

FAMILY TREE

William Bentley

Birth 27 June 1920

Leicester, Leicestershire, England

Death 17 February, 2010

Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland



Photograph taken on 21 November, 1942, at the Register Office, Leicester, England. William Bentley and Mary Findlay "tied the knot". They met while serving their country, WWII. William was in the Royal Navy busy with minesweepers, etc. Mary was in the Women's Royal Naval Service, a WREN Steward. They were both stationed in Skara Brae, Orkney, met over a game of table tennis, and fell in love. What a great story!

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Genealogy and the Bentley Family Tree

Dear Bentley Family,

Herein is the very first draft of your Family Tree. I say "first" because in genealogy new hints keep on coming. A very good friend of mine said it was better to have been given some information about your ancestors, correct or incorrect, than none at all. So here we go.....

We start a tree by entering what is known by the family. In this case, The **father's parents are William Gibson Bentley and Ada Davie**. The **mother's parents are Andrew Blaikie Findlay and Elspet Black Gordon**. From there you go on to collect all the certificates: birth, baptism, marriage, family (census), death and anything else left to you by the ancestor. Sometimes there may be very little to go on. You just have to follow the clues and hope in the end you get it right. So many families back in the day, continued to use the same first name generation after generation. Quite often you find many of the same names born the same year in the exact same place and you have to determine which one belongs to your tree.

Back in the day, some families kept a running tally of date, name, and an event in the family bible. To have this today is to have gold. Local churches kept track of their members baptisms, marriages and deaths. Data collected was scarce. Two handwritten lines per event is all you have, a few names, a date, and perhaps witnesses. Sadly much of this data was lost in parts of Scotland when the "Highland Clearances" forced eviction of the people off their land and churches were burned to the ground.

Today people have been hired to index all the grave stones in graveyards which is a great help.

Each tree is made up of four families: Surnames of each of your parents. In the case of William Bentley and Mary Findlay, surnames are: Bentley, Davie, Findlay and Gordon. Interestingly enough, the majority of the Bentley and Davie Families, even going back in time, lived and died in Leicester. The earliest Bentley and for generations on are found living in a small village named Thurmaston and gradually moved to the town of Leicester. And you will see, many of your English ancestors worked in the textile industry. Another point, and not sure why, but so many deaths of young children back in the day.

Up front, I wish to acknowledge the support given by the entire Bentley Family: Michaela and Derry have shared their Ancestry Bentley trees; Eileen, Ronald, Doreen, Michaela, Shonid, Fiona, Graeme, Danielle and others have shared memories, photos, and, documents, and all have been included in this document. Old, hard to see, photos have been lightened.

It is not a cheap hobby. I used Ancestry.com, My Heritage, 23 and Me, Finding my Past, Scotland's People, and so many other free resources to collect information. There is a lot of sharing between genealogists world-wide. In the end, some of it may or may not be correct. I chose not to include citations within the pages of this document for it would add many pages and I am not sure important at this stage important to have. It is my hope that this informal document will be retained within the family and shared generations on. I am sure lots more information will come out and will be included over time.

I am honored to have been allowed to follow in the steps of your ancestors. This document shows just the "tip of the iceberg". There is so much to be proud of and so much to tell.

If you have questions about what is written here, or want to see more, please let me know.

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History of "Bentley" Surname (Including Crest, Motto, Coat of Arms and Tartan)

The Bentley name has descended through the generations from the ancient Anglo-Saxon culture. The name comes from having lived in one of the many places called Bentley. These included parishes in the counties of Suffolk, Hampshire, Warwickshire, Derby and Essex, as well as a myriad of small hamlets throughout England. The surname is derived from *Benet-legh* which literally means *the field of Benedict*. Alternatively the name could have come from "Bentley (clearing overgrown with bent grass.)"

Bentley Spelling Variations

Only recently has spelling become standardized in the English language. As the English language evolved in the Middle Ages, the spelling of names also changed. The name Bentley has undergone many spelling variations, including Bentley, Bentli, Bentlie, Bently and others.

Bentley World Ranking

Bentley Surname: United Kingdom, 16,681 people; USA, 37,305 people; Australia, 7,498 people; and in New Zealand, 1,011 people. <https://www.houseofnames.com/bentley-family-crest>



The Bentley Motto

The motto was originally a war cry or slogan. Mottoes first began to be shown with arms in the 14th and 15th centuries, but were not in general use until the 17th century. Thus the oldest coats of arms generally do not include a motto. Mottoes seldom form part of the grant of arms: Under most heraldic authorities, a motto is an optional component of the coat of arms, and can be added to or changed at will; many families have chosen not to display a motto.

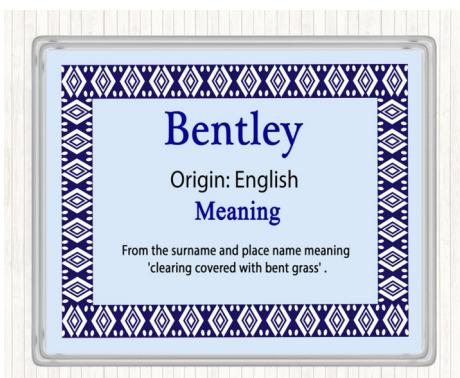
Motto: Viva ut vivas

Motto Translation: Live that you may live forever.

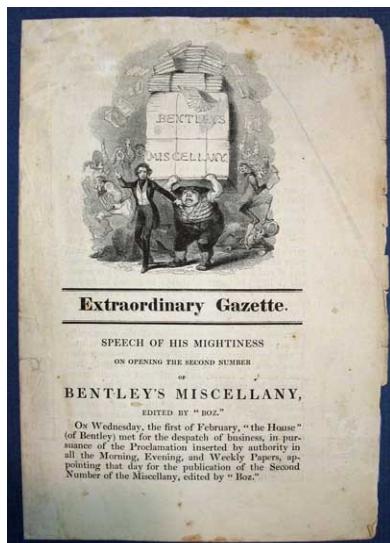


BENTLEY TARTAN

Found in the Scottish Register of Tartans. Tartan was recorded prior to the launch of this registry. STWR ref for this tartan is 2717.. Threadcount is B06105.



Above: coaster: Origin meaning: In English Baby Names the meaning of the name Bentley is: Derived from a surname and place name referring to a clearing covered with coarse grass. From the bent grass meadow.

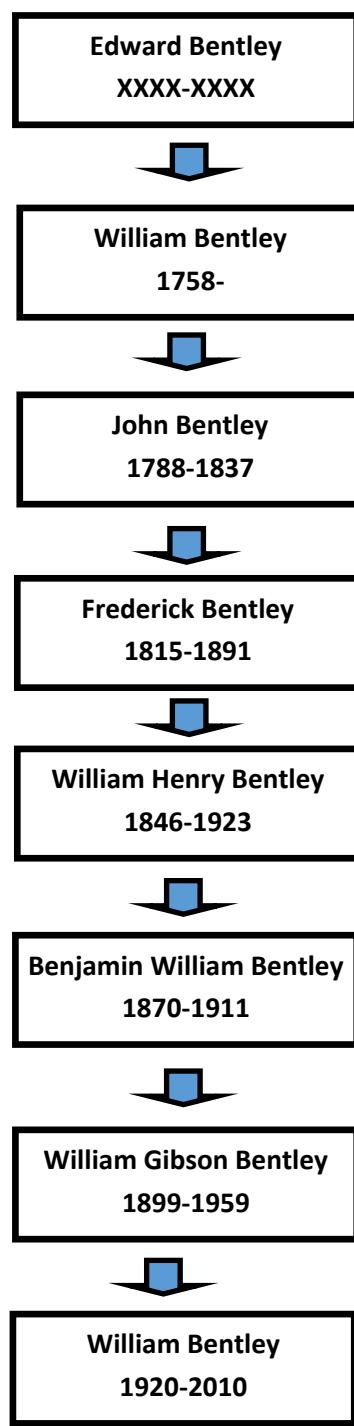


Bentley Miscellany Extraordinary Gazette, 1836. From an English publisher, Richard Bentley, who worked with writer Charles Dickens.

WIKITREE– BENTLEY NAME STUDY

A Study to collect together in one place everything about the surname Bentley and its variants. This study will help make it a valuable reference point for genealogists. For info: https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Bentley_Name_Study#The_Ancient_Bentley_Family_.281135_to_1390.29

Bentley Family Pedigree
Direct Family Tree for William Bentley—1920-2010



3 GENERATIONS STEMMING FROM WILLIAM BENTLEY AND MARY HENRIETTA CHRISTINE NELSON FINDLAY:

Eileen Mary, 1944-; William, 1945-; Ronald, 1950; and Doreen, 1952-.

Shonid, 1971- (Kirkpatrick); Gary- (Kirkpatrick); Paul, 1970-; Fiona, 1972-; Graeme, 1975-; and Michaela, 1976- (Sangster).

Ailish, 2004- (Ogilvie); 2004; Emily, 2007- (Ogilvie); Roan, 2010-, (Ogilvie); Derry, 1999-; Dylan William, 2001-; Danielle, 1989; Elise, 2006-(Tosh); and Connell Sangster, 2010- (Tosh); Hannah Kirkpatrick; and, Celeb Kirkpatrick.

