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Reference: P14/4/3/2 - B

Dear Mr. de Wit

I write in response to your enquiry concerning the Hugh Benson.

I conducted a computer search for the Hugh Benson using the NAAIRS database. It is a countrywide database that includes many institutions and is run by the National Archives of South Africa. I was able to trace reference that might be of importance to you. The database can be accessed at the following website address: www.national.archives.gov.za. I will only be able to transcribe Death Notice for you. If you need copies of the document, I suggest, you to make application to the Master of the High Court office for certified copies from the files. It cost R4.50 in a revenue stamp per document. Their contact details are as follows: The Master of the High Court, Private Bag x 9010, Pietermaritzburg, 3200. Their telephone number is 033 342 0591.

Unfortunately, we are unable to find his name on the European Immigration index covering the period 1887-1902. Visiting and researching in our archives is free, you only pay for photocopies. Alternately, you are welcome to bring your digital camera or scanner with you. The Reading Room is open every weekday from 09h00 until 15h00, and on the second Saturday from 08h30 until 12h00.

Please see attached the transcribed copy of the Death Notice of Hugh Benson, **MSCE 1914/1944**.

Thank you for your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

Assistant Director: Repository Management
For HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

HEAD OFFICE
171 BOSHOFF STREET: PIETERMARITZBURG

DEATH NOTICE

MSCE: 1914/44

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN "THE ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES ACT, 1913"

1. Name of the deceased: **HUGH BENSON**
2. Birthplace and Nationality of the deceased : **KENT ENGLAND BRITISH**
3. Names and Addresses of the Parents of the deceased
 - Father: **deceased**
 - Mother: **deceased**
4. Age of the deceased: **62** years - months.
5. Occupation in the life of the deceased, or, if a woman, of her husband : **A MEMBER OF THE UNION DEFENCE FORCE**
6. Ordinary place of residence of the deceased, or, if a woman, of her husband : **UNDERBERG , NATAL**
7. Married or unmarried, widower or widow: **Married**
 - (a) Name of surviving spouse (if any), and whether: **MARY BENSON**
married in community of property or not :
 - (b) Name or Names and approximate date of death of pre-deceased spouse or spouses : **A.N.C 542/1931**
 - (c) Place of last marriage : **I BELIEVE IN DURBAN**
8. The day of the decease: **12TH JULY 1944**

9. Where the person died:
 - House: **STALAG 4B**
 - Town or place: **GERMAN(Prisoner of war)**
 - District:

10. Names of the children of the deceased, and Whether majors or minors:
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State separately the children born different marriages, and give the date of birth of each minor. Names must be written out in full. If there are no children, and either or both parents be dead, then give the names and addresses of the brothers and sisters of the deceased.

11. Has the deceased left any movable property **YES**
12. Has the deceased left any immovable property? **No**
13. Is it estimated that the estate exceeds £300 in value? **YES**
14. Has the deceased left a will? **YES**

Dated at **UNDERBERG** the **23RD** day of **OCTOBER 1944**
 (Signature) **COLVILE**

HOLDER OF DECEASED'S POWER OF ATTORNEY AND FORMERLY A PARTNER IN A FARMING VENTURE WITH HIM
State in what capacity and whether at the time at or near the place of death

This notice must be filled up and signed by the *Nearest Relative or Connection of the deceased*, who shall, at the time, be at or near the place of death - or in the absence of such near *Relative or Connection*, by the person who, at or immediately after the death, shall have the chief charge of the house in, or the place on, which the death occurred, and must be sent either to the Master, or, if the death occurred in a district wherein a seat of provincial government is not situate, the Magistrate of the District, in duplicate, within fourteen days of the death.

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