

## BERNTSEN 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.*

**Lars Maurentius BERNTSEN**, age 28 and a mariner from Norway, married **Georgina Ellen GOSS**, age 16 and a teacher, 3 May 1875 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Henry C Lory Act Col Chaplain. The witnesses were John Davis and Ann Elizabeth Davis. Lars' father was Matias Benit Larsen, mariner and Georgina's father was Jacob Napoleon Goss, storekeeper. Lars' occupations were listed as a labourer in 1876, 1877, 1879, 1880, 1884, 1886, 1888, 1892 & 1895 and a sailmaker in 1905, 1908 & 1911.

Lars died 16 August 1915, age 69, and is buried in Grave li794. Georgina died 7 March 1929, age 69, and is buried in Grave K992.

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Lars and Georgina BERNTSEN:

1. **Abner Marentius Napoleon BERNTSEN** born 3 March 1876. Carter. Married **Blanche Emma PERRING** 26 November 1905 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by C K Blount MA Assistant Priest Christ Church. The witnesses were Frederick George Berntsen and Ellen Mary Dettleff. Blanche's father was George John Friend Perring, mariner. Blanche died 10 November 1921, age 42, from endocarditis and a cerebral embolism and is buried in Grave K864. Abner died 31 March 1923 from heart disease and is buried in Grave K885. He was a labourer at the time.
2. **William BERNTSEN** born 2 July 1877. Hotel proprietor, Sandy Point (Punta Arenas). Married **Emily Jane OTEZEN** née **BOUND**, widow, 6 June 1908 in the house of Lars Berntsen, Stanley by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Richard Napoleon Bound and Ann Elizabeth Martin. Emily's father was William Bound, a publican in England. William died 13 April 1946 and is buried in Grave P1320. Emily died 12 June 1954 and is buried in Grave Q1537.
3. **Richard BERNTSEN** born 28 March 1879 at Port Stephens. Died 13 April 1879, age 16 days, from convulsions and is buried there? (*no burial record*).
4. **Georgina Ellen "Ellen" BERNTSEN** born 22 March 1880 at Port Stephens. Died 4 March 1889 in Stanley from enteric fever and is buried in Grave D336.
5. **Alexander BERNTSEN** born 25 April 1884 at Port Stephens. Labourer. Married **Agnes Ferrier BLYTH** 8 June 1911 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by M Craigie-Halkett, Acting Registrar General. The witnesses were Abner Berntsen and Kate Allan. Agnes' father was John Blyth, blacksmith.
6. **Edward Jacob BERNTSEN** born 23 March 1886 at Port Stephens. Died 2 March 1889 in Stanley from spinal haetmitis and is buried in Grave D333.
7. **Frederick George BERNTSEN** born 8 April 1888 in Stanley. Seaman. Married **Emily Jane Goss PAICE** 30 September 1908 in Christ Church Cathedral after Banns by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Charlotte May Wilson and John Miller. Emily's father was Nathaniel Paice, shepherd. Frederick died 25 February 1931 from septic laryngitis and is buried in Grave K1015. Emily emigrated to the UK in 1949, age 65.
8. **Stillborn boy BERNTSEN** born 25 April 1891 in Stanley (*CM May 1891, no birth or burial record*).
9. **George BERNTSEN** born 11 August 1892. Died 11 August 1892 from inanition and is buried in Grave D335.
10. **Georgina Ellen BERNTSEN** born 24 June 1895. Died 27 June 1895 from inanition and is buried in Grave D334.
11. **Stillborn boy BERNTSEN** born 23 January 1897 in Stanley (*no birth or burial record*).
12. **Stillborn boy BERNTSEN** born 1 October 1898 in Stanley (*no birth or burial record*).
13. **Stillborn girl BERNTSEN** born 15 March 1903 in Stanley (*no birth or burial record*).

## SECOND GENERATION

### Children of Abner (1) and Blanche BERNTSEN:

1. **Frederick George BERNTSEN** born 1 September 1906 in Stanley. Frederick, a shepherd, was married to **Flora BRAXTON** 25 June 1930 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Frederick Nathaniel Berntsen and Mary Sarah Jane Miller. Flora's father was recorded as Thomas Braxton, deceased. Frederick died 9 January 1966 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2043. He was the principal lighthouse keeper and a BEM at the time. Flora went to Montevideo in 1967 on medical.
2. **Dorothy Ellen BERNTSEN** born 30 April 1908 in Stanley. Dorothy was married to **James HEWITT**, labourer, 24 October 1934 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were William Smith and Catherine Smith. James' father was recorded as David Hewitt, deceased shepherd, and Dorothy's father was recorded as Abner M N Berntsen, labourer. Dorothy, age 54, died 20 May 1962 at Port San Carlos from acute cardiac failure and was buried 23 May 1962 in Grave S1718. James, age 70 and a retired farm worker, died 20 February 1978 in Stanley and was buried 23 February 1978 in Grave U1917.
3. **James Lars BERNTSEN** born 27 July 1910. James, a farm labourer, went to the UK in 1957 on vacation.
4. **Edward Francis BERNTSEN** born 6 September 1912 in Stanley. Edward, a foreman, went to the UK on holiday in 1954.
5. **Stanley George Abner BERNTSEN** born 3 June 1915. Stanley, a labourer, was married to **Florence Evelyn McKAY**, widow, 4 June 1946 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by H Bennett, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Mrs Gertie May and Mrs Mary Fullerton. Stanley's father was recorded as Abner Marentius Napoleon Berntsen, deceased, and Florence's father was recorded as John Coleman, retired. Stanley died 30 August 1967 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2082.
6. **Thomas Eric BERNTSEN** born 8 November 1917 in Stanley. Died 5 February 1919 from pneumonia and is buried in Grave D835.
7. **Robert Andrew BERNTSEN** born [REDACTED] in Stanley.

