

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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

PLACE OF DEATH Ripley ✓  
County Ripley  
Township Cypress River Registration District No. 750 File No. 23979 24070  
or Pratt  
Village Pratt Primary Registration District No. 5986 Registered No. 31  
or  
City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

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

FULL NAME Marvin Lloyd Mells

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single  
(Write the word)

DATE OF BIRTH December 20, 1907  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 1 yrs. 7 mos. 4 ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_ min.?

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

BIRTHPLACE Greer County, Oklahoma  
(City or town, State or foreign country)

NAME OF FATHER M. H. Mells

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Maudie Milsap

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

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) A. G. Mells - by  
E. M. Wright Pratt Mo  
(ADDRESS)

Filed July 25 1912 John H. Mells  
REGISTRAR

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH July 24, 1912  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July 23, 1912; to July 24, 1912; that I last saw him alive on July 23, 1912;

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9 a. m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

Acute Intestinal Infection  
13c  
13d

(Duration) \_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_ mos. 12 ds.

Contributory Diphtheria  
(Secondary) (Duration) \_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_ mos. 4 ds.

(Signed) B. N. Robinson M. D.  
7/26 1912 (Address) Complan

\*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 Merrell Cem DATE OF BURIAL 7/25 1912

UNDERTAKER J. M. Wright & Co ADDRESS Complan Mo

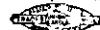
# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health  
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**Statement of cause of death.**—Name, first, the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: *Cerebrospinal fever* (the only definite synonym is "Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis"); *Diphtheria* (avoid use of "Croup"); *Typhoid fever* (never report "Typhoid pneumonia"); *Lobar pneumonia*; *Bronchopneumonia* ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); *Tuberculosis of lungs*, *meninges*, *peritoneum*, etc., *Carcinoma*, *Sar-*

*coma*, etc., of ..... (name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms); *Measles*; *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 septichaemia," "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.)



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PLACE OF DEATH  
County Pipeley  
Township Current  
or  
Village  
or  
City (NO. St. Ward)

Registration District No. 750 File No. 23979  
Primary Registration District No. 5986 Registered No. 31

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

FULL NAME Marvin Loyd Wells

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX male COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single  
(Write the word)

DATE OF BIRTH Dec. 20, 1907  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 5 yrs 7 mos 4 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

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

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Greer Co. Okla.

PARENTS NAME OF FATHER W. H. Wells BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Penn.  
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Maude Wilson BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Okla.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) A. G. Wells (ADDRESS) Pratt Mo.

Filed July 25, 1912 Registrar J. H. Wright

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(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July 23, 1912, to July 24, 1912, that I last saw him alive on July 23, 1912, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10 a. m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: Acute Dysentery  
(Duration) yrs. mos. 8.2 ds.

Contributory Nephritis  
(SECONDARY) (Duration) yrs. mos. 4 ds.

(Signed) B. N. Robinson M. D. 7/26, 1912 (Address) Doniphan Mo.

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

Where was disease contracted If not at place of death? Former or usual residence.

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Merritt Cem. DATE OF BURIAL 7/25, 1912

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