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HUGH STEPHENS, JEFFERSON CITY.



PLACE OF DEATH

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County Pike

Township _____

Registration District No. _____

File No. 14579

Village _____

Primary Registration District No. _____

Registered No. _____

City _____

(NO. _____ St.: _____ Ward)

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number]

FULL NAME

Annie B. Murphy

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX _____ COLOR OR RADE _____ SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (#rite the word)

DATE OF DEATH _____, 1912
(Month) April (Day) _____ (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH _____, 191_____
(Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from _____, 191_____, to _____, 191_____, that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 191_____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.

AGE _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work _____ (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____

Burn
Conflagration caused
gross catching fire
(Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) _____

Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

NAME OF FATHER _____

(Signed) J. H. Hippen M. D. 12/30 1912 (Address) Bowling Green

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) _____

*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) _____

At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Where was disease contracted If not at place of death?

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Former or usual residence _____

(Informant) _____

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL _____ DATE OF BURIAL _____ 191____

(ADDRESS) _____

UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

Filed _____, 191____ REGISTRAR

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