

BENDER 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. Any variations which may occur in the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

Christoph Peter Wilhelm ‘Charles’ BENDER was born circa 1844 in Hamburg, Germany.

On 26 June 1875 Charles went into partnership with William COULSON at Moody Valley.

On 11 May 1876 Charles was naturalised as a British citizen.

Charles was married to **Hannah CONISBEE** 31 May 1888 in St Mary’s Roman Catholic Church. Hannah was born 30 March 1857 at 92 Albion Hill, Brighton, England.

Hannah, age 57 and British, died 21 September 1916 from influenza and pneumonia and was buried in Grave F 811.

Christoph, age 84, a farmer and naturalised British subject, died 6 December 1924 and was buried 10 December 1924 in Grave E 912. In his will dated 3 December 1924 Christoph left his leasehold farm at Moody Valley, animals, installations, etc, to his son Christoph subject to the condition that he pay to his sister, Jessie, £100 pounds per annum out of the profits, the full use of Moody Valley farm house, the garden, one out shed. Also, 150 cubic yards of peat to be cut, rickled and carted to the house each year at the expense of the farm and as much mutton as she may require. He bequeathed to his daughter Dorothy in England £100 cash. [BUG/REG/7; 321] In the Dictionary of Falklands Biography.



FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Christoph and Hannah BENDER:

1. **Alice Mary BENDER** born 20 March 1889 in Moody Valley and baptised 30 June 1889 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Alice was married to **James Hogan SMITH**, farmer, 2 August 1916 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone. The witnesses were John F Smith, Dorothy Doris Bender and Christoph Bender. James' father was recorded as George P Smith, farmer, and Alice's father was recorded as Christoph P Bender, farmer. James, age 44 and a farmer living at Johnsons Harbour, and Alice, age 39, went to the UK for pleasure in 1928. James was recorded as being 5' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall with blue eyes and fair hair and Alice was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with brown eyes and black hair. James died 11 September 1960 at Stanley and is buried in Grave R1680. Alice died 19 February 1963 at Stanley and is buried in Grave R1733.



Alice (standing) circa 1893



James and Alice in 1928

2. **Florence Gertrude BENDER** born 2 June 1892 and baptised 16 September 1892 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Florence, age 8 months, died 27 January 1893 from inanition and was buried in Grave A 51.
3. **Edith Winifred BENDER** born 16 September 1893. Her father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Edith was married to **Andrew Cameron SMITH**, farmer, 29 July 1916 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Governor's Licence by Mario Louis Migone. The witnesses were John F Smith and S M Ussher. Andrew's father was recorded as George P Smith, farmer, and Alice's father was recorded as Christoph P Bender, farmer. Andrew died 6 September 1967 at Stanley and is buried in Grave R1762-5. Edith died 16 December 1983 and is buried in Grave R3007.
4. **Christoph Peter William BENDER** born 24 May 1895 in Stanley and baptised 25 August 1895 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Christoph, a farmer, was married to **Christina GOSS** 25 October 1916 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone. The witnesses were William Aldridge and Edith Norton. Christoph's father was recorded as Christoph Bender, farmer, and Christina's father was recorded as William Goss, cook. Christoph, age 57 and a general workman living at 26 Davis Street, went to the UK in 1952 for a holiday and medical treatment. He was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with blue eyes and grey hair. Christina, age 61 and a housekeeper, emigrated to the UK in 1953 and then on to Australia. She was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with blue eyes and grey hair. Christoph, age 82, died in 1977 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Christina died 23 August 1979 (*not in Falkland Islands*).



Christina in 1953

5. **Jessie Hannah BENDER** born 4 March 1897 in Moody Valley and baptised 26 September 1897 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Jessie, age 30 and living in Veronica Cottage, went on holiday to Punta Arenas in 1927. She was recorded as being 5' 5" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Jessie, age 67, went on holiday to the UK in 1964. Jessie, age 69, died 18 October 1966 in Stanley and was buried 21 October 1966 in Grave R 1761.



Jessie in 1927

6. **Beatrice Orissa 'Beattie' BENDER** born 31 August 1899 in Moody Valley and baptised 21 March 1902 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Beatrice, age 23 and living at Moody Valey, emigrated to the UK in 1923. She was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. Beatrice, age 23, was married to **William Robert MILLAM** 27 June 1923 in All Saints Parish Church, Portsmouth, England. Beatrice has met William when he was a naval telegraphist at Moody Brook. Beatrice, age 91, died 25 July 1991 in Eastborne Hospital..



