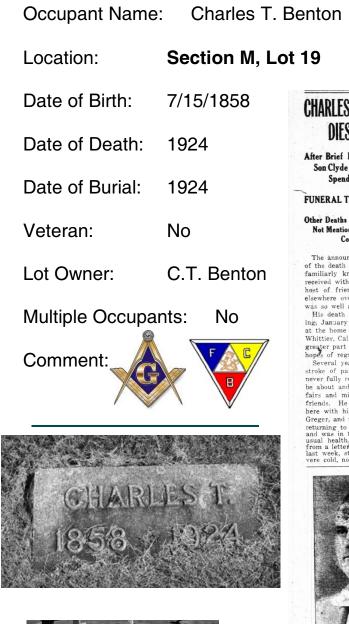
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CHARLES T. BENTON **DIES IN CALIFORNIA** After Brief Illness at Home of His Son Clyde With Whom He Was Spending the Winter.

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 even His death occurred Saturday even-ing, 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 Ahe past two years in hopes of regaining his health. Several years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never full recovered but was able to

stroke of paralysis from which the never fully recovered, but was able to be about and attend to business /af-fairs and mingle socially with his friends. He made an extended visit here with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Greger, and family, the past summer, 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 se-vere cold, no word had been received



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Charles T. Benton that his condition was serious until a telegram was received Saturday even-ing stating he was in a critical con-dition, followed a few hours later by another message announcing his deat witten and the state of the state of the dives and many friendishere. Chas, T. Benton was the son of George V. and Lacy Benton and wa born in Brownstown July 17, 1858 His father was one of the most pro-minent general merchants in this sec-tion of the state in the early history of Brownstown and for years conduct ed what was known as the Benton Mammoth Cash Store, occupying sev-eral rooms on the principal section of Main street and the public squary portion of which is now occupied by the Benton Block, corner Main and

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

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 loyal-type to his home to write which have been allowed and the special provide the special of the special 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 pair of pruning shears trimming the trees in the court house park to improve their symetrical appearance. Only last summer, on his last visit home, he made a proposition to John Charly 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. The he onsiderate father and the companionship of his orphice her may alwore of the town in the senstown. We merely mention these instances to illustrate the extent he source of much of his happiness was found in the companionship of his children and grenneling her was a lowing, tender and considerate father and the source of much of his happiness was found in the companionship of his children and grenneling her was a lowing the part and the town of his happiness was town. We merely methic her was and will be taken to the home of his appines was proved the principles ha taught. The remains, accompanied by his son, are expected here this direction on the Conducted the principles ha taught. The remains, accompanied by his son, are expected here this direction and will be taken to the home of his aughter. Thursday, afternoon at 2 o'clock under the auspices of the F. & A. M. lodge, the Rev, F. M. Moore, officiating. Eurial here and the source of the fully and the sourt of the sond the sond there here here here