLIAM PAGE by his making his mark the same having been read over explained to and understood by him SAMUEL KINGDON Solicitor Nelson. Ex. R.P.

SAMUEL KINGDON 12 October 1865

(Reference Nelson City Council Lands and Deed Office No 6587 Title Deed Nelson 22 September 1864)

George and Johanna's Twilight years

I have been told that after George and Johanna signed the Separation agreement they continued to live in the same house but in separate rooms and never spoke to each other from that day.

1865 – 1866 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls Suburban Roll

- George Henry MANSSEN Suburban North freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

Seven months after William PAGE made his mark on the agreement he married George and Johanna's oldest daughter Caroline Louisa Henrietta MANSSEN. Caroline and William PAGE first child, Caroline Mary PAGE, was born on the 19 February 1866. She became the first grandchild to our pioneer ancestor, George and Johanna MANSSEN. This was the beginning of the third generation of MANSSENS in New Zealand.

1866-67 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls Suburban Roll

- George Henry MANSSEN Suburban North freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

Colonist & Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle newspapers 12 & 15 & 16 & 19 & 23 February & 02 March 1867

Suburban North District Roads
 Assessments for Suburban North Roads for the year 1866-67
 The collector will attend at Thackwood School on MONDAY March 25 1867 and on the day following at Clifton Terrace School between the hours of Ten am and two pm.
 Robert POLOCK - Chairman - 11 February 1867
 • G H MANSSEN £1.13s.4d
 Plus many other names dwelling in the same district

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website Colonist newspaper 12 & 15 & 16 & 19 & 23 February 1867 page 4 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 4 plus 02 March 1867 page 1)

Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle 12 November & 05 December 1867

MR. WELLS' ADDRESS TO HIS CONSTITUENTS
 W. Wells, Esq., M.H.R. for the district of Nelson Suburbs, on Friday evening last attended a meeting of his constituents, which had been by him convened to be held at the Black Horse, Suburban-north, for the purpose of explaining the proceedings of the late session of the General Assembly. The meeting, which was well attended, was presided over by J. Mackay, Esq., who reminded the electors present that they had been called together for the purpose of receiving from their representative in the General Assembly an explanation of the manner in which he had voted upon the many questions brought before that body in its late session. He hoped they would give to Mr. Wells a patient hearing, and that, if they desired to put any questions to him respecting his votes, they would wait until he had concluded his statement. Mr Wells then addressed the meeting (various details of his address)

Financial Reform League

Mr. Manssen. - When the question was raised as to the consolidation of the different loans, you said it would prove of considerable saving to the colony now you say it was but an act of justice to the Bank of New Zealand

Mr Wells. - Not to the Bank of New Zealand alone, for there are other creditors. If the Government had declined the conversion as now to be carried out, and had gone upon the plan suggested by Dr. Featherston, much money might have been saved to the colony, but would it have been honestly saved?

and

Mr Manssen. - Did you support the Armed Constabulary Force for the North Island, though the northern members protested against it?

Mr Wells. - The Government said, if the Act were not passed they could not guarantee life and property in the outlying districts.

End of article

"That this meeting thanks Mr. Wells for the manner in which he has addressed them, and for his conduct in the House of Representatives."

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past Nelson Examiner & New Zealand Chronicle 12 November 1867 page 3 & 05 December 1867 page 3)

1867-68 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls Suburban Roll

- George Henry MANSSEN Suburban North freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

1868-69 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls Suburban Roll

- George Henry MANSSEN Suburban North freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

August 1870 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls Suburban North Roll

- George Henry MANSSSEN Suburban North freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

Colonist newspaper 21 & 25 & 28 April 1871 & 02 May 1871

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICES

LANDS BEGISTRY OFFICE NELSON

WHEREAS the persons named at foot hereof have each respectively for himself made application to have the land set forth and described after his name brought under the operation of "Title Land Transfer Act, 1870," notices hereby given, that unless caveat be lodged with the District Land Registrar of the District of Nelson, by some person having estate or interest in the said lands, on or before the date herein below for each case specified, the said pieces of land will be brought under the operation of the said Act as by law directed. Diagrams delineating these parcels of land may be inspected at the Land Registry Office, Nelson