Bentley Family Pedigree
Edward Bentley, XXXX-XXXX to William Bentley 1920-2010

6th Great Grandfather: Edward Bentley. So far no documentation has been found for Edward or for his spouse, Mary. There is a birth certificate for their son, **William**. So we know the family lived in Thurmaston, Leicester, England, in 1758.



5th Great Grandfather: William Bentley. Born 25 Jun 1758, Leicester, Leicestershire, England. They lived in the north end of Thurmaston, Barkby, Leicester. Married **Martha Preston**, 1761-1801, on 7 February 1785, Thurmaston. They had 11 children, 7 sons and 4 daughters: Of the eleven, only two lived beyond childhood, #2Thomas Bentley, 1797-1864 and **John Bentley**, 1788-1837. All the others died stillborn or within months of being born. Family are as follows: William, Mary, Thomas, John, (above) Martha Ann, Mary, Thomas, David, William (above) and Elizabeth. Death for Father William is unknown.



4th Great Grandfather: John Bentley. Born in 1788, Thurmaston. He was the fourth child of William and Martha. Occupation "works with frames". Married **Mary Smart**, 1791-1838, on 31 March 1810, Thurmaston. They had 7 children, born in Thurmaston, 5 sons and 2 daughters. First two, William and Frederick died the year they were born. Others were: **Frederick, 1815-1891**; Elizabeth, 1819-; Mary, 1826-; Leno, 1829-1874; and Sydney, 1831-1905 all lived their lives in Thurmaston. Father John died 19 December 1837. He died of kidney disease, age 49. Daughter, Mary, registered her father's death in 1837.



3rd Great Grandfather: Frederick Bentley. Born 23 April 1815, Thurmaston. Occupation "Frame Work Knitter". Married **Hannah Sibson**, 1817-1900, on 29 June 1834, St. Mary's Church, Leicester. They had 7 children, 3 sons and 4 daughters: William, 1835-1838; Sarah, 1838-1906; Frederick, 1839-1923; Hannah, 1842-1934; **William Henry**, 1846-1923; Mary Ann, 1850-1851; and Minnie, 1854-1929. The 1881 Census shows the family living at 12 Albert Street, Leicester. Father Frederick died June 1891, age 76.



2nd Great Grandfather. William Henry Bentley. Born October 1846, Thurmaston. Occupation "Shoe Finisher". Married **Elizabeth Gibson**, 1847-1909, in October 1871, Leicester. They had one son, **Benjamin William**, 1870-1911. In the 1881 England Census, the family is found living with William's parents, 12 Albert Street. In 1891, the family have moved to St. Margaret (now Leicester). By 1911, William, now a widower, aged 65, is living as a boarder, at 97 Eastleigh Road, Leicester. His occupation listed as a "Stallholder Marker". William died July 1923, age 76, Leicester.



Great Grandfather. Benjamin William Bentley. Born 1870, Leicester. Occupation "Shoe Finisher". Married **Emily Smith**, 1868-1922, December 1895, Leicester. They had one son, **William Gibson**, 1899-1959. Father, Benjamin died 2 May 1911, age 40, Leicester Borough Asylum. Patient records state he had a disability condition. Benjamin was buried in Gilroes Cemetery.



Paternal Grandfather. William Gibson Bentley. Born 27 November 1899, 20 Lewin Court, NW Leicester. He was only 12 when his father died and he and his mother, Emily, are found living with family, 118 Belgrave Gate, Leicester. William served in the Nottingham and Derbyshire (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment, WWI, from 1914 to 13 June 1918. He came home disabled, and wore prosthetics leg/legs. He was awarded the UK Silver War Badge. Married **Ada Davie**, 1899-1982, October 1919, Leicester. They had 9 children, 2 sons and 7 daughters. **William**, 1920-2010; Mabel, 1922-2009; Beatrice, 1923-1993; Rose, 1924-1924; Joan, 1924-1972; Barbara, 1927-; Ruth, 1930-1931; Pauline, 1935-1996; and, Donald, date unknown. Father, William worked for Leicester Corporation, H & Sewers as a labourer. He died 8 May 1959, age 59.



Father. William Bentley. Born 27 Jun 1820, Leicester. Occupation: machine operator. Married: **Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson Findlay**, 1922-2010, 21 November 1942, Leicester. The couple moved to Aberdeen in the early 40s. They had four children, 2 sons and 2 daughters. Eileen Mary, 1944-; William, 1945-; Ronald, 1950; and, Doreen, 1952. The family lived in 15 Cairnwell Avenue, Mastrick, Aberdeen. Father, William died 17 February, 2010, age 89, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Wives of the Bentley Ancestry Tree

Edward Bentley, XXXX-XXXX to William Bentley 1920-2010

6th Great Grandmother: **Mary.** **Edward Bentley.** So far no documentation has been found for Mary or her husband, Edward. They had a son, **William.** In 1758 they lived in Thurmaston, Leicester, England.



5th Great Grandmother: **Martha Preston** was born April 1761, Thurmaston, Leicestershire, England. Parents were Thomas Preston, 20 Feb 1737-1784; and Elizabeth Worthington, 1741-. They married 23 October, 1757, Thurmaston. Martha was the second born of 9 children, 5 sons and 4 daughters: Elizabeth, 1758-1791; **Martha**, 1761-1801; Thomas, 1763-1764; Sarah, 1769-; Mary, 1776-1844; and, John, 1777-1842. The Family lived in Thurmaston. Martha married **William Bentley**, 1785. They had 11 children. Martha died November 1801, age 40, Thurmaston, and was buried on the 10th.



4th Great Grandmother: **Mary Smart**, born 1791, Anstey, Leicestershire, England. The third born child of Thomas Smart, 1756-1818; and Mary Bosworth, 1755-1827. They had 6 children, 2 sons and four daughters: Ann, 1786-; Elizabeth, 1789-1853; **Mary**, 1791-1838; Thomas, 1794-1866; John, 1796-; and, Frances, 1800-1854. Mary married **John Bentley**, 1810. They had 7 children. Mary died 17 Jul 1838, age 47, Thurmaston North, of Tuberculosis.



3rd Great Grandmother: **Hannah Sibson**, born March 1817, Thurmaston, Leicester, England. The sixth born child of William Sibson, 1779-1837 and Sarah Barson, 1783-1857. They had 7 children, 3 sons and 4 daughters: Ann, 1805-; Mary, 1807-; John, 1810-; Hannah, 1812-1813; William, 1814-1818; **Hannah**, 1817-1900; and, William, 1824-1869. Hannah married **Frederick Bentley**, 1834. They had 7 children. Hannah died March 1900, age 83, Thurmaston.



2nd Great Grandmother: **Elizabeth Gibson**, born January 1847, Leicester, Leicestershire, England. The fourth born child of Joseph Gibson, 1816-1888 and Catherine Bale, 1818-1899. They had 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters: Joseph, 1837-1849; Alice E., 1839-1901; William, 1841-1910; **Elizabeth**, 1847-1909; Benjamin Bentley, 1849-1849; Benjamin Clarke, 1851-1870; John, 1855-; Thomas, 1855-1922; Catherine Margaret, 1859-1948; and, Susannah, 1861-1953. Elizabeth married **William Henry Bentley**, 1871, Leicester. They had a son, William, 1871-1911. Elizabeth died March 1909, age 62, Leicester.



Great Grandmother: **Emily Smith**, born April 1868, Essex, London, England. Her father Thomas Smith. No other information, to date, has been found on Emily's parents and/or siblings. When Emily married **Benjamin William Bentley**, 1895, she was a widow. On the marriage certificate his surname was "Shiels". Benjamin and Emily had a son, **William Gibson**. In 1901, the family are living at 20 Lewin Street, Leicester. Benjamin died May 2011, and in the 1911 English Census, Emily and son, William, are living with cousins, William and Fanny Healey and family, at 118 Belgrave Gate, Leicester. The family own a fish and chip shop. Emily is working as a charlady. Emily died November 1922, age 54, Leicester City Mental Hospital.



Paternal Grandmother: **Ada Davie**, born June 1899, Leicester, Leicestershire, England. Ada's parents are John Davie 1861-1913 and Alice Plater, 1866-1914. They had 5 daughters, Ada being the last born. Lavinia, 1885-1964; Nellie, 1888-; Violetta Ellen, 1891; Mabel, 1897-1977; and, **Ada**, 1899-1982. She married **William Gibson Bentley** in 1919. They had 9 children. Ada died July 1982, age 83, Leicester.



Mother: **Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson Findlay**, born 7 June 1922, Aberdeen, Scotland. Mary was the first born child of Andrew Blaikie Findlay, 1873-1934; and the wife of his third marriage, Elspet Black Gordon, 1895-1969. They had 6 children, one son and 5 daughters: **Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson**, 1922-2010; Margaret, 1925-; Elspet Black Gordon, 1925-1969; Ronald, 1926-2002; Evelyn, 1930-2011; and, Barbara Allison Hay, 1931-2005. Mary married **William Bentley**, 1942. They had 4 children. Mary died 29 October, 2010, age 88, in Aberdeen, Scotland.



