

BENNETT FAMILY (2)

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.

Arthur George BENNETT was born 26 January 1880 in Paddington, London, England to **Henry** and **Alice BENNETT**.

Arthur was married to **Ethel Eliza AXTON** in 1908. Ethel was born 15 July 1881 in Hammersmith, London to **Charles Albert** and **Eliza AXTON** née **COX**.



Eliza Axton and Charles Axton with their grandson, Stanley Bennett, 1920
- Bennett Collection, JCNA

On 23 October 1911 Arthur, who was living at 34 Harwood Terrace, Fulham, Middlesex, signed an agreement to leave Liverpool 14 December 1911 for the Falkland Islands. He arrived from Liverpool 9 January 1912 on board the *Orcoma* and was appointed Customs Officer with effect from 10 January 1912. *NB: The Falkland Islands Magazine reported the arrival of Mr & Mrs A G Bennett; as Ethel and her children arrived in March 1912 was this his mother, Alice?*

Second class passages were provided for Ethel and two children in the ss *Oropesa* due to sail from Liverpool 8 February 1912; they arrived 7 March 1912.



Fair View Cottage 1915 - Bennett Collection, JCNA

In 1915 the family were living in Fairview Cottage, 3 Pioneer Row, Stanley.



Arthur, George, Harold, Arthur, Ethel and Stanley, 1919 - Bennett Collection, JCNA



Alice Bennett, October 1925 - Bennett Collection, JCNA. Her grave in Stanley 2016

Alice BENNETT, age 84, died 9 January 1926 and was buried 11 January 1926 in Grave K 932.



Arthur with some of his taxidermy

In 1941 Arthur and Ethel were living in Billericay, Basildon, Essex, England.

Arthur, age 74, died 26 October 1954. Ethel, age 78, died in 1961.

(Arthur in Dictionary of Falklands Biography https://www.falklandsbiographies.org/biographies/bennett_arthur)

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Arthur and Ethel BENNETT:

1. **George Albert BENNETT** born 11 November 1909 at 34 Harwood Terrace, Fulham, London, England. George, a warehouseman, was married to **Lillian Gladys ALAZIA** 6 March 1935 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley by Banns by Hugh Drum, RC Priest. The witnesses were Harold Bennett and Violet Maud Hennah. George's father was recorded as Arthur George Bennett, customs officer, and Lillian's father was recorded as George Adolphus Alazia, labourer. George, age 34 and a warehouseman living at 1 Hebe Street, and Lillian, age 30, emigrated to the UK in 1944 with their children. George was recorded as being 6' tall with brown eyes and brown hair and Lillian was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with brown eyes and black hair. The family first moved to the Isle of Wight and then later to Canada. Lillian, age 78, died 28 February 1993 in Fort Macleod, Claresholm Census Division, Alberta, Canada and was buried in Union Cemetery, Fort Macleod. The Leftbridge Herald of 3 March 1993 reported '*Alberta on Sunday, February 28, 1993, LILLIAN GLADYS BENNETT, age 78 years, beloved wife of Mr. George Bennett of Fort Macleod, Alberta and formerly of the Isle of Wight, England. Mrs. Bennett is survived by her loving husband, George; by a daughter, of Staffordshire, England; by a son of Fort Macleod, Alberta; by five grandchildren, by two sisters: Edie (Lou) Valk of England and Dorothy Monroe of England.*' George, age 87, died in 1997 and was buried in Union Cemetery with his wife.



George and Lillian with their children in 1944

2. **Stanley 'Stan' BENNETT** born 14 December 1911 in Fulham, London. Stanley, a carpenter, was married to **Ruth Margaret HARVEY**, nurse, 4 July 1936 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Banns by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Percy Stanley Dixon and Agnes Ruth Harvey. Stanley's father was recorded as Arthur George Bennett, customs officer, and Ruth's father was recorded as Arthur John Harvey, retired. [Account of wedding Penguin 6 July 1936] Ruth, age 63, died 30 June 1969 in Stanley and was buried 4 July 1969 in Grave T 2135. Stanley, age 72, died 22 March 1984 in Stanley and was buried 24 March 1984 in Grave T 2136. (In Dictionary of Falklands Biography https://www.falklandsbiographies.org/biographies/bennett_stanley)



George and Stanley July 1916 - Bennett Collection, JCNA

3. **Alice Ethel BENNETT** born 5 June 1915 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as civil servant. Alice, age 24 hours, died 7 June 1915 from cardiac failure and infantile debility and was buried 10 June 1915 in Grave H 790.



Alice after death with her grandmother and her gravesite - Bennett Collection, JCNA

4. **Harold BENNETT** born 30 October 1916 in Stanley and baptised 17 December 1916 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as civil servant. Harold, registrar Supreme Court and Registrar General, was married to **Lena Grace Gertrude "Grace" TURNER**, widow, 29 June 1961 at Christ Church Cathedral by S Bennett, Lay Reader. The witnesses were J Bound and L W Middleton. Harold's father was recorded as Arthur George Bennett, deceased customs officer, and Lena's father was recorded as James Julian Perry, deceased shepherd. Harold, age 83 and a pensioner, died 17 December 1999 and was buried 20 December 1999 in Grave V 3307. (In Dictionary of Falklands Biography https://www.falklandsbiographies.org/biographies/bennett_harold) Grace, age 85 and a pensioner, died 1 October 2000 and was buried 5 October 2000 in Grave S3333.
5. **Arthur BENNETT** born 2 August 1918 and baptised 12 September 1918 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as Colonial civil service. Arthur, age 22 and a private in the Pioneer Corps, died 26 February 1941 during the London Blitz and was buried in Grave 609, St Mary Magdalene Churchyard, Greater Burstead, Basildon, Essex, England. The inscription on his gravestone reads '*13033829 Private A Bennett Pioneer Corps 26th February 1941 age 22. Born at Stanley Falkland Islands 2nd August 1918.*'