

James H. Benton

Occupant Name: James H. Benton

Location: **Section T, Lot 58**

Date of Birth: 1876

Date of Death: 1923

Date of Burial: 1923

Veteran: Yes

Lot Owner: James Benton

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



FORMER BROWNSTOWN MAN DIES AT CLEVELAND

James H. Benton Expires of Bright's
Disease—Remains to be Brought
Here—Funeral Thursday.

OTHER DEATHS DURING WEEK

A message was received here just before noon today announcing the death of James H. Benton, which occurred at eight o'clock this morning at the Alcazar hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, of which his brother George is manager.

The remains will be brought to Brownstown and funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at the M. E. church at 2:30 o'clock under the auspices of Washington Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M.

Deceased was about 47 years of age. He was born in Brownstown, where he spent his boyhood days. He was a son of W. L. (Coon) and Bertie (Applewhite) Benton, both deceased.

When a young man he learned telegraphy and was an operator in several railroad depots in this section. In more recent years he has been employed with his brother, George, who is prominent in hotel circles, and has had the management of some of the leading hotels in Indianapolis; Savannah, Ga.; Birmingham, Ala.; and other large cities.

About a year ago they left Birmingham and after about two months residence at Indianapolis, James and his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was again employed with his brother in the Alcazar hotel.

His health began failing him some months ago, and his illness finally terminated in Bright's disease.

Deceased was of those kind, good-natured and jolly persons whom it is a pleasure to meet and he enjoyed a large circle of friends and acquaintances here and elsewhere.

Deceased is survived by his widow and two children, Morro and Ralph. One child died in its infancy during their residence in the south about two years ago. He also leaves one brother, George, of Cleveland, Ohio, and one sister, Mrs. E. O. Shepard, of Brownstown.

KLANSMEN ATTEND FUNERAL

The first funeral in Brownstown in which robed Klansmen took a part, was that of James H. Benton, which was held at the M. E. church last Thursday afternoon. Seven members of the Ku Klux Klan, in full regalia, attended the services at the church and one of them made a prayer as the remains were lowered in the grave. A large fiery cross about four and a half feet high attracted considerable attention among the many beautiful floral offerings.

The funeral services at the church were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. T. J. Anthony, with prayer by Evangelist Joseph Hydanus.