William Bentley

Birth: 27 June 1920, Leicester, Leicestershire, England
Parents: William Gibson Bentley and Ada Davie
Occupation: Navy-Minesweeper, Brick Layer, Lorry Driver, and Machine Operator
Marriage: 21 November 1942, Leicester, Leicestershire, England
To: Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson Findlay
Children: Eileen Mary Bentley (1944-)
William Bentley (1945-)
Ronald Bentley (1950)
Doreen Bentley (1952-)
Death: 17 February 2010, Aberdeen
Died from complications following surgery

About:

When William Bentley was born his father, William, was 20 and his mother, Ada, was 21. ADDRESS???? He was their first born child. Another 8 siblings followed: Mabel, Beatrice, Rose, Joan, Barbara, Ruth, Pauline, and Donald. CHECK DONALD????

WW2 came along and William was in the Royal Navy. He was sent to Orkney. His job was focused on minesweepers and destroyers. He met the woman he wanted to marry. She was also in the Navy, outranked him, but married him she did.

Mary (Bunty) and William (Bents) were married on 21st of November 1942 in Leicester. They were living with William's family at 46 Lutterworth Road.

First child Eileen was born in 1944 and soon thereafter Bunty, with Eileen, returned to her home city of Aberdeen. William joined her after the war. Children: William (Billy) was born 1945, Ronald (Ron) was born 1950 and Doreen was born 1952.

William's first job in Aberdeen was a bricklayer. Then he became a lorry driver. Later becoming a machine operator. A job he excelled in for 35 years.

In 1953 the family left their tenement home, 53 Virginia Street, to a spanking new home, 15 Cairnwell Avenue, Mastrick.

Mum and Dad didn't go out very often, but went to the Tivoli bingo on a Saturday, dad didn't like bingo but went to just to keep mum company. (Doreen)

William died unexpectedly. He had his lower left leg amputated. In 2010, he went back into hospital for a minor operation to the stump. A general anaesthetic to anyone aged 89 is dangerous and although the operation was a success he suffered a heart attack and had to be resuscitated. As he had aspirated into his lungs this caused further complications and liquid continued to fill his lungs and eventually this did for him. (Ronald)

Bentz and Bunty were married for nearly 70 years and received 2 anniversary cards from Queen Elizabeth for being 60 and 65 years married. They had 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. (Doreen)

The Bentley Family have many memories to share. These can be read throughout this document.



In 1927 William Bentley, age 7, and his family were living in the Village of Billesdon, Leicestershire. Post card is of the Village green and market cross. Population was about 543 at that time.

Photo of William and Mary's Gravestone, Hazlehead Cemetery. They share a lair. Taken by Ronald Bentley.



"Memories" of my parents by Ronald Bentley

Our parents, William and Mary Bentley, met in Orkney during WW2 and both served in the Royal Navy. My mother always made sure that everyone knew she outranked my father. They met in the mess where a mixed pair table tennis competition was held and they were paired together and they stayed together for 70 years.

[Added by Doreen: i remember being told my mum and dad met up in Orkney during WW2 at a rival round robin in table tennis match, the teams had to run round the games table and take their shots, my mum always said she never run fast enough in the opposite direction.]

They got married in Leicester in 1942 and my mother stayed with my paternal grandparents, William and Ada Bentley, in Leicester. My father had seven brothers and sisters in Leicester but I only met one sister Pat and one brother Don. Sister Eileen was the first child born in Leicester, unfortunately there ended up too many women in the kitchen and whilst my father continued to serve in the navy my mother returned to her home city of Aberdeen. Our family lived in a tenement flat at 53 Virginia Street, I think it was three rooms total with an outside toilet. In 1953 we all moved to 15 Cairnwell Avenue and it was a huge change from the wee flat.

My Mother, Bunty Bentley

Worked as a machine operator at the Broadford works in Aberdeen, later she worked as a nursing assistant at Woodend Hospital. She ended up working in the hospital kitchen.

She had a lifelong aversion to alcohol and she was effectively teetotal only having a snowball at Christmas, this is an Advocaat and lemonade and is a very weak drink.



My Grandparents

My mother had several siblings, Meg, Cissie, Barbara, Ronald and Evie. My Auntie Cissie (Elspet) and Uncle Colin emigrated to Australia in 1965 as ten pound poms. Sadly Cissie died at age 44, but Colin remarried. My Ozzie cousin, Colin aka Little Colin, and his dad, big Colin, is visiting with his wife, Rosie, 2023.

I visited my maternal grandmother (Elspet Findlay), every week. She stayed with my Auntie Barbara in Northfield and was a sweet old lady. She died in 1969.

[Added on by Doreen, "My grannie [as she was known] was registered blind but what a beautiful knitter she was, I don't know how she managed to do all the beautiful garments she made, I don't think I saw her without needles in her hands.]

My paternal grandfather (Andrew Findlay) **was a poyner at the Aberdeen harbour** and died young through the effects of alcohol. My paternal grandfather died in 1960 from cancer but my paternal grandmother (Ada Davie) lived to near 90.

After the war my father worked as a bricklayer labourer in Aberdeen, later as a lorry driver for John Lawrie Scrap Merchant. His route was Aberdeen to Motherwell.

[Added by Doreen: I remember seeing a newspaper cutting with headlines, "*workmen missed death by minutes*", because my father's lorry had a malfunction and careered and crashed through a wooded area where the workmen luckily had just finished work for the day.] He later became a machine operator for the same company and was so expert he continued working for them until he was 74.



Above: "Machine operator Mr. Bill Bentley (center left), takes his farewell of his employers of 35 years, John Lawrie and Co., Greenbank Road, Tullos, Aberdeen, as he retires. Mr. Bentley was presented with a cheque from the company and a wallet and notes from colleagues. Mr. Eric Meldrum, chairman of Lawrie hands over the gifts as friends and colleagues look on." Photograph was published in the Aberdeen Press and Journal.



Where the Bentley's lived
Virginia Street, Aberdeen.

What is a Poyner?

A poyner was basically a day rate labourer at the harbour physically unloading ships and moving cargo by cart. Just off Market Street in Aberdeen there is a street called Poynerneuk Road where these daily rate labourers congregated to hopefully get a day's work. Unfortunately not every day would be a working day and no wages as a result.

William Bentley War Stories cont'd by Ronald Bentley

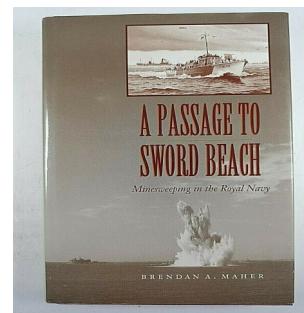
My father served in mainly minesweepers and destroyers and even in converted trawlers that became minesweepers. I saw some photos of some of the ships he served in. Two stories:

I recall that whilst at Scapa Flow in Orkney the battle-cruiser HMS *Hood* came into port and every sailor climbed the gangplank over the deck and went down the gangplank on the other side, just to say they had set foot on the mighty *Hood*. Two weeks later the *Hood* was sunk by the German battleship Bismarck, it was not an even contest as *Hood* was built for speed and had light deck armour whilst Bismarck had full armour decking.

On D day 6th June my father was stationed in Lowestoft, Suffolk, England. A Canadian unit was temporarily stationed there before going over to France. The big, strapping Canadians had enjoyed a ration free diet and were not happy with the limited meagre meal served up and the Canadians ended up throwing the food around the canteen in protest. The British sailors were frantically catching sausages in mid air as they had got used to restricted rations for 5 years.



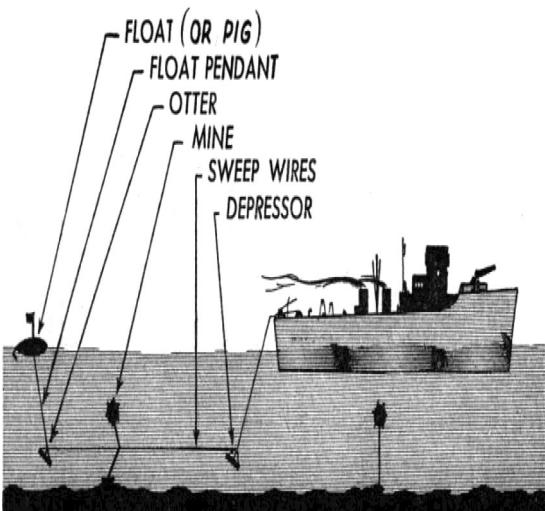
Bismarck, photo taken, 1940



WW2 British RN Royal A Passage to Sword Beach Minesweeping Reference Book



HMS Hood Battleship



Minesweepers of WW2: Defending D-Day

Scapa Flow, a body of water sheltered by various islands of the Orkney Islands in Scotland, was named the new main base of the British Grand Fleet in 1904 to face the growing German High Seas Fleet. It was not until 1914 when mines, coastal guns, and other defensive fortifications began to be set up in its approaches. It remained the main British naval base when the European War of WW2 began in 1939. The defensive structures were inadequate for the new war, however; anti-aircraft weaponry were obsolete, old block ships were falling apart, and anti-submarine nets were made of only single-stranded looped wires. As a result, German submarine U-47 under Günther Prien was able to penetrate into Scapa Flow to sink HMS Royal Oak on 14 Oct 1939, and Ju 88 bombers damaged HMS Iron Duke on 17 Oct 1939. New block ships, mines, anti-aircraft, and anti-ship guns were hurriedly constructed shortly after to remedy the shortcomings, while the new airfield RAF Grimsetter was completed in 1940 to bolster the defense of the general area. After yet another aerial attack by the Germans in Mar 1940, however, it was determined that the Home Fleet's main base should be relocated temporarily. For the remainder of the war, Scapa Flow remained a very busy naval base, with it serving as a staging point for Arctic Convoys to northern Russia, for example.

