

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Cape Girardeau  
Township Do  
or  
Village  
or  
City Cape Girardeau

Registration District No. 175 File No. 40781  
Primary Registration District No. 2009 Registered No. 1722  
(NO. 318 S. Frederick St. 2 Ward)

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

2 FULL NAME Virginia Lee DuBois

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single  
(Write the word)  
6 DATE OF BIRTH Aug 18 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
7 AGE 3 yrs. 3 mos. 23 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?  
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Infant  
(b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Cape Girardeau Mo  
10 NAME OF FATHER Paul L. DuBois  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Breckenridge Mich.  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Edna Miller  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Cape Girardeau Mo

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Carl DuBois  
(Address) Cape Girardeau Mo

15 Filed Dec 12 1917 P. M. Fissell  
Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Dec 11 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Dec 5 1917 to Dec 11 1917  
that I last saw her alive on Dec 5 1917  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 A. M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Malnutrition  
150  
(Duration) 3 yrs. 3 mos. 23 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)  
(Duration) 3 yrs. 3 mos. 23 ds.  
(Signed) George H. Shaker M. D.  
12/10 1917 (Address) Cape Girardeau 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 3 yrs. 3 mos. 23 ds. In the State 3 yrs. 3 mos. 23 ds.  
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?  
Former or usual residence

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Fairview Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Dec 12 1917

20 UNDERTAKER Brookings ADDRESS Cape Girardeau

# 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

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. *125* File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Registration District No. *3009* Registered No. *1722*

(NO. *318 - S Indiana* St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward) [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2 FULL NAME *Virginia Lee McBain*

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(Write the word)

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

15 Filed *2/6* 191*8* *R. W. Trivette*  
 Registrar

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16 DATE OF DEATH *RE - 11 7*  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
*malnutrition due to Malassimilation of food.*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) *151*  
 (Signed) *George St. Walker* M. D.  
*2/5*, 191*8* (Address) *Cape Girardeau*

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should be consulted. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. Should be carefully filled in, so that it may be correctly classified.

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