

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Jasper  
Township M  
or  
Village  
or  
City Carthage (NO. .... St. .... Ward)

Registration District No. 408 File No. 29628  
Primary Registration District No. 3020 Registered No. 424

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

2 FULL NAME Roy Burgess Benschoter

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

16 DATE OF DEATH Sept 14 1918  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 16 1897  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July 22, 1918, to Sept 14, 1918.  
that I last saw him alive on Sept 12th, 1918.

7 AGE 20 yrs. 7 mos. 28 ds.  
If LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min.?

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at.....m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

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

Meningitis  
fractured skull 61  
188 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

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

10 NAME OF FATHER Geo Benschoter

(Signed) Ward Chase M. D.  
Sept 14, 1918 (Address) Carthage Mo.

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Mo

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

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Nellie Hazell

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Carthage

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

At place of death.....yrs.....mos.....ds. In the State.....yrs.....mos.....ds.

(Informant) Geo Benschoter  
(Address) Carthage Mo

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

Former or usual residence.

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19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Walker Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Sept 15, 1918

20 UNDERTAKER Knell and Co ADDRESS Carthage Mo

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 City Carthage (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

Roy Burgess Benschoter  
 (a) Residence. No. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (write the word) m.

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hr. 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) \_\_\_\_\_

10. NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

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 (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

14. INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

15. FILED 4-4-19 C. B. Taylor REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) SEP 14 1918

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from July 1918 to Sept 11 1918  
 that I last saw him alive on Sept 11 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ a. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
due to meningitis

fractured skull by  
kick of mule (accidental)

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) fracture  
 (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) Ward Hise, M. D.

4-6 1919 (Address) Carthage Mo

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

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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.