DISTRICT OF SUBURBAN NORTH OR WAKAPUAKA

ALEXANDER MCINTOSH - Suburban Section 19 and part of Rural Section VII, 93 acres, granted to Joseph Foord Wilson Bounded - North, partly by Section 20, and partly by other part of VII, occupied by **George Henry Manssen**, Henry Martin, Daniel Slater, Denis Frost, and William Small, East, partly by Section 21a, partly by other part of VII, occupied by William Gill, South, partly by Section 17, and partly by other part of VII, occupied by Honourable Erskine Thomas Erskine, West, by Mud Flats. Also, other part of VII, 48 acres or thereabouts, bounded - North and South by other parts of VII, occupied by William Gill, East, partly by Section 76, and partly by VII, occupied by William Gill, West, by a private road, part of VII.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1871 at the Lands Registry Office Nelson

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past Colonist newspaper 21 April 1871 page 2 & 25 April page 2 & 28 April page 4 & 02 May page 1)

August 1871 to September 1872 Province of Nelson Electoral Roll

- George Henry MANSSSEN Freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

September 1871 Province of Nelson Electoral Rolls Suburban North Roll

- George Henry MANSSSEN Suburban North freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

August 1872 to September 1873 Province of Nelson Electoral Roll

- George Henry MANSSSEN Freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

August 1873 to September 1874 Province of Nelson Electoral Roll

- George Henry MANSSSEN Freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

List of persons liable for Education Rate in the District of Suburban North 1874

Name William PAGE – No of children 2 – amount £3.0s.0d

Name Mrs George Henry MANSSSEN – amount £2.0s.0d

Name Charles Henry MARTIN –amount £2.0s.0d

SEARCH AGAIN (Reference Archives NZ Wellington agency NP Nelson Provincial registered series 18 item 3)

George and Johanna's son Charles Frederick Henry MANSSSEN married Emma Elizabeth MARRIS on 03 June 1874 in Willis Street Wellington North Island New Zealand.

August 1874 to September 1875 Province of Nelson Electoral Roll

- George Henry MANSSEN Freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

Colonist newspaper 22 & 29 June 1875

<p>"CATTLE TRESPASS ACT 1868" NOTICE is hereby given, that on and after the 9th day of July next, 1875, the Provisions of "The Cattle Trespass Act 1868" will be ENFORCED on my Land, being part of Section No, 20, District of Suburban North and that it is my intention to CLAIM DAMAGES for all Cattle trespassing on the said Land, whether fenced or unenclosed JOHANNA MANSSEN Suburban North, June 8th 1875</p>	<p>Number 827</p>
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(Reference National Library of NZ papers past Colonist newspaper 22 June 1875 page 1 & 29 June page 4)

George did not appear on the list. It seems it was about this time George left the Nelson district. George appeared on the Electoral Rolls for the Nelson area, as he still had an interest in a property in the area mentioned in the Deed of Legal Separation. If anyone owned land in a district that they did not live in, they still had voting rights in that district. This makes it hard for anyone trying to find exactly where their ancestor lived in the early years of New Zealand. There was no trace of George in any directories.

August 1876 to September 1877 Province of Nelson Electoral Roll

- George Henry MANSSEN Freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

On the 22 April 1877 at the age of 54 years, George Heinrich Conrad MANSSEN died in the Picton Hospital of Paralysis Anusarica. The duration of his illness was recorded as one year. I had great difficulty trying to find his death as it was registered under George Henry MANSSEN. The death was registered on the 23 by the Hospital Warden J. KENNARD. The information he gave was "Not Known" for the details of father, mother and wife and "nil" for children. George was buried on the 24 April 1877 at the Picton cemetery. The Church of England lay reader I.A.R. GREENSILL took the service. The witnesses at the burial were I.A.R. GREENSILL and J. GARVIE, the undertaker.

