

From the Wednesday, October 8, 1947 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Coroner's Jury Finds Benoché Death An Accident A verdict of accidental death was returned Tuesday afternoon at an inquest conducted by Coroner Ed P Madison into the death of Henry Benoché, of 159 North West avenue, retired Kankakee steel worker who was killed early on the morning of Sept. 28 when struck by a taxicab at West avenue and Court street. Testifying were Roosevelt Benoché, son of the accident victim; Arthur Betourne, the cab driver; Charles Corliss, who conversed with Mr. Benoché shortly before he was struck; Rene Soucie, attendant at a West Court street service station who heard the impact, Sgt. Edmund A. Klawns of the city police, who investigated the accident, and Gilbert Hertz, funeral director.

From the Monday, September 29, 1947 edition of the Kankakee Journal (page 1):

Henry Benoché Struck By Taxi, Killed Driver Says He Walked Against Side Of Cab At Court St. And West Ave. Henry Benoché, 71, of 159 North West avenue, a retired Kankakee steel worker, was killed almost instantly at 1:25 o'clock Sunday morning when he walked against the side of a taxi-cab at the intersection of Court street and West avenue. Coroner Edward P. Madison said that Arthur Betourne, 456 South Thurd avenue, the cab driver, told him that he did not see the man until he was in the path of the moving vehicle. Mr. Benoché sustained severe head injuries. The coroner said he would swear in a jury today and hold an inquest at a later date. Mr. Benoché, whose wife, Lilly, died a week ago Sunday, was employed for many years as a foreman at the David Bradley Manufacturing company plant and later was employed by Edwin Pratt's Sons Iron works in a similar position. He retired four years ago. **Funeral Wednesday** The body was removed to the Senesac funeral home. A funeral mass will be conducted at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in St. Rose Catholic church. Burial will be in St. Rose cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7:30 o'clock tonight and until the time of services. Mr. Benoché had been a resident of this area for the past 60 years. He was married to Amanda Burton in May, 1897 at St. James church in Irwin, Mr. Benoché's native community. She preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 1921. He was married to Mrs. Lilly Meyer in 1928. Surviving are the following children by his first marriage: Mrs. Jeanette Silvestri of Springfield, Ohio, Mrs. Brunette McLaughlin of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Rosemary Rothermel of Wauconda, Ill., Mrs. June Kennedy of Flora and Mrs. Vivian Jepsen of Kankakee, Harley of Detroit, Francis of Mt. Morris, Roosevelt of Kankakee and Abner and Lawrence of Bradley; 19 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. There are also seven step-children. **From the Saturday, November 23, 1946 edition of the Kankakee Journal: Mark 71st Birthday Of Henry Benoché** Henry Benoché, 159 North West avenue, was honored at a party Thursday evening at his home in honor of his 71st birthday. Six of his 10 children were present for the occasion: Roosevelt and family, Abner and family, Mrs. Ray Jepsen and family of Kankakee, Lawrence and family and Mrs. Buss Kennedy and family of Bradley and Mrs. Jeanette Silvestri of Springfield, Ohio. Also present were a niece, Mrs. Earl Phillips; a great-granddaughter, Linda Phillips, and Walter Scholl, all of Kankakee. Mr. Benoché, who is retired, was an employe of the David Bradley Manufacturing company for 25 years and

later served for a similar period with the Edwin Pratt's Sons company. Note: Son stillborn on 26 Aug 1897 in Kankakee, Kankakee County, Illinois.