



Old City Cemetery
Museums & Arboretum

<https://www.gravegarden.org/occ-records/benga-t02638/>

Ota (“Otto”) Benga

ID Number: T02638

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Basic Identification

Gender: male
Ethnicity: Pygmy (African)
Immigration: yes
Attributed Race: black
Free or Enslaved: free

Birth & Family

Birth Date: c.1885/00/00
Birthplace: Congo, Africa
Mother:
Father:
1st Spouse: unknown
2nd Spouse: male

Age Details

Age: about 30
Age Group: adult (20-59)

Life Details

Occupation(s): day laborer,
tobacco factory laborer
Last Church: unknown
Military Service: none
Last Residence: Lynchburg,
Virginia
Last Address: Virginia Seminary
Campus

Death

Death Date: 1916/03/20
Death Note: none
Place of Death: shed behind
Josephine Anderson’s store
Cause of Death: suicide, pistol
shot to left breast

Burial & Undertaking

Burial Date: 1916/03/23
Funeral Home: Diuguid; Peoples
Undertaking Co.
Diuguid ID Number:
Indigent?: private interment

Gravesite and Grave Marker Data

Grave Marker or Marker Fragment: none
Section: unknown
Confirmation Source for Location:
Grave Marker Erector(s): unknown
Confirmation Source for Interment: official ledger

Obituary and Biographical Details

Funeral at Diamond Hill BC

Mrs. Lillian “Peggy” Bondurant Davis recalled that she was told Ota Benga was buried in the Old City Cemetery, beside Prof. Ulysses S. Grant Patterson.

Chauncey Spencer clearly remembered Ota Benga being buried in White Rock Cemetery beside Gregory Willis Hayes.