The Marlborough Press Friday 27 April 1877

<p>DEATH On the 22nd April at the Picton Hospital Mr George Henry MANSON late of Nelson District age 54 years.</p>
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(Reference Alexander Turnbull Library newspaper section The Marlborough Press 27 April 1877 = 89/2)

August 1877 to September 1878 Province of Nelson Electoral Roll

- George Henry MANSSEN Freehold part of section 20 Suburban North

Nelson Evening Mail newspaper 04 May 1878

The following persons are objected to as not being entitled to have their names retained on the list of voters for the electorate district of Suburbs of Nelson - Registrars Office Nelson

Name	George Henry MANSSEN
Place of abode	Suburban North
Qualification	Freehold
Ground for objection	Dead

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website newspaper Nelson Evening Mail 04 May 1878 page 5)

Colonist newspaper 07 May 1878

The following persons are objected to as not being entitled to have their names retained on the list of voters for the electorate district of Suburbs of Nelson - Registrars Office Nelson

Name George Henry MANSSSEN
 Place of abode Suburban North
 Qualification Freehold
 Ground for objection Dead

(Reference National Library of NZ papers past website newspaper Colonist 07 May 1878 page 5)

The early Picton Cemetery records have been destroyed in a fire, so I could not find the plot George was buried in. There is no headstone at the cemetery bearing this name. The Diocese of Nelson could give me no extra information on George's burial. I found this a sad ending for our pioneer ancestor. George made a considerable contribution to the Nelson District in those early years of Settlement. This book will be the memorial to his memory.

George Heinrich Conrad (registered George Henry MANSON) MANSSSEN died on 22 April 1877 at Picton Hospital South Island New Zealand. He was born in Germany and dwelled in NZ for 30 years (arriving about 1847). Cause of death was Paralysis anussarica [sic] 1 year as certified by Dr W B TRIPE who saw him last on 22 Aprils 1877. Parent's details were unknown. He was buried on 24 April 1877 at Picton cemetery by I A R GREENSILL Church of England lay reader. Marriage and issue details were unknown. The witnesses were I A R GREENSILL and J GORRIE [sic] undertaker. The death was registered by J KENEDDY [sic] the Hospital Warden of Picton on 23 April 1877. The registrar was James ALEXANDER.

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1877 folio 541 line 25 web reg. 1877/974 Picton district registered under George Henry MANSON age 54 years born about 1823)

George was buried on 24 April 1877 at the Picton cemetery but there is no headstone bearing his name. The records of the Picton cemetery were destroyed in the Blenheim City Council fire so there is no record of where George is buried in the cemetery.

I wrote to the Archivist at the Diocese of Nelson and they stated that.

'I have searched the Picton burial register and the following is a copy of the entry'

No 85 George Henry Manson
 Abode Picton Hospital
 Buried 23 April 1877
 J A R GREENSILL – layreader

'I am afraid the entry does not give plot numbers or block numbers'.

(Reference Archivist at the Diocese of Nelson P O Box 100 and/or 218 Trafalgar Street Nelson)

In 1993 the MANSSSEN family reunion was held at Founders Historical Park in Nelson to mark the 150th anniversary of the family's arrival in New Zealand. The committee used funds from the reunion to purchase a plaque and placed it below the headstone of Charles Frederick Henry MANSSSEN at the Wakapuaka cemetery in Nelson NZ.

<p>EARLY NELSON PIONEER SETTLER WHO ARRIVED IN 1843 ON THE 'ST PAULI' GEORGE HEINRICH CONRAD MANSSSEN DIED 22ND APRIL 1877 AGED 54 YEARS BURIED IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE</p>
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Unfortunately someone unknown removed the plaque from the headstone and so now there is nothing to commemorate our pioneer ancestors in either Picton or Nelson.

In 1879 Parliament passed the Act giving males over 21 the right to vote. It was not until 1893 that the women could vote. This meant I could not trace Johanna's movements. It is

always hard to trace the female members of the family. I have many details on George but so little on Johanna. We know she could read and write and was a sempstress and able to make clothes for her family. Perhaps some of her handwork still exists and is held by some of her descendants. It was Johanna who registered her first grandchild, Caroline Mary PAGE. In 1882 information was gathered about the Freeholders of New Zealand and our ancestor Johanna was listed along with her eldest son:

Name	Johanna MANSON	Charles Henry MARTIN
Place	1 Wakapuaka	Postman Wakapuaka
County	In Waimea	In Waimea
Land	24 Acres	10 Acres
Value	450 pounds	200 pounds