"Memories" of me and my Family by Doreen Bentley Sangster

Annual Holidays

We went camping for our holidays every year, dad hired a car on the first Saturday of the trades fortnight, and packed it up on the Sunday and we headed off on our adventure. The first stop always being Cooper Angus for a cup of tea made on the wee gas stove. One year we were heading towards Bruce's Cave and it was torrential rain and too wet to put the tent up so a farmer let us camp in his barn.

Another year, 3 families went on holiday together and the 16 of us camped down in Aunt Mable's living room floor, for one night. They only had one bathroom. I can still remember the smell of bacon being cooked for us all. Other staple food for our camping trips was spam, beans and Yeoman packet potatoes.

When we got to a campsite we all had our chores to do, the tent was always first to go up, before it got too dark, air beds had to be blown up, sleeping bags laid out, and, water carriers filled up, all good fun for the kids. There was a quiet bet to see which family could get their site ready first.

Brother, Ronald, Provided Plenty of Family Entertainment

I remember when we were at school Ronald made a huge lying down "heilan coo" made out of clay, I have no idea how he got it home but it sat in our back garden for many years, when the grandkids were small I think they all had a shot of sitting on its back and holding on to its horns



Gary taking his turn on the "coo" with family and pals looking on.

I also remember being told Ronald lifted me out of my cot and dropped me on my head I think he was trying to knock some sense into me as a baby [lol].

Another time, Ronald came into the kitchen when my mother was making tea and she saw the pocket of his jacket move. She asked what was moving in his pocket, "nothing" was the reply, so she grabbed the jacket pocket and yes there was something moving. It was a mouse. There was quite a commotion for a few minutes. Needless to say Ronald didn't get to keep the mouse!



Bruce's Cave or the Duskellie Grotto is a relatively small and mainly artificial cave created in the red sandstone cliffs about 9 metres above the Kirtie Water at Cove, Kirkpatrick-Fleming, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland. It has been associated with Robert the Bruce and the famous incident with the spider struggling to build its web.

My Father, the "Safe" Gambler!

Dad liked a wee flutter on the horses. He used to study the Daily Express racing page and watch for certain horses and riders. If he saw a horse that he had been following he would write its name on a piece of paper and go to the bookmakers to put on his bet on, but, if on the way he dropped the ticket or his money, he would about turn and return home. He saw it as omen and didn't bet on the horse that day.

Me and my Sister, Eileen

I was playing in the annex next to our kitchen with Eileen and I was climbing over the dining room chairs. I thought I was going to jump on Eileen's back but she moved when I was in mid air, and I went down chin first and landed on the concrete floor. I still show her the scar every now and then just to remind her of that day.

When I left school I worked in the same envelope factory as Eileen, "Pirie Appletons" in South College Street. This was before the factory moved out to Dyce and changed its name to "Wiggins Teape Stationery."

Eileen left the factory work to have her children. She had a few jobs in between, then went back to studying for exams so she could become a nurse. Eileen was able to work her way up all the grades to becoming a Staff Nurse in the renal unit in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. We were all very proud of her achievements!

I worked in the factory for 8 years. In that time I met Mike (Sangster) at the Spring Garden ice rink. We had lots of fun there, usually getting warnings from the checker about doing something wrong, like chipping the ice with your blade or doing a spinning chain with nearly all the people in the rink just before closing time.

Following in the Footsteps of Thomas Bentley, 1797-1864 and Sarah Gray, 1797-1859

The Bentley Tree begins with **Edward** and **Mary**. We know nothing about them other than they lived in Thurmaston and had a son, **William Bentley**, born 1758. There could be other siblings, but we have yet to find them. William married **Martha Preston** in 1785. She was born in Thurmaston 1761, died 1801, aged 40. The date of William's death is unknown. They had a large family, 11 children: 8 died within a year of being born, 4 sons and 4 daughters. Another son, **William Bentley**, was born 1792-1798, died aged 5. Two sons, lived to get married and have families, **John Bentley** born 1788, died 1837, aged 49 years and **Thomas Bentley**, born 1797, died 1864, aged 67 years. Every child born was baptized in the Chapelry of Thurmaston and after death were given a funeral and buried in the Chapelry graveyard.

The life of John Bentley, 1788—1837, and his ancestors have been followed throughout this document. These next two pages allows us to walk in the footsteps of his brother, Thomas.



Photograph above is of the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels. This would have been the family Church. This church is the outcome of the combined North and South Chapelries which happened in 1796.

Introduction: **Thomas Bentley**, born 1797, died 1864, aged 67. He was 20 when he married **Sarah Gray**. Sarah was born 1797 in Syston, Leicestershire, died 1859, aged 62. The first England Census was taken in 1841 and repeated afterwards every 10 years. In the 1841, census, Thomas was a stocking maker, in 1851; he was a framework knitter; and in 1861, he was a hosiery maker. Thomas and Sarah had 4 children born in Thurmaston and later lived in Leicester. Details of each child's life: **Elizabeth Bentley**; **Henry Bentley**; **Mary Bentley**; and **James Gray Bentley**, and the lives of their family, and of those that followed them, are outlined below:

Elizabeth Bentley. Born 1817, died, 1876, aged 59. She married **Joseph Bellamy**, born 1814, died 1885, aged 71. The family lived at 17 Luke Street, Leicester. Elizabeth was a lace maker and Joseph was a tailor. They had 5 children, details below:

Charlotte Bellamy, 0;

Joseph Bellamy#1, 5 months;

Joseph-Bellamy#2 born 1846 and died 1861, aged 15.

Edward Bellamy, born 1851, died 1875, aged 24. Single. Occupation: brushmaker.

Mary Bellamy was born 1856, found on 1911 census, death unknown. Single. Occupation: shoefitter.

No marriages nor future Bellamy generations came from this family.

Henry Bentley. Born 1819, died 1894, aged 75. Single. Occupation: general labourer.

No future generations came from Henry.

Mary Bentley. Born, 1820, died in 1886, aged 66. She married **Joseph Wilson** in 1844. Joseph was born in 1822, Leicester, and died 1889, aged 67. Occupation: shoemaker. The family lived at 120 Northampton Street, Leicester. Mary and Joseph had 3 children. See details below:

Henry Gray Wilson was born in 1847 and died 1920, aged 73. Single. Occupation: printer compositor.

Sarah Jane Wilson, born 1851, died 1925, aged 74. Single, no children. Occupation: machinist.

John Thomas Wilson, born 1854, died 1930, aged 76. Single. Occupation: coach body maker

No marriages nor future generations came from this family.

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4th child of Thomas and Sarah Bentley: **James Gray Bentley**

NOTE: This and the next page shows that Thomas, 1797-1864, father of four, had only one child, his last born, James Gray Bentley, who had children who carried the Bentley Family name forward. His family and their ancestors are on the next page.

Following in the Footsteps of Thomas Bentley, 1797-1864 and Sarah Gray, 1797-1859 (Continued)

Fourth and last child of Thomas and Sarah Bentley:

James Gray Bentley, 1826-1895, aged 69. Married **Susannah Quincey** about 1849. Susannah was born 1826, Keyham, Leicestershire, died in 1898, aged 72. James was a butler. Reported in a census that he had gout and difficulties working. James and Susannah had 4 children all born in Sleaford, Lincolnshire, then later lived in St. Ecclesall Bierlow, Yorkshire. Details of **Emily Gray**, 1850-1911; **James Henry George**, 1852-1885; **Alfred Gray**, 1854-1908; and, **Amelia Gray**, 1861-1949, are below:

Emily Gray Bentley, 1850-1911, aged 61. Married twice, **Frederick Mosely** in 1867. Frederick was born in 1849, Sheffield, Yorkshire, died 1878, aged 29. Second marriage was to **Montague Savi Hudson** in 1888. He was born 1862, London, died 1901, aged 38. (Due to length, see bottom half of this page for the breakdown on Emily's Family.)

