

## STEVENSEN 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.*

**Ole Albert STEVENSEN** was born 25 March 1876 in Norway.

Ole was alleged to have jumped ship with Jens Peder PEDERSEN and Hjalmar FULENDORFF; they were serving on the *Henriette* and jumped ship in 1908. (see *Hjalmar's obituary Nov 1967*).

Ole, a mariner from Norway, was married to **Alice Maud ROWLANDS**, widow, 21 January 1922 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were Ann Elizabeth Martin and Richard Davis. Ole's father was recorded as Steven Andreasen, pilot and Alice's father was recorded as John Davis, sailmaker.

Alice, age 60 and a housewife, died 19 May 1947 and was buried in Grave P 1340. In her will dated 20 December 1940, Alice appointed her eldest son, James George Rowlands, to be her executor and left all of her property to be rented for the support of Ole and any of her children that may be under sixteen years of age; Ole was to be paid £5 per month for his support during his lifetime and the balance of the rental income was to be paid to her eldest daughter Rebecca Maud Clifton for the support of any of her children that may be under the age of sixteen. At the death of her husband and if her youngest child was over sixteen years of age; her property was to be sold and the proceeds of the sale to be divided equally between all of her surviving children.



Ole, age 72 and a mariner, died 4 February 1949 and was buried in 6 February 1949 in Grave Q 1393.

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Ole and Alice STEVENSEN:

1. **Albert 'Bert' STEVENSEN** born 24 February 1924 in Stanley and baptised 25 March 1924 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Albert was attested into the Falkland Islands Defence Force 15 October 1941. Albert, age 19 and a private in the FIDF QM's Department volunteered to join the Royal Air Force in December 1943. Albert, age 19 and a clerk living at 3 Hebe Street, travelled to the UK in 1944 to join HM Forces. He was recorded as being 5' 6 ¼" tall with blue/grey eyes and light brown hair. Bert departed for the UK 31 May 1947 on board ss *Lafonia* as he was hoping to enter the Salvation Army Training College to prepare himself to become an officer in that body. [FI Weekly News 5 Jun 1947; 3] Bert was commissioned into the Salvation Army in 1949. Albert was married to **Margaret Winifred 'Madge' HILL**, age 26, 29 July 1950 in East Anglia. Albert, age 71, died 7 January 1996 in Wimbledon, London, England. Margaret died 19 February 1999 in England.



**Albert in 1944**

2. **Joyce Marit STEVENSEN** born in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. In 1944, Joyce, a clerk, accompanied her mother to Montevideo, Uruguay for medical treatment. She was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. Joyce, a clerk, departed for the UK 31 May 1947 on board ss *Lafonia* with her brother. [FI Weekly News 5 Jun 1947; 13]



**Joyce in 1944**

3. **Thora Olga STEVENSEN** born 22 May 1928 in Stanley and baptised 14 August 1928 in Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Thora was married to **William MANSFIELD**, baker and confectioner from England, 12 February 1946 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Alfred Roy Ruberry and Molly Sedgwick. William's father was recorded as John Mansfield, weaver. William, age 22 and in the Royal Navy, and Thora, age 17, emigrated to the UK in 1946. William was recorded as being 5' 10 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" tall with blue eyes and brown hair and Thora was recorded as being 5' 4 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Thora died in 2009 in Burnley, Lancashire, England.



William and Thora in 1946