

## MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

## BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

## 1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Macon  
 Township Callad  
 or  
 Village  
 or  
 City

Registration District No. 528 File No. 23836

Primary Registration District No. 5714 Registered No.

(NO. St. Ward)

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

## 2 FULL NAME

Ray Guffy

## 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 August - 28 - 1898  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 19 yrs. 10 mos. 28 ds. If LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min.?

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

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

PARENTS  
 10 NAME OF FATHER Van Guffy  
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Kentucky  
 (City or town, State or foreign country)  
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Lennie Dodson  
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Bevier Mo.  
 (City or town, State or foreign country)

## 14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Van Guffy  
Bevier Mo.  
 (Address)

15 Filed July 28 1918 W. Welch  
 Registrar

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH July 26 1918  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July 26 1918 to July 26 1918, that I last saw him alive on July 26 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9:30 p.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

Drowned

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)  
 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) L. O. Maxon M. D.  
July 27 1918 (Address) Bevier

\*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 Oakwood Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL July 28 1918

20 UNDERTAKER Albert Kermer ADDRESS Macon 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, 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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**1. PLACE OF DEATH -**

County Macon Registration District No. 5218 File No. ....  
 Township Clair Primary Registration District No. 5702 Registered No. ....  
 City (No. ....) St. .... Ward

**2. FULL NAME**

(a) Residence. No. Ray Guffey St. .... Ward. ....  
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

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

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND or (or) WIFE

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR)

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

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

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)

**PARENTS**  
 10. NAME OF FATHER  
 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)  
 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER  
 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT (Address)

15. FILED July 28, 1918 Wavitch REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) July 26 19 18

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 19... to 19... that I had seen him alive on 19... and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Wounded  
Accidental

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) W (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: .....

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? DATE OF .....

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? .....

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?

(Signed) E. O. Mason M. D. , 19 (Address) Bevier Mo

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL 19

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

**ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.**

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NOTE.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phlebitis, pyemia, septicemia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS  
BY PHYSICIAN.

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