James Henry George Bentley, 1852-1885, aged 33. Married **Sarah Morton** in 1870. Sarah was born 1851 and died, 1919, aged 68. James was a coach painter. They lived on Eldon Street, Sheffield, Yorkshire, West Riding. They had two sons James Henry and Alfred Theodore:

James Henry Bentley, 1872-1942, aged 70. He married **Martha Ellen Woods** in 1893. They had 8 children:

Harold, 1893-1953, aged 59; Jessie, 1896-1974, aged 77; Alfred Theodore, 1898-1915, aged 17;
Rose Millie, 1900-1976, aged 76; Richard James, 1905-; Clifford Henry T., 1906-1958, aged 52;
Alice Margaret, 1908-; and, Dorothy, 1911-.

Alfred Theodore Bentley, 1875-1950, aged 75. Single

Alfred Gray Bentley, 1854-1908, aged 53. Married **Mary Jane Evans** in 1876, Manchester, Lancashire. Mary Jane was born 1855 and died 1917, aged 61. Alfred was a plumber and then a coachsmith (a maker or mender of horse drawn carriages). They had two children:

Alfred Edward Bentley, 1880-1944. aged 64. Married, **Adalaide Bell** in 1920, Manchester, Lancashire. Adalaide was born 1884, died 1965, aged, 81. No children have been found for this couple.

Mary Quincey Bentley, 1889-1973, aged 84. Married **Robert James McKeon** in 1917. One son, Kenneth McKeon, 1922-.

Amelia Gray Bentley, 1861-1949, aged 88. Married **James Robert Graydon**, about 1893, place unknown. James was born 1863 and died 1942, aged 78. They had a daughter, **Margaret Graydon**, 1893-1936, aged 42. Married **Frances Taylor**, about 1919, place unknown. Frances was born in 1886 and died in 1968, aged 82. They had a daughter, **Kathleen Taylor**, born 1919 and died 2005. Married **John Ford**. John was born 1916 and died 1993, aged 76. They have a daughter, still living.

Emily Gray Bentley and Frederick Mosely's had 3 children, Ada, Anne, and Frederick Quincey:

Ada Mosely, 1870-1878, aged 9.

Anne Mosely, 1871-1943, aged 72. Married **John Renton Hammerton**, 1891. John was born 1864, died 1947, aged 82.

Occupation: Wood Turner. They had 5 children:

Amelia Renton Hammerton, 1891, death unknown. Married **Joseph Hutton**, 1912. Joseph was born 1896, died 1982, aged 85. They had 3 children, Amelia, Edna and James:

Amelia Hutton, 1917-1993, aged 76. Married: **Sidney Rose**, 1935. Sidney born 1913, died 2005, aged 92. They had two sons, names unknown, and living.

Edna Amelia Hutton, 1924-1996, aged 69 Single. Occupation: Office Laundry Clerk. No children.

James L. Hutton, 1927-1999, aged .73. Married **Joan Mallows**, 1958, Yorkshire. They have two children, sex unknown, and living.

Frederick Quincey Mosely, 1878-1937, aged 58. Married **Florence Beesley**, 1900, Ecclesall Bierlow, Yorkshire West Riding. Florence was born 1875-1945, aged 69. 4 children, Frederick Beesley, Harold, Emily and George Frederick:

Frederick Beesley Mosely, 1898-1898, aged 0; **Harold Mosely**, 1898-1911, aged 12; **Emily Mosely**, born 1901, on 1911 English Census. No details known. **George Frederick Mosely**, born 1904, died 1919, aged 15.



YEAR POPULATION

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1881	108	In the early days numbers were small and I am sure everyone knew everyone. Edward was baptized in the "Chapelry of Thur maston.
1901	93	
1911	95	
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1931	97	
1951	109	file:///C:/Users/Rosemary/Documents/RJS-ALL_DOCS/Genealogy/Genealogy-original/Bentley/MapsPhotosEtc/GENUKI_%20MAP-Thur maston%
1961	104	
2022	9,668	

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Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Thur maston, Leicester.

Thur maston is a village and civil parish in Leicestershire, England, located within the borough of Charmwood. At the 2011 census, it had a population of 9,668. It is situated four miles north of the city center of Leicester and lies just outside the A563, Leicester's outer ring road.

Thur maston is bounded to the west by [Watermead Country Park](#) (which faces onto [Birstall](#)), to the north by [Syston](#) and to the east by [Barkby](#) and [Barkby Thorpe](#). South of Thur maston is [Rushey Mead](#) and the boundaries of the Leicester urban area.

Rushey Mead was formerly part of the Thur maston parish in the 19th century, before becoming a Thur maston [Urban District](#) in 1894. In 1935, the district was annexed to the city of Leicester where it took its modern-day name of Rushey Mead.

Thur maston is split in two by the [A607 dual carriageway](#), which by-passes the main village. To the east of the road is the mostly residential, newer part of Thur maston. To the west is the main village on Melton Road, which stands on the old [Fosse Way](#), the historic road built by the [Romans](#). Thur maston lies on the eastern banks of the [River Soar](#), and two [marinas](#) are located there, one of which is also a boat-yard, and numerous mooring sites. These lead to the [Watermead Country Park](#) which is a purpose-built nature reserve.

<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Thur maston>



Bentley Family Lived in many areas of Leicester



Three generations of family visited William Bentley in Aberdeen: Mabel, Dorothy, Patricia and Shirley, all from Leicester. They spent time with William, Bunty, and their family. Photos above were taken during the visit.

Contact Address:
Shirley and Pete
31 Plantation Avenue
Aylestone, Leicester, LE2 8PQ



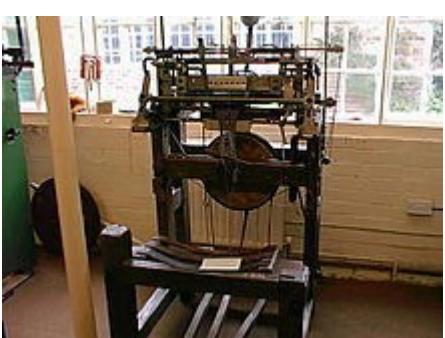
Leicester, City Center, Clock Tower.



Somerby is a small village in Leicestershire where members of the Davie Family lived.



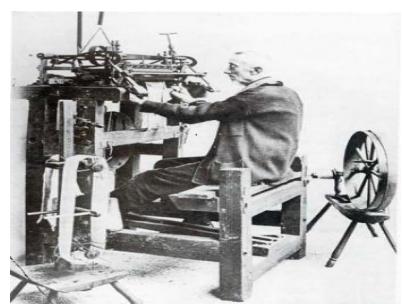
13th Century, All Saints Church, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, England. Davie Family Members lived in Somerby and were church members.



Stocking Frame.



Barrow Upon Soar, 1900



Stretton's Hosiery Factory, Leicester,

Barrow Upon Soar where some of the Bentley's lived, worked in textiles. Charles and his family were involved in this industry and would have worked from their own home. The men would work the frame while wives and children wound bobbins and seamed stockings. More on this can be found on: barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk

William Bentley, 1920-2010
His Mother, Ada Davie, 1899-1982, Family Tree

9th Great Grandparents: William Davie, 1600– and Elizabeth, 1600-. Marriage 1626. One son, Thomas, 1626-.

8th Great Grandparents: Thomas Davyes, 1626– and Elizabeth Jones 1634-. Married 1662, Leicester. They had one daughter and one son: Mary, 1660-; and Thomas, 1663-.

7th Great Grandparents: Thomas Davye, 1663– and Elizabeth Phipps, 1666-1743. Married, 1689, Leicester. They had 3 daughters and one son: Anne, 1690-1743; Thomas, 1693-1757; Elizabeth 1694-1700; and Elizabeth 1701-.

6th Great Grandparents: Thomas Davie, 1695-1757 and Mary Mugg, 1695-1780. Married: 1718, All Saints Church, Leicester. They had 6 sons and 4 daughters: Mary, 1719-1790, Thomas, 1721-1797; Francis, 1721-; George, 1723; Elizabeth, 1725; Ann, 1726-1786; Christopher, 1728-1728; Martha, 1728-1728; William, 1729; Thomas, 1735-1797.

5th Great Grandparents: Thomas Davie, 1721-1797 and second wife, Elizabeth Heaford, 1735-. Married 1754, St. Margaret Anglican Church, Leicestershire. He had five sons and one daughter from two marriages: Grace, 1748-; Benjamin, 1751-1752; Charles, 1757-1757; George, 1760-; Charles, 1762-1843; and Joseph, 1764-1765.

4th Great Grandparents: Charles Davie, 1762-1843 and Catherine Broadhurst, 1766-1845. Married, 1787, Anstey, Leicestershire. They had two sons and a daughter, Charles Fox, 1788-1862; Catherine, 1791-; and William, 1798.

3rd Great Grandparents: Charles Fox Davie, 1788-1862 and Elizabeth Cufflin, 1796-1879. Married, 1815, Anstey, Leicester. They had 3 sons and 3 daughters: Elizabeth, 1819-1888; Sophia, 1823-1895; William, 1826-1911; John, 1830-1904; James, 1833-1900; and Anne, 1838-1901. Charles was a soldier (1793-1815) in the Europe 52nd regiment of foot. Later a framework knitter. And was a Chelsea Pensioner. In 1851, family is living at 5 and 6 Church Lane, Thurcaston, Leicester.

