

Benton, James M.

Birth Date: July 19, 1837
 Birthplace: Stuban Co., New York
 Death Date: April 10, 1925
 Death Location: Carson City, Ormsby, Nv.
 Burial Date: April 15, 1925
 Inscription: J. M. Benton
 Section: W-1-E Row: 9 Plot: 1

Military Data:

I can find no specific reference to Mr. Benton's military activity but have left him in here because there are multiple James M. Benton's that served the Union during the war and his name was included on a list of soldiers' name provided by Jeff Vallient. (better safe than sorry...)

Census Data:

1880 – Ormsby County

Occupation: Livery Keeper
 Residence: Carson City

1900 – Ormsby County

Occupation: Stable Proprietor
 Residence: Carson City

1910 – Ormsby County

Occupation: Proprietor
 Residence: Carson City

1920 Census – Ormsby County

Ormsby County – Carson City

Benton, James M.

Age: 82

Widowed

Birthplace: (self and parents) New York

Occupation: Liveryman

* Source: FindAGrave (data not validated)

** Source: 1900 Federal Census



JAMES M. BENTON BURIED IN CARSON

Reno Evening Gazette, April 15, 1925

Carson – April 15- (special)

Funeral services for James M. Benton were held here yesterday afternoon from the Kitzmeyer parlors and was largely attended by friends and acquaintances. Rev. J. L. Harvey was the officiating clergyman. Internment was in the family plot at Lone Mountain. In early days Mr. Benton was well known for his unbounding deeds of charity ----- never turned away and no questions were ever ----- whether the assistance was deserved or not. He had been in several accidents during the past few years and was unable to get about excepting his horse drawn vehicle which he would not have exchanged for the finest automobile.

Benton, “Doc” James - Obituary

“Doc” Benton Dies At Home Here Today

Carson Daily Appeal, Friday April 10, 1925

James Woodward Benton, Better known to Carson people for over half a century as “Doc” Benton and whose mind was a storehouse of Western Nevada history, died at his home in the block south of the Capitol at six o'clock this morning.

He had been ill for three months and his strength gradually failed until death came today.

He was born in Stuban County, New York, on July 19, 1837, and passed his childhood and youth there. His association with the West began in 1864 when he crossed the plains from Hutchison, Kansas, reaching Salt Lake City in forty-two days. On August 28 of that year he arrived in Dayton, Nevada.

His earliest activities consisted of mining and milling and he is said to have made one clean-up of \$4500 at the mill he built in Silver City.

He was best known, however, as the proprietor of the Benton livery stable on South Carson street, from which the famous drivers of the early days left on their trips over the Sierra Nevada. It was from there that Hank Monk departed for the noted ride over the summit with Horace Greeley, during which Monk advised the celebrated figure to “Keep your seat, Mr. Greeley, I’ll have you there!”

Other drivers who handled the express in the early days with Benton’s as their headquarters were “Poney” King, Lawn Merrifield, Charley Ross, Chares D. Lanes, John Sales and “Big” John Littlefield.

Mr. Benton’s mind was as clear on the history of Nevada in spite of his years and he was never more pleased than when called upon to tell of some stirring incident of the old days.

He recalled, for instance, having shipped the first carload of ice from Nevada to San Francisco for the Palace Hotel and how he engaged in sale of linament at one time and mineral water at another.

His wife died in 1889 at the age of thirty-nine years and a son died in more recent years. Surviving relatives are a daughter, Mrs. Sadie Manton, and two grandchildren.

The funeral has been tenatively set for Tuesday and services will probably be conducted at the late home. Interment will be in the cemetery north of Carson

J. M. BENTON FUNERAL TAKES PLACE TODAY

Carson Daily Appeal, April 14, 1925

Funeral services for J. M. Benton, the venerable “Doc” Benton of pioneer days, were conducted at the Kitzmeyer undertaking parlors this afternoon by Rev. J. L. Harvey of the Presbyterian Church and prayers again said at the grave. Interment was at Lone Mountain.

The pallbearers were P. B. Ellis, George Meyers, Henry Wood, Eli Barkley, Joe Farnsworth and L. J. Blake.