

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Clark  
Township Wgaconda Registration District No. 171 File No. 11944  
or  
Village Lunenburg Primary Registration District No. 5266 Registered No. 6  
or  
City (NO) St. Ward

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

2 FULL NAME

Lucy Jane Bensing

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 MARRIAGE STATUS Married  
(Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH 4 12 1915  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Sept 6 1886  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from April 1, 1915, to April 12, 1915, that I last saw her alive on April 11, 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 5 a. m.

7 AGE 28 yrs. 8 mos. 6 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

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

110 of Pleurisy  
111 12  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Dalton Missouri

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Oedema of lung  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

10 NAME OF FATHER J. H. Sears Radon

(Signed) R. G. Callahan M. D.  
4-22, 1915 (Address) Lunenburg, Mo.

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Keosauqua Ia.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary E. Ewing

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Reftesville Mo.

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

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

18 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

(Informant) Mrs. M. L. Boulware

(Address) Canton Mo.

15 Filed Apr. 12 1915 R. G. Callahan Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Bluff Springs DATE OF BURIAL 4/13, 1915

20 UNDERTAKER A. E. Astich ADDRESS Lunenburg Mo.

Item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state  
 OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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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, peritonaeum*, etc., *Carcinoma, Sarcoma*, 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 *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.)

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Registration District No. 191 File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Registration District No. 5766 Registered No. 6

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

FULL NAME Fred Jane Benning

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

DATE OF DEATH 4/12/1915  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
(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. The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 4-20 1915 J. G. Pugh REGISTRAR

PLEURISY  
Non tubercular  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

Contributory Oedema of lungs  
(SECONDARY) (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

(Signed) R. H. G. G. G. M. D. 4/12/15 (Address) Leroy 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 \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_

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

N. B.—Every item in this form is important. Item in Cause of Death should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state exactly what they saw and what it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SUPPLIED

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