2nd Great Grandparents: William Davie, 1826– and Catherine Griffin, 1827-1905. Married: 1847, Ansley, Leicester. They had 9 sons and one daughter: Eliza, 1848-1907; William, 1849-; James, 1852-1919; Henry, 1856-1932; Charles, 1858-1912; George, 1861-; John, 1861-1913; Alfred, 1865-1933; Albert, 1867-; and Arthur, 1870-1931. William was a framework knitter. In 1861 the family is living at 21 Junior Street, in 1881, 55 and 57 Burgess Street, and in 1901, 1 Court Road.

Great Grandparents: John Davie, 1861-1913 and Alice Plater, 1866-1914. Marriage: 1882, Leicester. They had 5 daughters, Lavinia, 1885-1964; Nellie, 1888-; Violetta Ellen, 1891; Mabel, 1897-1977; and, Ada, 1899-1982. John was a wool dyer. In 1911, the family was living 5 Colliers Cottages, Short Street and in 1939, 16 Whittier Road.

**History of “Davie” Surname
(Including Crest, Coat of Arms and Tartan)**



About: The surname **Davie** is from the unique Celtic culture that developed in Wales. This particular surname is from the personal name David, which means darling or friend. This name was common in England and Scotland from the 12th century onward, but was particularly popular in Wales even earlier.

Name Variations: The surname Davie has occasionally been spelled Davy, Davey, Davie, Daivey, Daivy, Daivie, Davyes, Dayvy, Dayvie, Dayvey, Devy, Devie and many more.

People w/ Davie Surname/Country: England, 2,618; Australia, 2,605; Scotland, 1957; and Canada, 1,192.

<https://www.houseofnames.com/>



Davie Tartan of Wales

Charles "Fox" Davie, 1788, Whemaids, Leicestershire -1862, Barrow Upon Soar, Leicestershire, England

The 1861 England Census occupation for Charles Davis, aged 73, said he was an "living out Chelsea Pensioner" and a "Framework Knitter".

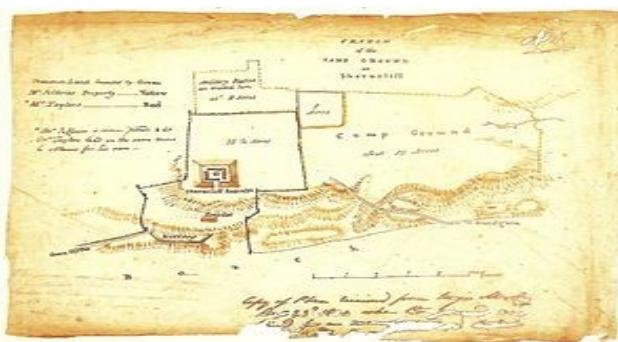
Charles served in the British Army, "Europe 52nd Regiment of Foot". He was sent to Europe, and fought in the Napoleonic Wars (**see map and background below**), that started 18 May, 1803 and ended 20 November 1815. Charles was in the riflemen and light infantry section. He didn't start life with a middle name, "Fox" so have to assume he earned this nickname during these wars.

Charles service began in 1805 when he was 17 years old. He fought in the Battles of Corunna, Fuentes d'Mor, Cuidad Rodrigo, Badajory, Salamanca, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes and Toulouse. At some time over the years, he became a sergeant. He left service in 1814, and married Elizabeth Cufflin in 1815. Charles would have received an Army pension from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.



An Officer & Private of the 52nd REGT OF INFANTRY

Officer and private of 52nd by C H Hamilton & J C Stadler, 19th century.



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

Shorncliffe Camp is a British Napoleonic earthwork fort. Established in 1794, when the army bought 229 acres of land at Shorncliffe. The site is situated on the Kentish Coast in Sandgate Kent. Map above was drawn in 1801. It was at Shorncliffe that in 1803 Sir John Moore trained the Light Division that fought under the Duke of Wellington in the Napoleonic Wars.

In 1803, Sir John Moore, the colonel, converted two regiments (the 43rd Foot and his own regiment, the 52nd Foot), to light infantry at Shorncliffe Camp, the new specialized training camp for light infantry. Five other regiments (the 51st, 68th, 71st, 85th and 90th) were subsequently converted to light infantry. The 2nd Battalion became an independent unit as the 96th Regiment of Foot. A year later, the 52nd Foot raised a new 2nd Battalion. This one lasted until 1815, fighting many battles. See map below:



Above:

52nd Regiment of Foot. Cap badge worn by the soldiers
Napoleonic War Medals. Men would be given a medal for
each battle in which they fought.



The family lived in Anstey, a large village in Leicestershire. This is an old photo of the "Nook" in Anstey.

Framework Knitters in Leicestershire, 1670-1851

Charles was a Framework Knitter. See photo, left. He would have used both feet to operate the Frame. To the left of the Frame is a floor vice and to the right a bobbin winder, adapted from an old spinning wheel: these were used to transfer yarn from hanks to bobbins for use on the frame.

Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson Findlay– 1922-2010



Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson Findlay

Birth: 7 July 1922, Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland
Parents: Andrew Blailey Findlay and Elspet Black Gordon
Marriage: 21 November 1942, Leicester, Leicestershire, England
To: William Bentley
Children: Eileen Mary Bentley, 1944-
William Bentley, 1945
Ronald Bentley, 1950
Doreen Bentley, 1952
Death: 29 October 2010, Aberdeen
Dementia, Stomach Cancer
Cremated Hazlehead Crematorium— shares a lair with William

About:

When Mary (Bunty) Henrietta Christine Nelson Findlay was born her father was 49, and her mother was 26. Mary was the first born child of Andrew Blailey Findlay, 1873-1934; and the wife from his third marriage, Elspet Black Gordon, 1895-1969.

Following Mary, they had 5 more children: Margaret (Meg), 1925-; Elspet Black Gordon (Cissie), 1925-1969; Ronald, 1926-2002; Evelyn, (Evie) 1930-2011; and, Barbara Allison Hay, 1931-2005. In Aberdeen they lived off King Street, 53 Virginia Street .

Bunty volunteered for the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS) and was enrolled as a "Steward". She was sent to Skara Brae in Orkney. Responsibilities outlined online included driving, cooking, clerical work, operating radar and communications equipment and providing weather forecasts.

Photograph above was taken on 21 November, 1942, Leicester, England. William Bentley and Mary Findlay tied the knot. They met while serving their country, WWII.

Bunty was a machine operator and later worked as a nursing assistant and kitchen worker for Woodend Hospital in Aberdeen.

They had 4 children, lived in Mastrick, Aberdeen, and had a wonderful life focusing totally on their family.

At the end, Bunty developed dementia. Whilst in her nursing home she lost a lot of weight and they found a cancerous lump in her stomach. While unplanned, Bunty and William died the same year, about 9 months apart.

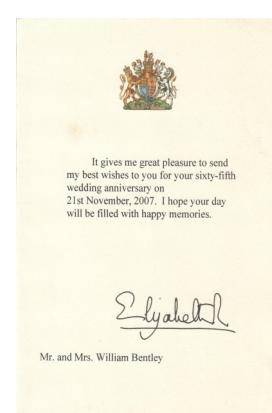


Left Back: Pops (Bents), Paul, Bunty (Gramzie) and Michaela.

Left Front: Graeme, Shonid and Fiona.



Mary and William received two anniversary cards from the Queen, first for 60 years of marriage, then for 65 years of marriage.



1953, Family home:
15 Cairnwell Avenue, Mastrick.

MRS BENTLEY WOMAN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE SERVICE FORM

Official # 6402
 Birth 7/6/22
 Religious denomination: church of Scotland
 Home address
 16 Whittier Road, Leicester

Nearest known relative or friend:
 Husband
 A.B. William Bentley
 LTN J X 280095
 HMS Brackenhill, C/O GPO, London
 Mother Mrs. Findlay 51 Virginia St., Aberdeen

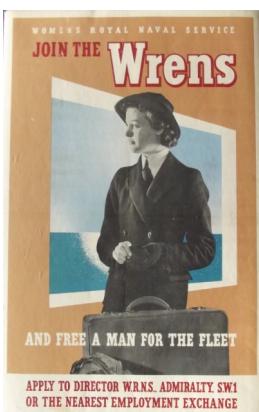
Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson Bentley
 5 feet 3 inches, Light brown hair
 Gray eyes, Fresh complexion
 Scar on side of neck

Date of enrolment 03-7-1940
 Date commencing duty, 18-7-1940
 Period of engagement: Hostilities only



Framed piece below was hung with pride in the family home. See page 15 photos at top.

Establishment	Rating	Category	Employed as	Mobile/ Immobile	From	To	Cause of Discharge
HMS Pyramus	Wren	General	Steward GD	M	18-7-40	27-3-42	Advanced
HMS Pyramus	L/Wren	Unspec.	Steward GD	M	28-7-42	2-9-42	Drafted HMS Owl
HMS Owl	L/ Wren	Unspec.	Steward GD	M	2-9-42	18-3-43	Drafted to HMS Sparrowhawk
HMS Sparrowhawk	L/Wren	Unspec.	Steward GD	M	19-3-43	2-7-43	HMS Condor
HMS Condor	L/Wren	Unspec.	Steward GD	M	2-7-43	22-11-43	Discharged on compassionate grounds in acc: with C.A.F.O.



