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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Christian  
Township Patton  
or  
Village  
or  
City

Registration District No. 183 File No. 9589  
Primary Registration District No. 5-254 Registered No. 9  
City (NO. St. Ward)

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

2 FULL NAME Harold Festus Owen

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single  
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH March 73, 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

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

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Butte field Mo. R1

PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER Amos C. Owen  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Greene Co Mo  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Flossie Eoff  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Christian Co Mo

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) A. C. Owen  
(Address) Butte field Mo R1

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH March 73, 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from March 18, 1917 to March 21, 1917 that I last saw him alive on March 21, 1917 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:30 p.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Cerebral Meningitis  
79A  
(Duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. 6 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) ..... (Duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.  
(Signed) W. B. Thomas M. D.  
March 24, 1917 (Address) Nixa Mo

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

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Pillsbury Burial DATE OF BURIAL March 24, 1917

20 UNDERTAKER W. C. Johnson ADDRESS Springfield 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.*, (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," "Semile," 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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PLACE OF DEATH

County Cass  
 Township Center  
 or  
 Village  
 or  
 City (NO. St. Ward)

Registration District No. 183 File No. 9  
 Primary Registration District No. 5254 Registered No.

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FULL NAME Nershel Lester Owen

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

6 DATE OF BIRTH Sept 1 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 36 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. If LESS than 1 day hrs. or min.?

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

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

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

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) (Address)

15 Filed Apr 9 1917 W. H. West Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH March 23 (Month) (Day) (Year) 1917

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 1917 to 1917, that I last saw him alive on March 23 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Cerebral Neuritis  
Sporadic  
 (Duration) 11 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
 Signed W. H. West M. D.  
Apr 24 1917 (Address) Springfield 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.  
 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?  
 Former or usual residence.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Springfield DATE OF BURIAL

20 UNDERTAKER W. H. West ADDRESS Springfield Mo

SUPPLEMENTARY

Original file, date March 17 1917 All information called for must be written on this Supplementary Certificate.

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*Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, peritoneum, 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 inter-current) affection need not be stated unless important. Example: *Measles* (disease causing death), 29ds.; *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.)