

STUART MCKENZIE LOGAN

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Stuart Logan was born in London in 1876 to parents Duncan and Eliza (called May). Duncan was brought up in Scotland and married a French girl, May, in 1871 near Rothesay on the west coast of Scotland. They moved to London and quickly they had Catherine (called Katie), Frank, Gordon, Stuart and Maggie.

On the 17 July 1880 they departed London for Melbourne. Their ship was being towed by another tug and unfortunately the steamship *Centurion* collided with the ship near the Dungeness, off Dover in fog. All were saved, but the Logans had lost all their belongings.

The story continued with the family boarding another ship called the *Sorata*. This article stated that Mr and Mrs Logan, five children and a nurse had departed a few days later destined for Melbourne. It had the Duke of Manchester aboard and the family was listed in the first class. It seems they were going to Melbourne to attend the opening of the upcoming International Exhibition in Carlton. This ship had docked at Adelaide on its way and the Duke had breakfast with the South Australian Governor. They departed later that day and as they passed Cape Jervis, this ship ran aground. All were saved by passing ships. They then boarded the steamer *Victoria* and headed to Melbourne.



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Stuart McKenzie Logan Timeline

- In 1880 they travelled from Melbourne up to Parkes, NSW, where Duncan brought *Moura* station, however poor seasons forced them to move back to Melbourne.
- Stuart was then schooled in Melbourne.
- About 1894 the family shifted to Albury.
- 1898 Stuart forms a partnership with Alexander Frew, in Young St. The company of Frew & Logan is born. A short time later they moved to North East corner of Wilson and Olive St.
- 1904 they took over F A Selle's undertaking business.
- 1906 they built St David's Presbyterian Church.
- They also opened Brickworks in Tribune St, where the Scot's school dam is.
- 1907 built Union Bank corner Dean and Olive St.
- 1911 Stuart became an Albury Alderman. The Big Equity case, as it was called, occurred. This is where Dr Andrews, the historian, had a 5 week court case in Sydney against Frew and Logan over the noise that the machines were making. This case was lost by Frew and Logan so they bought land and shifted to Swift St corner of Macauley and Spencer.
- In 1915 Stuart is Mayor of Albury.
- 1916 electricity was turned on in Albury. Stuart and Percy Burrows together had fought hard to achieve electrification for Albury.
- 1918 the dissolution of Frew & Logan partnership. Alexander Frew shifted to Sydney.
- "Logans" is the new business name
- In November a large fire destroys Logans but Stuart rebuilds.
- 1925 Monument opened. Stuart has been on this committee since 1919 and was a major promoter of the project. This year also has him as part of a 3 person committee that organizes the opening of Amalgamated Textiles, the Woollen mills.

- 1926 Logans builds a new brick works in David St, about where the Seventh Day Adventist Church is today.
- 1934 Uiver landing in which Stuart played an integral role, orchestrating the landing and the following day's events.
- 1948 Stuart M Logan dies on the 21 June 1948. Six weeks later the long standing Albury Mayor Alf Waugh also passed. A sad time for council. The business is now run by sons, Don the carpenter, and Ken the plumber and daughters Jessie and Jean in the office.
- In 1980 Logans business closes.

Frew & Logan, and Logans constructed many buildings across the area. The following is a representative list of buildings constructed in the outer country areas: The Lighthouse homestead near Tooma, Walwa butter factory, Tumbarumba Hotel, Holbrook hotels, shops, residence and hospital, The Rock Post Office, Henty Hotel, Lockhart School, Culcairn shops and residence, homesteads at Morven, Mullengandra, Gerogery, Table Top, Burrumbuttock, the Brocklesby Hotel and Union Church, Goombargana Church, Corowa Hotel and Post office, Yackandandah residence, old Tallangatta shops, residence and vicarages and a butter factory in Cootamundra.

Right: Logan Plans (courtesy Albury LibraryMuseum)