Wren Handbook, their Uniform and Tag worn during WWII



War Medals Awarded to Mary Bentley



War Medal 1939-1945

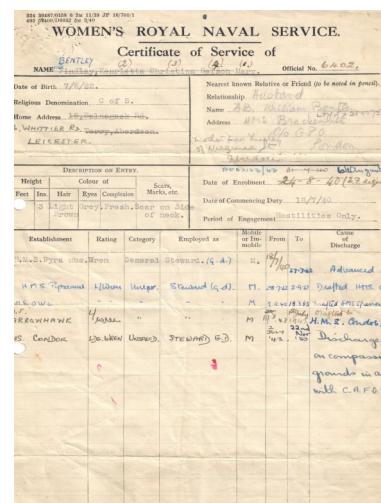
Defence Medal

War Medals Awarded to William Bentley



1939-1945 Star

War Medal 1939-1945



Original Service Form, page 1, for Mary Bentley is hard to read and data retyped on this page.

Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson Findlay
Father, Andrew B. Findlay, 1873-1934 Family Tree

4th Great Grandparents: **William Findlay**, 1760-1801 and **Margaret Forbes**, 1754-1819. Married 1780, Aberdeen. They had 2 sons and a daughter: William, 1788-1872; Barbara, 1790-1790; **James**, 1790-1841. In 1801 family is living close to the Spital.

3rd Great Grandparents: **James Findlay**, 1790-1841 and **Barbara Tilleray**, 1800-1841. Married 1820, Aberdeen. They had 3 sons and two daughters: William, 1821-; Ann, 1823; **James**, 1825-1871; George, 1827-; and Barbara, 1831-1892.

2nd Great Grandparents: **James Findlay**, 1825-1871 and second wife, **Elizabeth Geils Watt**, 1831-1892. Married 1851, Aberdeen. James had 5 sons and 4 daughters. Ann, 1841-; Alexander, 1844-; Jessie, 1848-; Margaret, 1852-; **William McQueen**, 1856-1890; John, 1858-; James, 1860-; Isabella, 1866-1939; and Alexander, 1870-. James was an iron moulder. In 1871 the family is living at 25 Guestrow and in 1871, 69 Queens Street.

1st Great Grandparents: **William McQueen Findlay**, 1856-1890 and **Jane Blaikie**, 1853-1922. Married, 1878, Aberdeen. They had 4 sons/1 daughter. **Andrew Blaikie**, 1873-1934; William, 1877-1936; James, 1880-; Isabella, 1887-1904; and Alexander, 1890-1963. William was a coal stone keeper. In 1861 the family is living at 25 Guestrow and in 1881, 102 Causewayend.

Maternal Grandparents: **Andrew Blaikie Findlay**, 1873-1934 and **Elspet Black Gordon**, 1895-1969. Third Marriage: 1921, Aberdeen. They had one son and 5 daughters: **Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson**, 1922-2010; Margaret, 1925-; Elspet Black Gordon, 1925-1969; Ronald, 1926-2002; Evelyn, 1930-2011; and, Barbara Allison Hay, 1931-2005. Andrew was a coal carter. In 1901 the family is living at 19 Stevenson Street. (Andrew had two previous marriages: First in 1893 to **Eliza Webster Gibb**, 1867-1907, Aberdeen. They had one son and two daughters: William, 1894-1961; Eliza, 1899-1902; Helen Gibb, 1901-1907. Second Marriage to **Charlotte Frances Calder**, 1875-1917. They had a son, Andrew, 1909-.



Above: William's family walking in Aberdeen could have passed this Spital street sign.



**History of "Findlay" Surname
 (Including Crest, Motto, Coat of Arms and Tartan)**



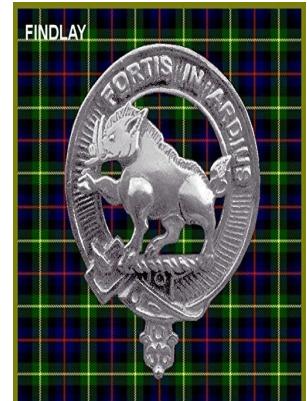
About: The surname Findlay was first found in Banffshire (Gaelic: Siorrachd Bhanbh), former Scottish county located in the northeasterly Grampian region of Scotland, now of divided between the Council Areas of Moray and Aberdeenshire, where they were descended from the Chiefs of the Clan jobs 1800, Farquharson, one of the great federation of 26 Clans, known as the Clan Chattan.

Name Variations: Findlay has appeared as Findlay, Findlow, Findlaw, Finley, Finlay and others.

People w/Findlay Surname/Country: UK, 9,235; Australia, 5,066; USA, 4,974; and New Zealand, 1,601. <https://www.houseofnames.com/>

Left: A home in Guestrow James and Elizabeth lived in 25 Guestrow, once a fashionable part of Aberdeen. Area was demolished 1920-1930. (Silvercityvault.org.uk).

Right: By the 18th century large pits used horses and wagons to haul coal from the coalface for transportation to the public. Two generations of Findlay's worked in the coal business.



Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson Findlay
Mother, Elspet Black Gordon, 1895-1969 Family Tree

3rd Great Grandparents: Alexander Gordon, 1790– 1851, and Isabella McKay, 1790-1870. Married 1856, Aberdeen. A son, **Burnett**, 1816-1894. Alexander was a mechanical engineer.

2nd Great Grandparents: **Burnett Gordon**, 1816-1894 and **Marjory Graham**, 1819-1890. Married 1841, Kettins, Angus, Scotland. They had 6 sons and 4 daughters: Ann Barty, 1843-; Susan Graham, 1845-1862; Burnett, 1848-1933; Alexander, 1852-; **George Mennie**, 1855-1931; David, 1857-; David, 1857-; Lewis, 1861-1950; Marjory, 1884-; Donald George, 1889-1958; and, Elspet Black, 1895-1969. Father Burnett was a police constable. In 1871, the family is living in Portlethen, and in 1894, 20 Dee Street.

1st Great Grandparents: **George Mennie Gordon**, 1855-1931 and **Mary Ann Watson**, 1855-1920. Married 1883, Charleston, Kinrossshire, Scotland. They had 2 sons and 2 daughters: Marjory, 1884-; Lewis, 1887-1962; Donald George, 1889-1958; and **Elspet Black**, 1895-1969. George was a blacksmith. In 1901, the family is living at 41 Queens Street.

Maternal Grandparents: **Elspet Black Gordon**, 1895-1969 and **Andrew Blailey Findlay**, 1873-1934. Married, 1921, Aberdeen. Elspet was the third wife of Andrew. They had one son and 5 daughters: **Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson**, 1922-2010; Margaret, 1925-; Elspet Black Gordon, 1925-1969; Ronald, 1926-2002; Evelyn, 1930-2011; and, Barbara Allison Hay, 1931-2005. Andrew, however, fathered a total of 10 children. Parents, Elspet worked in a paper mill in Aberdeen, perhaps Stoneywood Mill. Andrew was a coal heaver. In 1960, the family is living at 28 Frederick Street.

Daughter: **Mary Henrietta Christine Nelson Findlay**, 1922-2010, Aberdeen, Scotland. Mary was the first born child of Andrew Blailey Findlay, 1873-1934; and the wife of his third marriage, Elspet Black Gordon. Mary married **William Bentley**, Leicester.



Ruined Huntly Castle.
Ancestral home of the
Chief of Clan Gordon.



Kingsway Cinema, corner of King/Frederick Streets
opened March 1939. Became a bingo hall in 1963.
Elspet, Andrew and Family lived at 28 Frederick Street.



Above: Stoneywood Mill Entrance.
Workers starting their shift. Elpet
perhaps worked in this famous Mill.



About: The surname Gordon was first found in Berwickshire an ancient county of Scotland, presently part of the Scottish Borders Council Area, located in the eastern part of the Borders Region of Scotland, where legend has it that they were granted lands by King Malcolm Ceanmore, successor to MacBeth, in 1057, thus placing bearers of the name in lowland Scotland, before the invasion of the Normans.

Name Variations: Gordon has been spelled Gordon, Gordun, Gôrdon (Gaelic) and others.

People w/Gordon Surname/Country: USA, 161,655; UK, 33,469; Australia, 23,346; Canada, 21,279; New Zealand, 4,177; and South Africa, 11,791. <https://www.houseofnames.com/>



Gordon Tartan

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FINDLAY FAMILY OF MARY BENTLEY



Evelyn Findlay (Evie), 1930-2011;
Margaret Findlay (Meg), 1925-,
Mary Findlay.



Meg, Evie and Mary.



Isabel, Ronnie, Mary.



Meg, Barbara Allison Hay Findlay, 1931-2005, and Ronald (Ronnie) Findlay, 1928-2002.



