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MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH  
County New Madrid ✓

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Registration District No. 603 File No. 20756  
or \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Mo Primary Registration District No. 4357 Registered No. 19  
or \_\_\_\_\_  
City Morehouse Mo (NO. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME Mary O'Griffin

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

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX <u>Female</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	SINGLE MARRIED <u>widow</u> WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)
DATE OF BIRTH <u>May 13 1843</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
AGE <u>68</u> yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.		If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Retired</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>g-c</u>		
BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Dont know</u>		
PARENTS	NAME OF FATHER <u>Caldwell</u>	
	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Dont know</u>	
	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Dont know</u>	
	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Dont know</u>	
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>E O Griffin</u> (ADDRESS) <u>Morehouse Mo</u>		
Filed <u>June 6 1912</u> <u>H. Patterson</u> REGISTRAR		

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH May 3 1912  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Apr 29, 1912, to May 2, 1912, that I last saw her alive on May 2, 1912, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7 m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Cerebral Hemorrhage  
180

Contributory (SECONDARY)  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

Signed W. H. McHenry M. D.  
(Address) Morehouse

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

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)  
At place of death \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. In the State \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_

Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Shelton DATE OF BURIAL May 4 1912

UNDERTAKER M. H. Mett ADDRESS Morehouse

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HUGH STEPHENS, JEFFERSON CITY.



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or Village \_\_\_\_\_

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Registered No. 19

or City Morehouse

(NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

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

FULL NAME

Mary O. Griffin

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX F. COLOR OR RACE W. SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED W. (Write the word)

DATE OF DEATH May 3, 1912 (Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH May 13, 1843 (Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from April 29, 1912, to May 2, 1912, that I last saw her alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 1912

AGE 68 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ min.

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7:00 a.m.

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: Cerebral Hemorrhage. Traumatic (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Dont know

Contributory (SECONDARY) (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

PARENTS NAME OF FATHER (Dont know) Caldwell

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

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

(Signed) J. J. Mc Kinney M. D. May 4, 1912 (Address) Morehouse

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THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

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

(Informant) E. L. Griffin

At place of death \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. In the State \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

(ADDRESS) Morehouse Mo.

Where was disease contracted If not at place of death?

Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

Filed Sept. 1, 1922 J. J. Mc Kinney REGISTRAR

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Sekeston DATE OF BURIAL May 4, 1912

UNDERTAKER M. H. Mitchell ADDRESS Morehouse

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J. J. McHenry, Mortician

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or  
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or  
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File No. 20756  
Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME Mary Griffin

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) 1 (Year) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) \_\_\_\_\_

(ADDRESS) \_\_\_\_\_

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_

REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH May 3, 1912  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Fracture (accidental) causing cerebral hemorrhage (result of fracture at time of injury)  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

Contributory (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ M. D. 1912 (Address) Mohrhouse, Mo.

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Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_

UNDERTAKER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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File No. 20756  
 Registered No. 71

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FULL NAME Mary O Griffin

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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 AGE \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.  
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caused by  
traumatism  
Result of injury (Accidental)  
rec'd bet. e. & f. of residence

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country)  
 NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country)  
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country)

Contributory (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
 (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ M. D. \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_ (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

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 (ADDRESS) \_\_\_\_\_  
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PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_  
 UNDERTAKER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLEMENTARY

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 J. M. Kurney, Registrar

JAN 1917

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**Statement of occupation.**—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be sufficient, e. g., *Farmer* or *Planter*, *Physician*, *Compositor*, *Architect*, *Locomotive engineer*, *Civil engineer*, *Stationary fireman*, etc. But in many cases especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement; it should be used only when needed. As examples: (a) *Spinner*, (b) *Cotton mill*; (a) *Salesman*, (b) *Grocery*; (a) *Foreman*, (b) *Automobile factory*. The material worked on may form part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as *Day laborer*, *Farm laborer*, *Laborer—Coal mine*, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid *Housekeepers* who receive a definite salary), may be entered as *Housewife*, *Housework*, or *At home*, and children, not gainfully employed, as *At school* or *At home*. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as *Servant*, *Cook*, *Housemaid*, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given up on account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business, that fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired, 6 yrs.)*. For persons who have no occupation whatever, write *None*.

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*Whooping cough*; *Chronic valvular heart disease*; *Chronic interstitial nephritis*, etc. The contributory (secondary or intercurrent) affection need not be stated unless important. Example: *Measles* (disease causing death), 29 ds.; *Bronchopneumonia* (secondary), 10 ds. Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicaemia," "PUERPERAL peritonitis," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For VIOLENT DEATHS state MEANS OF INJURY and qualify as ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL, or as *probably* such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: *Accidental drowning*; *Struck by railway train—accident*; *Revolver wound of head—homicide*; *Poisoned by carbolic acid—probably suicide*. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., *sepsis*, *tetanus*) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)