

## BENTON FAMILY

*NB: The following is prepared from Falkland Islands Registers and files – there may be other family born outside the Falklands. Unless stated otherwise, all dated births, deaths and marriages occurred in the Falklands and all numbered graves are in Stanley Cemetery. Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.*

**Alfred Walter BENTON**, his wife **Emily BENTON** née **MORTON** and their daughter **Esther** arrived in Stanley on board the RMS *Orepepa* 3 June 1909. [FIM Jul 1909] Alfred was the Government House gardener, commencing work 3 June 1909 on £96-0-0 per annum plus accommodation and fuel allowance. In 1916 his annual salary was increased to £108-0-0 and in 1920 to £140-0-0. Alfred, Emily and their ten surviving children left the Falkland Islands on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.

### FIRST GENERATION:

#### Children of Alfred and Emily BENTON:

1. **Esther BENTON** born C1908 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Arrived with her parents on board the RMS *Orepepa* 3 June 1909. Attended St Mary's Catholic School. In 1920 was in Class V and was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> in Conduct, a 1<sup>st</sup> in diligence, a 2<sup>nd</sup> in attendance and a 1<sup>st</sup> in needlework. Left with her family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.
2. **Stanley Walter Frederick BENTON** born 16 October 1909 in Stanley and baptised 30 October 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. He died 22 April 1910 from spina bifida and is buried in Grave H718.
3. **Douglas Walter BENTON** born 28 December 1910 in Stanley. Attended St Mary's Catholic School. In 1920 was in Class II and was awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> in diligence. Left with his family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.
4. **Alfred Stanley "Stanley" BENTON** born 15 January 1912 in Stanley. Attended St Mary's Catholic School. In 1920 was in Class I and was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> in diligence and a 1<sup>st</sup> in attendance. Left with his family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.
5. **Gilbert Frederick BENTON** born 31 March 1913 in Stanley. Attended St Mary's Catholic School. In 1920 was in the Infants First Class and was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> in diligence and a 1<sup>st</sup> in attendance. Left with his family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.
6. **Arthur Morton BENTON** born 5 September 1914 in Stanley. St Mary's Catholic School. In 1920 was in the Infants Second Class and was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> in diligence and a 1<sup>st</sup> in attendance. Left with his family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.
7. **Ruth Malvina BENTON** born 30 September 1915 in Stanley. Left with her family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.
8. **Isabel Mary BENTON** born 28 September 1917 in Stanley. Left with her family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.
9. **Elizabeth Lila BENTON** born 4 September 1918 in Stanley. Left with her family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.
10. **Bertie George BENTON** born 30 September 1919 in Stanley. Left with his family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.

11. **Alice Emily BENTON** born 23 April 1921 in Stanley. Left with her family on board the RMS *Orita* 12 July 1921.



*Emily with her children Esther age 13; Ruth age 5; Isabel age 3; Elizabeth age 2; Bert age 1 (Alice not shown)*



*Alfred with his sons: Douglas age 10; Stanley age 9; Gilbert age 8; Arthur age 6*