

**TWO SHOPS IN NEWBOLD WHICH BENEFITTED  
FROM NEW LOUNT COLLIERY MINER'S TRADE**



**STEWARTS SHOP AT NEWBOLD**

**BY SAMUEL T STEWART - FEBRUARY 2024**

**[samuelstewart.com](http://samuelstewart.com)**

## SHOP NUMBER ONE - OWNED BY WILLIAM AND LILL STEWART



William Stewart, (aka Bill & Snip) b. 1881 in Gelsmoor, married Liley (known as Lill) Richards from Coleorton in 1903. Bill, the uncle of the author of this publication and one of the 'The Stewart family of Lount' features in the following photograph (No.3)



		A	B	
		Samuel Stewart Snr	Sarah Ann Stewart	
		b.1854 m.1876 d.1932	b.1855 m.1876 d.1929	
6	3	8	2	1
John (Jack) Stewart b.1885 m. NM d.1928	William Stewart b.1881 m.1903 d.1960	Sarah Ann Stewart Jnr b.1889 m.1913 d.1964	Samuel Stewart Jnr b.1879 m.1898 d.1955	James Stewart b.1878 m.1900 d.1964
7	5	10	9	4
Hannah Stewart b.1886 m.1909 d.1968	Gertrude Stewart b.1884 m.1908 d.1968	Frederick Robert Stewart b.1894 m.1917 d.1967	Clarrie Maria Stewart b.1891 m.1919 d.1991	Annie Elizabeth Stewart b.1883 m.1903 d.1982

**THE STEWART FAMILY OF LOUNT IN 1921**

Bill played cricket for Staunton Harold Cricket Club in his younger days, and features in the following photograph.



### Staunton Harold Cricket Club - 1901

J. Bradford	<b>Samuel Stewart</b> (b.1879)	T.Potter	H.Woodward	F.Chester	J.Chester	J.Waterfield	W.Fairbrother (Umpire)
	<b>James Stewart</b> (b.1878)	H.Bulll (Capt.)	Rev. Prichard	G.Lowe	C.Ball		
J.Harrison						<b>John (Jack) Stewart</b> (b1885)	
	<b>William Stewart</b> (b.1881)	T.Waterfield	J.Harrison	W.Kenney			

Bill (also known locally as snip) was a keen gardener and also a regular and enthusiastic imbiber at the "Cross Keys", a convenient hostelry on route to the 'Newbold Pipeworks', where he worked as a labourer. Bill and Lill had three daughters – Ivy, Violet and Elizabeth, who was a teacher, and taught at Newbold School for many years.

Bill's wife Lill was actually born in Gresley, Derbys, but in 1891 the family were living in Rough Park, Coleorton. Her mother and father James, a collier (36) and Lettie (36) were born in Worthington and Staunton Harold respectively. Liley was aged 6 at the time and she had 5 sibling; Frederick (15) b. Gresley, William (12) b. Worthington, James (8) b.Gresley, Maria (3) b. Coleorton and Horace (11m) b. Coleorton.

The couple's first home was in one of the rented cottages "in the hollow" adjacent to the track of the old Coleorton Railway on the north side of the Rempstone Road. Their second home was a new bungalow they had built which is shown in the preceding photograph; this was situated on the corner at the junction with School Lane and Melbourne Road. The right hand side of the bungalow was converted into a general village store which was run by Lill, which she continued to do after her husbands death in 1960.

The store catered for the local village but benefited mostly with the trade from the 'New Lount Colliery miners' who purchased such things as cigarettes, pipe bacca, Polo Mints and ice cream

The shop closed after the New Lount Colliery finished coal production in 1968. Lill used to make delicious ice cream in a barrel with a central container surrounded by ice. The author used to visit the family with his father and experienced the delights of the ice cream on many occasions.

## **SHOP NUMBER 2 - GERTIE STEWART'S COTTAGE SHOP**

Gertrude (Gertie) Stewart was born June 5<sup>th</sup> 1884 in Lount, and died in 1968. She was the auntie of the author of this publication, and brother to Bill Stewart above. She features in the earlier 'Stewart Family of Lount' photograph (No.5). Gertie lived in a cottage on the opposite side of Melbourne Road to the later entrance to New Lount Colliery, in what was called "Newbold Spinney".

She married Bill Menzies who was an electrician at New Lount Pit following the death of her first husband Jack Hogg, who broke his back in an accident at pit.

The cottage also served as a small shop after the colliery was opened, from which Gertie sold carbide (for the miners shookie lamps), chocolate, cobs, sandwiches etc to the miners.

Gertie also stored and looked after the miners bicycles, for a charge of course. She apparently did quite well out of the shop, and there was a competitive element between her enterprise and brother Bill on the opposite side of School Lane.



**Gertrude Stewart aged 16**