

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Cape Girardeau  
Township Chawford  
or  
Village Frankford  
or  
City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

Registration District No. 641 File No. 9563  
Primary Registration District No. 5849 Registered No. 72

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

FULL NAME Benton Kerley

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Married  
(Write the word)  
DATE OF BIRTH 4 7 1862  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF DEATH Jan 24 1915  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 53 yrs. 9 mos. 17 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_ min.?

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan 9, 1915, to Jan 24, 1915, that I last saw him alive on Jan 24, 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

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

Pneumonia  
10%  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_ ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Gasconade Co., Mo.

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

NAME OF FATHER Henry Kerley

(Signed) L. E. Snyder M. D. Jan 21 1915 (Address) Freedom, Mo.

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ellen

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

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) H. Loyd Gomer  
(ADDRESS) W. P. Ma

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Anderson Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Jan 26 1915

UNDERTAKER Ed Miller ADDRESS Freedom

Filed March 23 1915 J. J. Gattm. REGISTRAR

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully and accurately checked and corrected in plain terms, so that it may be properly understood.

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health  
Association]

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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, Sarcoma*, etc., of ..... (name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid

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

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Village \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registration District No. 640 File No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Filed Feb. 23 1915 J. Jett. M.D. REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Jan 24, 1915  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Lobar Pneumonia  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

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

(Signed) L. J. Campbell, M.D. (Address) Perkerson Mo.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY

Satisfactory Information Supplied

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FILED AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR, MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, ST. LOUIS, MO. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT.

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