1882 Freeholders of New Zealand

Johanna MANSON Wakapuaka In Waimea 24 acres Value £450.0s.0d

1883-1884 & 1885-1886 Wisers New Zealand Directory

- Johanna MANSSSEN residence Wakapuaka North

(Reference National Library of NZ & Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington 1883-1884 & 1885-1886 Wisers NZ Directory)

Johanna Elizabeth MANSSSEN age 77 years born Hamburg Germany died 08 May 1889 at Wakapuaka Nelson NZ. Cause of death was Natural decay as certified by Dr B LOCKING LRCR [sic] who saw her last on 30 April 1889. Her father was Mr LISAHL occupation Tailor. She was buried on 10 May 1889 at Nelson (Wakapuaka) cemetery in Nelson by Episcopalian Minister Rev A R WATSON. Johanna had dwelled in NZ for 46 years arriving about 1843). She married 1st in Hamburg Germany to Henry MARTIN. She married 2nd in Hamburg Germany age 29 to George Henry MANSSSEN. Her living issue were 2 males age 56 & 41 years and 2 females age 47 & 30 years. The undertaker of Nelson Alfred AMOS registered the death on 17 May 1889. The registrar was Rob KIRTON

(Reference RGO NZ death registration 1889 folio 780 line 34 web reg. 1889/ Nelson district)

Johanna Catherine Elisabeth MANSSSEN, age 77 years, passed away at Wakapuaka on the 08 May 1889. The cause of death was listed as 'natural decay'. She was buried on 10 May at the Wakapuaka Cemetery in Nelson. Rev A.R. WATSON took the service. Details on the death registration stated that she was born in Hamburg Germany and that Johanna had lived in New Zealand for 46 years. Her marriage details record that she was 19 years old when she married Henry MARTIN in Hamburg Germany. Johanna's second marriage to George Henry MANSSSEN was also in Hamburg Germany. Her maiden name was LISAHL and her father was a Tailor (her father could have taught her to sew). It recorded that her living issue were two males aged 41 and 56 years, and two females age 30 and 47 years. All the children's ages are correct except for the 30-year-old female. Johanna's youngest daughter Mary Elizabeth MANSSSEN would have been 39 years old at the time of her mother's death. I wonder if Mary gave the details of their ages to the undertaker and made out she was younger. Johanna's death notice was found in two Nelson newspapers.

The Nelson Colonists newspaper

8 th May 1889 at her residence Wakapuaka Mrs J MANSSSEN age 77 (Buried in New Cemetery)

Nelson Evening Mail Thursday 09 May 1889

Funeral
The friends of the late Mrs MANSSSEN are respectfully informed that her funeral will leave her late residence Wakapuaka. TO-MORROW (Friday) at one o'clock for Nelson Cemetery

A AMOS Undertaker

Wakapuaka cemetery Nelson

- Johanna MANSSEN died 08 May 1889 age 77 years buried Anglican block 10 plots 21
- Mary Elizabeth MANSSEN died 19 May 1931 age 80 years buried Anglican block 10 plots 22

George and Johanna our pioneer ancestor had a total of five children (including Johanna's son), 27 grandchildren, 86 great-grandchildren and traced to date, 267 great-great grandchildren, 517 great- great-great grandchildren, 230 great-great- great-great grandchildren, and 6 great-great-great- great-great grandchildren,

We owe a lot to our pioneer ancestors not only for our existence, but also for the contribution they made in the early development of our country. Thank you George and Johanna for making us rich in family and proud that we are your MANSSEN FAMILY IN NEW ZEALAND.

MANSSEN Miscellaneous information

The MANSSEN family and descendants gave names to their properties and I have compiled a list below.

Ellendale	Robert TOD and later it is believed that the MANSSEN family used this name for their property.
Mount Hamburg	Charles Henry MARTIN also known as MANSSEN
Greendale	Caroline MASSEN & William PAGE then later Mary Elizabeth MANSSEN (2 storey house) and later Caroline PAGE & Daniel BARNES. This could have also been the original MANSSEN property
Rosemary	Charles PAGE (son of Caroline MANSSEN & William PAGE) (2 story house)
Mary Bank	William WELLS and later Lillian Ida PAGE & John Thomas BARNES
Tharswood	FROST family
Belverdere	KERR family
