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HUGH STEPHENS, JEFFERSON CITY.



PLACE OF DEATH

County Dunklin

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Township UnionRegistration District No. 282File No. 25882

Village _____

Primary Registration District No. 5451Registered No. 93

City _____ (NO. _____)

St. _____ Ward _____

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

FULL NAME

James E. Smith

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX male COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE married
MARRIED
WIDOWED
OR DIVORCED
(Write the word)DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 8, 1878
(Month) (Day) (Year)AGE 33 yrs. 10 mos. ds.
If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)BIRTHPLACE
(City or town, State or foreign country) Tenn.PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER J. H. Smith
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Tenn.
(City or town, State or foreign country)MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Taylor
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Tenn.
(City or town, State or foreign country)THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) J. H. Smith
(ADDRESS) Campbell, Mo.Filed Aug 12, 1912 W. M. Brown REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Aug. 8, 1912
(Month) (Day) (Year)I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July 30, 1912 to Aug. 8, 1912
that I last saw him alive on Aug. 8, 1912and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3p. m.The CAUSE OF DEATH[†] was as follows:Tetanus

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

Contributory Compound fracture of ankle joint with dislocation
(Secondary) (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.(Signed) W. M. Brown M. D.
8/12, 1912 (Address) Campbell, Mo.

*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 Graves Hill Ark. DATE OF BURIAL Aug. 9, 1912UNDERTAKER O. McBride ADDRESS Campbell Mo.Original file, date _____ 1912

All information called for must be written on this Supplementary Certificate.

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

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

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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 _____

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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.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: Fracture of ankle thrown from buggy on highway. Comp. frach with open end of tibia protruding. Wound infected. Duration death resulted from tetanus

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

(Signed) E. W. Brown M. D. Aug 12 1912 (Address) Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

SUPPLEMENTARY

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