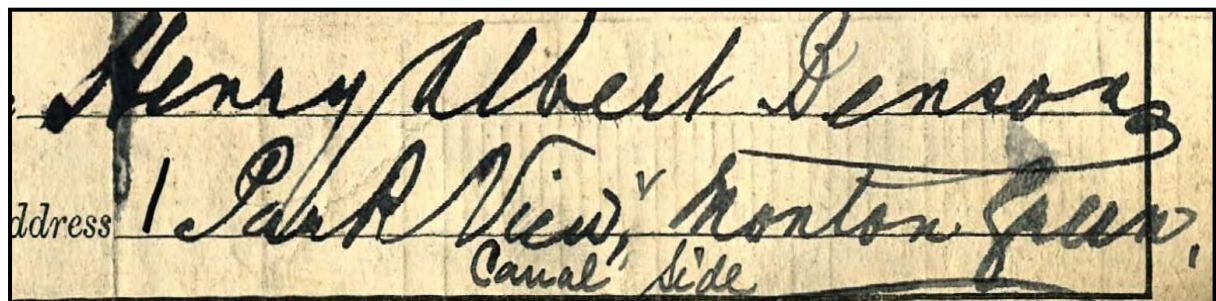


# Henry A. BENSON

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Henry Albert Benson  
address 1 Park View, Norton Green,  
Canal side

Born: 17 December 1847

Died: 8 February 1935

GROCER – ACCOUNTANT  
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**1847:** Birth of **Henry Albert Benson** in Salford on 17 December **1847**. Baptised on Sunday 9 January **1853** at Manchester Cathedral along with a sister, Anna Laura, born on 11 October **1850**.

No. 8	Henry Albert Son of	Charles and Ann	Benson Salford	Born 17 <sup>th</sup> Decr. 1847	Type Foundry	M. W. W.
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**1848:** Baptism of **Hannah Worris** on 15 October **1848** at Wentworth, York, the daughter of George and Elizabeth Worris. [Sometimes spelt Warris].

**1869:** Marriage at St. Mary, Eccles, of **Henry Albert Benson** and **Hannah Worris** on 17 November **1869**.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
457	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Albert Benson Hannah Worris	of full age	of full age	Bachelor Spinster	Grocer Wentworth York	Charles Benson George Worris	Grocer Collier

Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence or after \_\_\_\_\_ by me,  
Henry Albert Benson. Albert S. Francis.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, H. A. Benson in the Presence of us, Thomas Rodgers  
Hannah Worris & next Etlice Greenwood

**1871 census:** Wentworth St., Wentworth.

Phoebe Hawke	Head Spinster	59	Dressmaker
<b>Henry A. Benson</b>	Board. M	23	Colliery Clerk
<b>Hannah</b>	Wife M	22	
Maria	Daur.	1	

**1872:** Death of **Annie Laura Benson**, the sister of Henry Albert Benson. She was buried on 23 December **1872** at St. Mark's.

**1874:** Baptism of **Frederick William Benson** at St. Mark's on 6 September **1874**. Son of Henry Albert Benson and Hannah. Henry Albert was now an Accountant.

1874 Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> No. 973	Frederick William	Henry Albert & Hannah	Benson	Monton	Clark Accountant	Francis Wrotterley
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**1881** census: 17 The Green, Monton.

<b>Henry A. Benson</b>	Head	M	33	Farmer of 19 acres	b. Salford
<b>Hannah</b>	Wife	M	32		b. Wentworth, York.
Maria	Daur.		11		b. Do.
<b>Frederick W.</b>	Son		8		b. Do.

**1892:** Marriage of their son **Frederick William Benson** to Elizabeth Brumby at St. Mary, Eccles, on 25 July **1892**. They were to have a son *Percy* (born 1893) who was the father of *Reginald Benson* (q.v. below).

**1897:** Death of **Henry Benson**, of Winton. Buried at St. Mark's on 23 January 1897, aged 1 year. He was the son of **Frederick William** and **Elizabeth Benson**, and a grandson of Henry Albert Benson.

**1901** census: 1 Canal Side, Eccles.

<b>Henry A. Benson</b>	Head	M	53	Farmer
<b>Hannah</b>	Wife	M	52	

**1911** census: 1 Park View, Canal Side, Monton, Eccles. (6 rooms)

<b>Henry A. Benson</b>	Head	M	63	Agent
<b>Hannah</b>	Wife	M	62	(married 42 years; 2 children)
Henry Greenwood Bairstow	G'son		8	

**1918:** Death of **Frederick William Benson** on 11 May **1918**, aged 45 years.

**1926:** Death of **Hannah (Worris) Benson** on 15 September **1926**, aged 78 years. She was buried at St. Mark's on 11 September 1926.

d 519	Hannah Benson	1 Park View Monton	Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> 1926	78 years	A George Fox vicar of Monton
No. 975					

**1933:** Death of **Henry Albert Benson** on 8 February **1933**, aged 85 years. He was buried at St. Mark's on 11 February 1933.

	Henry Albert Benson	1 Park View Monton Eccles	11 <sup>th</sup> February 1933	85 yrs	A George Fox vicar of Monton	d 519
No. 1679						

## WILL.

**BENSON** Henry Albert of 1 Park View Monton **Lancashire** died 8 February 1933 Administration **Manchester** 21 July to Maria Bairstow (wife of Edwin Jonathan Bairstow).  
Effets £313 0s. 10d.

### **1936:**

Burial: 13 August 1936 St Mark, Worsley.

#### **Edward Benson**

Age: 1 month

Abode: 148 Thicketford Road, Bolton

Grave: Number A 519

Buried By: Hilary B. Morse, St. Augustine's Bolton

## **Cpl. Reginald BENSON**

According the engraving on the gravestone, **Reginald Benson** was the grandson of Henry Albert BENSON, and the son of Percy and Clara Benson, of Rossington, Yorkshire. He died, aged 19 years, on 22 October 1942. He died as a result of a flying accident. However, according to official records of his death and of the accident, he was 21 years. At that time, he was serving with 267 squadron in Egypt. Official documents show that he was buried at Heliopolis War Cemetery and his body lies in Row 2. A. 28. His service number was 572958. The 13 occupants of the aircraft were:

Corporal	<b>Reginald BENSON</b> (572958) R.A.F.
Flight Lieutenant	Ernest Francis Victor <b>COPSEY</b> (42334) R.A.F.
Corporal	Gerald Alexander <b>GRANT</b> (521986) R.A.F.
Flying Officer	Roy Anderson <b>HARPER</b> (400087) R.A.A.F.
Pilot Officer	Corliss St. Leger <b>HAWKES</b> (128712) <span>Pilot</span> R.A.F.
Warrant Officer Class II	Vern Selby <b>IRWIN</b> (R/77313) <span>Air Observe</span> R.C.A.F.
Sergeant	George Rollinson <b>MACBRYDE</b> (1162806) <span>Wireless Op</span> R.A.F.
Sergeant	Arthur William <b>MILLS</b> (1189309) <span>Wireless Op</span> R.A.F.
Flight Sergeant	Brian Joseph <b>O'CONNOR</b> (404933) <span>Observer</span>
Warrant Officer Class I	Walter H. <b>PLANT</b> (R/68178) <span>Air Observe</span> R.C.A.F.
Wing Commander	John Patrick Stracey <b>SMYTH</b> (37430) <span>Pilot</span> R.A.F.
Pilot Officer	John Cecil Oliver <b>TRENCH</b> (118479) <span>Pilot</span> R.A.F.
Pilot Officer	David Maxwell <b>WALKER</b> (110563) <span>Pilot</span>

All occupants were aboard a Lockheed Lodestar II, registration EW984. The circumstances of the accident were as follows:



**Narrative:**

The Lodestar took off from Bilbeis, Egypt, on a passenger flight to Lydda, Israel. Shortly after becoming airborne the pilot began to perform passes over Bilbeis Camp. He made a run at the Officers' Mess tent at a reported height of 8 feet. The left wing-tip of the Lodestar struck the tent and broke away causing the plane to roll inverted and crash, bursting into flames. All on board (3 crew and 10 passengers) lost their lives.



On board officially were 3 crew and 10 passengers. The report stated that the aircraft was destroyed and damaged beyond repair. The name of Cpl. **Reginald Benson** is to be found on the C. W. G. C. website. On the gravestone are the words:

*'Worthy of everlasting remembrance'*