Fun night out for Ronnie and Isabel
Findlay with Mary and William Bentley.



Union Street, Aberdeen, 1950.

WILLIAM AND MARY BENTLEY



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EILEEN BENTLEY AND FAMILY



Eileen growing up: baby with parents, with husband, William Kirkpatrick, as a nurse in uniform, with family Shonid and Gary.



Shonid with David Ogilvie on their wedding day, Shonid and David years later, family day out and the Ogilvie children all on their toes: Ailish, Emily and Roan.



Gary as a child with his mother and big sister. Again at a family wedding with Shonid and Eileen. In his uniform with his grandparents. Gary with wife, Melanie. They have two children, Hannah and Celeb and live in South Africa.

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WILLIAM (BILLY) BENTLEY AND FAMILY



Billy and Eileen with their Father



Billy and Eileen



Doreen, Ronald and Billy



Family trip to Blackpool



Billy and Lorraine
at Fiona's wedding



Only photo of the entire family.
Back: Ronald, Doreen, Billy
Front: William, Bunty, Eileen



Aunt Margaret with Ronald



Michaela, Doreen, Gramsie, Shonid, Eileen



Doreen and Eileen



Mike and Doreen

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RONALD BENTLEY AND FAMILY



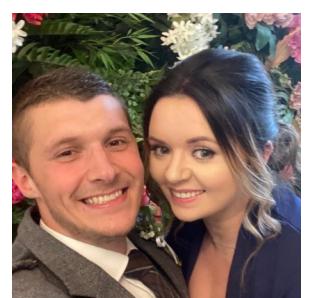
Ronald growing up: in the bath, with siblings: Doreen and Billy, with his children, Fiona and Graeme, and with his partner, Gwen.



Fiona growing up: as a baby, ready for a new school year, marriage to Duncan Kerr with daughter, Danielle, and with partner,



Graeme growing up: as a baby, with his dad, Ronald, in work uniform. Taking his niece, Emily, out for a special birthday meal.



Danielle growing up: as a baby with her granddad, with her great grandmother Bunty, her mother, Fiona, and partner, Stephen.

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DOREEN BENTLEY AND FAMILY



Doreen growing up: as a young child, as a teenager, marriage to Michael Sangster, with daughter, Michaela.



Doreen's parents, William and Bunty, with Michaela and James Tosh on their wedding day. First born granddaughter, Elissee, in the arms of her Bunty, her great grandmother, and Elissee a bit older.



Above two rows: a selection of photos of Doreen and Mike with Michaela, James, Elise and Connell all taken in the USA.

STORIES TO SHARE OF ANCESTERS

Linked to William Bentley, 1758-, 5th Great Grandfather, his son,

Patrick Joseph McKeon, 1853- and Mary Alice Sheehan, 1861-1927, had a son, Robert James McKeon who married a Bentley ancestor. Her name was Mary Quincey Bentley, 1889-1973 and her parents were Alfred Gray Bentley, 1854-1908 and Mary Jane Evans, 1855-1917.

This story focuses on Robert's Family. A family that may have brought some Irish DNA into this Bentley Tree.

Patrick was born in County Letrim, Ireland, and Mary was born in Preston, Lancashire, however, her parents were direct descendants of Ireland. Patrick and Mary married in Blackburn, Lancashire, in April 1881. They had six children, all born in Lancashire. They immigrated to Brooklyn, New York in 1884 and became US citizens in 1918. They lived at 256 Wychoff Street. Another 8 children were born in New York making a total of 14, 7 sons and 7 daughters. For sure this family was very religious and all the data, for each child, shows this. This story is going to focus on the eldest, Joseph Matthew McKeon and the youngest, Catherine McKeon.

Joseph McKeon, lived at 255 Warren Street, worked for the American Railway Express Company for 25 years. He married Anna Fieldis McKeon, 1909. A daughter, Anna, was born and died the same year. Joseph was a former president of the Holy Name Society of St. Paul Church and a member of the usher society. He also was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 1; St. Paul's Council 655, Knights of Columbus and he was a 4th Degree member of Long Island Assembly, K of C. Anna was a machinist. She died 1937, aged 50. Joseph died 1950, aged 66. Both are buried in East Flatbush Cemetery, New York.

Catherine McKeon, the youngest child, was born 1904. At the age of 16 she was employed as an office clerk, and at 26 she was a stenographer working for the pictures industry in NY. In the 1940 and 1950 Census she is one of 12 nuns living in the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament in New York, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, Manhattan. "Sister Catheryn" is teaching science and mathematics. The school was founded in 1903.

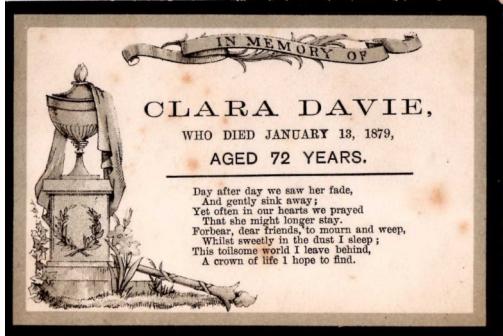
I have been unable to track what happened to her after the 1950 Census. A story yet to end. Did she leave the convent to go to another, in another city perhaps, did she leave the convent totally, did she die and I have yet to find when and where that is. I was so sure I would find a photo of her online, but so far no!



St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church



Above
Photo of a nun taken in 1940
Entryway of the Convent of the
Blessed Sacrament, NY.



Memorial Card for Clara Davie nee Hubbard, died 1879, age 73. Wife of Edward Davie, 1803-1869. 1st cousin 5 x removed. They married 1830, Burrough, Leicestershire. She died in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

Towers Hospital (Humberstone, Leicester Borough Asylum) Benjamin W. Bentley may have died in this building. Only men were housed here.

His wife, Emily Smith died in the Leicester City Mental Hospital.

Her son William Gibson Bentley was only 11 when his father died and 22 years old when his mother died.



Leicester Borough Lunatic Asylum

PHOTOS SHARED BY LIVING ANCESTERS



Brothers, Donald, 1930-2015 and Derek Bentley, 1927-1999. Sons of Harold and Ruth Bentley.

Donald and Derek Bentley are related to the Aberdeen Bentley Family. Their Tree starts with Edward and Mary, then William and Martha. Only two sons survived, Thomas and William. Donald and Derek's Family ancestor is Thomas while the Aberdeen Bentley Family ancestor is William.

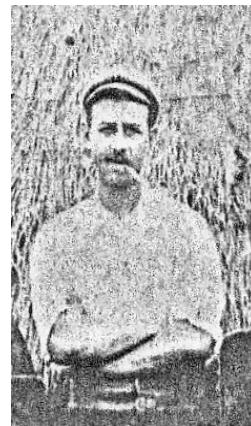
See below for Donald and Derek Bentley's Direct Ancestry Tree:

- 1st generation: Edward and Mary (GGGGG grandparents)
 - 2nd generation: William and Martha (GGGG grandparents)
 - 3rd generation: Thomas and Sarah (GGG grandparents)
 - 4th generation: James Gray and Susannah (GG grandparents)
 - 5th generation: James Henry and Martha Ellen (grandparents)
 - 6th generation: Harold and Ruth (parents)
 - 7th Generation: Donald/Joan and Derek/Muriel (sons/wives)
- Bentley Family Tree managed by Lynne Bentley.*



Right: **Thomas Masson Gordon** was born in 1876, Cove, Nigg, Kincardineshire. Married **Mary Cameron**, 1907, Aberdeen (right). Death 1947, age 70. He is 1st cousin 1 x removed of husband of Elspet Black Gordon.

Left: Tom Gordon is 4th left, back row. Photo taken by Taylor, Schoolhill, Aberdeen



Mary Cameron Gordon
(Sister of Katherine Cameron McKay)



Left: **Ann Graham Gordon** with grandchildren.
Right of Ann, daughter, **Marjory** with her grandson, **John Ronald Beaton**.



Right of Marjory, brother, **James**.
Right of James, his son, **William**



Ann Graham Gordon is the oldest sister of **Elspet Black Gordon**. Ann was the first born of 10 children to Burnett Gordon, 1815-1894, and Marjory Graham, 1819-1890. Her sister, **Elspet**, was the last born and is the mother of **Mary (Bunty) Findlay**, wife of **William (Bents) Bentley**. Ann was born in 1843-1904, and married Alexander Robb, 1844-1897, on 1865, in Banchory. They had 11 children.

We will focus only on two (see photos above): daughter, **Marjory Robb**, 1867-1958, and son, **James Black Robb**, 1876-1947.

Marjory married John Ronald, 1871-1932, 1896, Aberdeen. They had 2 children, Mary Ann, 1888-1954, and Marjory Robb, 1890-1978. Mary Ann married William Robertson Beaton, 1887-1958, in 1912, Aberdeen, and had a son, **John Ronald Beaton**, 1915-1990.

James married Jane Main, and had a son, **William Robb**, 1911-1982. William married Jane Missett, 1915-1973, on 1936 in Detroit, Michigan. They had 2 children, Joan, 1938-1996, and Alan, 1943- .