### Children of Alexander (5) and Agnes BERNTSEN:

1. **Georgina Ellen BERNTSEN** born 8 December 1912. Georgina was married to **Francis David SMITH**, shepherd, 28 August 1937 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist. The witnesses were William Dickson Morrison and Mrs Lars Berntsen. Francis' father was recorded as Francis Smith, shepherd, and Georgina's father was recorded as Alex Berntsen, navy boss. Georgina, age 52, died in Stanley 18 July 1965 from acute heart failure and was buried 21 July 1965 in Grave T2027.
2. **Lars Maurentius BERNTSEN** born 25 January 1915 in Stanley. Lars, a navy at Port San Carlos, was married to **Mary Clarissa Elizabeth ANDREASEN** 14 September 1935 at San Carlos by Special Licence by M G Creece, Registrar. The witnesses were Albert Henry Hills and Agnes Christina Berntsen. Clarissa's father was Christian Andreasen, Acting Manager

Port San Carlos. Lars committed suicide 22 June 1973 in Stanley and is buried in Grave U1806. Mary died 23 January 1997 and is buried in Grave R1807.

3. **William Blyth "Bill" BERNTSEN** born 7 November 1916. William, a cook, was married to (1) **Linda KIVELL**, domestic, 26 May 1945 at Port Stephens by Charles H Robertson, Justice of the Peace. The witnesses were M J Murphy and Bessie Kivell. Linda's father was William Kivell, foreman. William and Linda later divorced. William was married to (2) **Kathleen Gladys McGILL**, widow and town clerk, 24 December 1971 at No 10 Fitzroy Road, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. Kathleen's father was recorded as George Perry, deceased caretaker. Bill died 17 April 1997.
4. **Frederick George BERNTSEN** born 25 January 1918 in Stanley. Frederick, a labourer, was married to **Mary Gertrude "Molly" JONES** 14 March 1941 at Fox Bay East by W B Myles, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Annie Paice and Sydney Lawrence Berntsen. Mary's father was recorded as Albert Hugh Jones, shepherd. Mary died 18 December 1949 from pulmonary tuberculosis and is buried in Grave Q1419. Frederick died 23 March 1982 in Stanley and is buried in Grave V1974.
5. **Sydney Lawrence BERNTSEN** born 11 December 1919. Sydney, a labourer, was married to **Kathleen Edith Mary Lucy Crawford DICKSON**, domestic servant, 4 September 1943 by W B Myles, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Helen Duncan and Edward Dickson. Kathleen's father was John Dickson, labourer.
6. **Agnes Christine BERNTSEN.**
7. **Percy Allan BERNTSEN** born 15 April 1924 in Stanley. Died 11 February 1925 from acute nephritis and is buried in Grave K917.

#### **Children of Frederick (7) and Emily BERNTSEN:**

1. **Frederick Emelia Lars BERNTSEN** born 21 April 1910. Frederick, a carpenter, was married to **Violet Catherine CLETHEROE** 21 January 1932 in the Registrar's Office, Stanley. Retired to the UK in 1975.
2. **Sarah Georgina Ellen BERNTSEN** born 23 April 1912 at Stanley. Sarah, a probationer nurse, was married to **Stanley FULBROOK**, seaman, 28 October 1933 at Christ Church Cathedral (*see Penguin 30 Oct 1933*).
3. **Ernest Basil BERNTSEN** born 10 November 1915. Ernest went to the UK in 1934 to enlist in the navy. Was on board HMS *Exeter* during the Battle of the River Plate. Ernest was married to **Joyce WEATHERALL** Tuesday 21 July 1942 in Devonport. [FI Weekly News 23 Jul 1942]
4. **Bernard Egbert BERNTSEN** born 31 July 1918 in Stanley. Bernard left the Falkland Islands in the *Lafonia* and later joined the *City of Manchester*. In 1942 Bernard was recorded as being a prisoner of war in Java. [FI Weekly News 23 Jul 1942]

#### **DESCENDANTS OF LARS & GEORGINA STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS**