

# Charles T. Benton

Occupant Name: Charles T. Benton

Location: Section M, Lot 19

Date of Birth: 7/15/1858

Date of Death: 1924

Date of Burial: 1924

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: C.T. Benton

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



## CHARLES T. BENTON DIES IN CALIFORNIA

After Brief Illness at Home of His  
Son Clyde With Whom He Was  
Spending the Winter.

FUNERAL THURSDAY 2 O'CLOCK

Other Deaths During the Past Week  
Not Mentioned Elsewhere by Our  
Correspondents.

The announcement Sunday morning of the death of Charles T. Benton, so familiarly known as "Chuck," was received with universal regret by his host of friends in Brownstown and elsewhere over the county, where he was so well and widely known.

His death occurred Saturday evening, January 5, 1924, about 5 o'clock at the home of his son, Clyde, at Whittier, Cal., where he had spent the greater part of the past two years in hopes of regaining his health.

Several years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered, but was able to be about and attend to business affairs and mingle socially with his friends. He made an extended visit here with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Greger, and family, the past summer, returning to California in September and was in the best of spirits and usual health when he left. Aside from a letter received by Mrs. Greger last week, stating that he had a severe cold, no word had been received.



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that his condition was serious until a telegram was received Saturday evening stating he was in a critical condition, followed a few hours later by another message announcing his death which was quite a shock to his relatives and many friends here.

Chas. T. Benton was the son of George V. and Lucy Benton and was born in Brownstown July 17, 1858. His father was one of the most prominent general merchants in this section of the state in the early history of Brownstown and for years conducted what was known as the Benton Mammoth Cash Store, occupying several rooms on the principal section of Main street and the public square portion of which is now occupied by the Benton Block, corner Main and

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Walnut streets, which was built and owned by the subject of this sketch. He was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Frysinger, December 14, 1881. To their union were born one son, Clyde, and one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Greger, who survive him. He also leaves one brother, Ford Benton, of Muncie, and two grandchildren, Charles and Arthur Greger, both of Brownstown. His wife preceded him to the grave, December 23, 1921.

Mr. Benton was a faithful and active member of the Methodist church and was ever ready to contribute to its support and giving of his time and energy for its advancement. He represented his home church as a layman delegate in its last conference held at Evansville in September. He was also a member of the Brownstown F. & A. M. and K. of P. lodges. In his political views he was a stalwart Republican, having always given his support to the principles of the party. He served as central committeeman and from 1908 to 1916 served as postmaster and was one of the most obliging post-masters the town has ever had.

For many years he was active in the mercantile business as head clerk in Wright Vermilya's general store, which place he filled up to the time Mr. Vermilya closed out his stock and retired from business about 15 years ago.

Mr. Benton was also a public spirited man and one of his special characteristics was his love and loyalty to his home town, Brownstown, where he spent practically his entire life. He not only lent his moral and financial support for upbuilding his home town in many ways, but he took a remarkably keen civic pride in the appearance of the town, in fact, we cannot recall a single person who took more interest in the town in this respect than he did. It was no uncommon sight in the spring and summer months to see Mr. Benton during some of his leisure time with a long pair of pruning shears trimming the trees in the court house park to improve their symmetrical appearance. Only last summer, on his last visit home, he made a proposition to John Cooley, custodian of the court house, that if the county would furnish the paint, he would paint the ornamental cannon and cannon balls in the court house park, and that very day he donned his overalls and began to apply the paint. At another time he personally gave a cash premium of \$10 for the best kept lawn in Brownstown. We merely mention these instances to illustrate the extent he would go in this respect.

In the home he was a loving, tender and considerate father and the source of much of his happiness was found in the companionship of his children and grandchildren. Possessed of a pleasing personality he drew about him a host of friends. He was truly a sociable and genial man and practiced the principles he taught.

The remains, accompanied by his son, are expected here this afternoon and will be taken to the home of his daughter.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock under the auspices of the F. & A. M. lodge, the Rev. T. R. Anthony, assisted by the Rev. F. M. Moore, officiating. Burial in Fairview cemetery.