

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  
County Haskell  
Township Willers Spgs Registration District No. 385- File No. 14334  
or Burnham Primary Registration District No. 5336 Registered No. 16  
Village Burnham  
or  
City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

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

FULL NAME Ralph Spence

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

DATE OF DEATH April 17, 1916  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH April 12, 1916  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from April 12, 1916 to April 16, 1916, that I last saw him alive on April 16, 1916 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 5:15 P.M.

AGE 5 yrs. 5 mos. 5 ds. if LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Lobular Septic Pneumonia

OCCUPATION  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work None  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) None

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

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109B - 1 (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. 5 ds.

PARENTS  
NAME OF FATHER William Richard Spence  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Haskell Co., Mo.  
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Jessie Robertson  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Davies Co Ind.

Contributory (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
Signed Thos L. M. Quaid, M.D.  
April 15, 1916 (Address) Burnham, Mo.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) \_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS) \_\_\_\_\_

\*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 \_\_\_\_\_

Filed 4-18- 1916 W.S. Crippen, Deputy  
REGISTRAR

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lovan Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL 4-18 1916  
UNDERTAKER C. C. Stanley ADDRESS Burnham Mo

# 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*, *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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1 PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Howell  
 Township Willow Spgs.  
 or  
 Village  
 or  
 City (NO St. Ward)

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

Registration District No. 385 File No. ....

Primary Registration District No. 5536 Registered No. 16

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

2 FULL NAME Ralph Spence

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX M 4 COLOR OR RACE W. 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) S

16 DATE OF DEATH  
 1916 (Month) 4 (Day) 17 (Year)

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

17 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.

7 AGE  
 yrs. mos. Information supplied

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8 OCCUPATION  
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9 BIRTHPLACE  
 (City or town, State or foreign country)

(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

PARENTS  
 10 NAME OF FATHER  
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country)  
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER  
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country)

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)  
 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
 (Signed) M. D.  
 191 (Address)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
 (Informant) R. Spence  
 (Address) Willow Spgs., Mo.

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 18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)  
 At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.  
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19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL  
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 20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

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