Beatrice in 1923

7. **Caroline Conisbee BENDER** born 22 June 1890 in Stanley and baptised 14 September 1890 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Caroline was married to (1) **Charles John PERRY**, shepherd, 8 February 1907 at Stanley by Mario Louis Migone RC Priest. The witnesses were William Charles McDaid and Alice Mary Teresa Bender. Charles' father was recorded as John Perry, farmer, and Caroline's father was recorded as Christoph Bender, farmer. Charles, age 35, died 27 January 1916 of carcinoma of the stomach and is buried in Grave I804. Caroline, a widow, was married to (2) **Alexander Manuel YATES**, a shepherd, 4 February 1921 at Fox Bay West, West Falkland by Registrar's Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Michael Robson and Annabella McKay. Caroline, age 46, died 1 December 1936 of breast cancer and was buried and was buried Friday 4 December 1936 in Grave K1102. Alexander died 22 October 1957 in Stanley and is buried in Grave Q1599.
8. **Dorothy Doris BENDER** born 19 July 1901 in Stanley and baptised 15 March 1916 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Dorothy, age 21 and living in Stanley, emigrated to the UK in 1922. She was recorded as being 5' 5" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair. In December 1924 she was living at 55 Cyprus Road, Buckland, Portsmouth, Hants, England. [BUG/REG/7; 321] Dorothy was married to **Frank BLUNDEN** 15 October 1932 in Midhurst Parish Church, West Sussex, England. Dorothy, age 97, died 12 March 1999 in Selsey, West Sussex.



Dorothy in 1922

SECOND GENERATION:

Children of Edith (3) and Andrew SMITH:

1. **Roma Endora SMITH** born 6 March 1917 at Johnsons Harbour. Roma, a nurse, was married to (1) **Gordon Edward McGILL**, shepherd, 30 December 1942 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley by Special Licence by Hugh F Drumm, RC Priest. The witnesses were Albert Hills and Lilian Alma Dettleff. Romad, age 34, travelled to Montevideo to visit her husband in 1950. She was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with brown eyes and red hair. Gordon died 13 November 1950 age 44 of myocardial failure and is buried in Grave 1438. Married (2) **Ernest REIVE**, station hand at Green Patch, 28 September 1960 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Stanley by James Ireland, Rt Rev Monsignor, Prefect Apolostic. The witnesses were S H Johnson and Thora Perry. Ernest died 21 October 1994 and is buried in Grave V3218.



Roma in 1950

2. **Iola Winifred SMITH** born 3 December 1918 in Stanley. Iola was married to (1) **Leslie Holland SOLLIS**, shepherd, 29 August 1944 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were Maud Sollis and E J Brain. Leslie died 28 May 1964 at Port Louis and is buried in Grave P1751. Iola was married to (2) **Frederick John BURNS**, packer, 23 January 1965. at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. Iola, age 50 and a housewife, went to the UK on holiday in 1969. She was recorded as being 5' 5" tall with blue eyes and greying hair. Frederick died 22 April 1984 and is buried in Grave V3020. Married (3) **Eric SMITH**, shepherd, 30 December 1988 at Johnsons Harbour by A Agreiter, Prefect Apostolic. Iola died 9 January 1996 in Stanley.



Iola in 1969

3. **Osmund Raymond SMITH** born 20 February 1921 at Johnsons Harbour (twin). Osmund was married to **Elenore Olive MORRISON** née **CLIFTON**, divorced cook, 10 July 1995 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Stanley by A Agreiter, Prefect Apostolic. Osmund, age 94, died 6 January 2016 and was buried in Grave V3619.
4. **Thora Virginia SMITH** born 20 February 1921 at Johnsons Harbour (twin). Thora was married to **Augustave Walter "Gus" PERRY**, shepherd 20 July 1950 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by H Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were J J Perry and O R Smith. Augustave, age 78, died 6 March 1999 and was buried 11 March 1999 in Grave V3294. Thora, age 90, died 21 December 2011 and was buried in Grave W3401.

Children of Christoph (4) and Christina BENDER:

1. **James Paul Kenneth BENDER** born 21 August 1917 in Moody Valley and baptised 4 September 1917 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer.
2. **Sidney Christopher BENDER** born 1 September 1918 and baptised 20 March 1919 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Sydney, age 35 and an electrician, emigrated to the Commonwealth via the UK in 1953. He was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with blue eyes and brown hair.



Sydney in 1953

3. **William Jacob BENDER** born 28 January 1920 in Stanley and baptised 18 February 1920 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. William, age 32 and a seaman, went to the UK in 1952 to possibly work there. He was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with blue/grey eyes and brown hair and a birth mark on the right side of his face and chin. William, age 42 and a labourer, emigrated to the UK in 1962.



William in 1952

Children of Caroline (7) and Charles PERRY:

1. **Charles PERRY** born 20 August 1907 at Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
2. **Christopher PERRY** born 30 April 1909 at the Murrell. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Married **Beatrice Anne "Pearl" BAILEY** 18 May 1935 at the Deputy Registrar's Office, Fox Bay by Registrar General's Licence by William B Myles, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Daisy Harriet Bailey and John McDonald. Christopher died 16 February 1990 and is buried in Grave V3129. Pearl died 25 March 2002 and is buried in Grave V3130.

Children of Caroline (7) and Alexander YATES:

1. **Caroline May YATES** born 31 August 1921. Died 17 July 1935 of diabetes mellitus (*no burial record*).
2. **Jessie Anna YATES** born 5 April 1923 at Fox Bay West. Jessie emigrated to the UK in 1951 with her daughter.
3. **Alexander Manuel YATES** born 8 July 1925 at Teal River, Hill Cove. Died 17 December 1945 of military tuberculosis and is buried in Grave P1310.