

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Stoddard  
Township Liberty  
or  
Village  
or  
City Berrie, mo (NO. \_\_\_\_\_) St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

Registration District No. 836 File No. 12724  
Primary Registration District No. 6098a Registered No. 10

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

2 FULL NAME Hazel Laraine Purcell

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)  
6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 27th 1918 (Month) (Day) (Year)  
7 AGE 6 yrs 2 mos 2 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ... hrs. or ... min.?

16 DATE OF DEATH 3-30-1919 (Month) (Day) (Year)

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work no (b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) no

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 3-6-1919 to 3-30-1919, that I last saw her alive on 3-6-1919, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6:30 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

Senescent Burn

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

181 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

10 NAME OF FATHER Henry Purcell

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

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Antenna co Ind

8 (Signed) Dorsey Rippe M. D.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Arline Coats

3-31-1919 (Address) Berrie mo

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

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

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

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents) At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.

(Address) Berrie

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? at Place of Death

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Former or usual residence usual

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Berrie DATE OF BURIAL 3/31 1919

20 UNDERTAKER M L Hadley ADDRESS Berrie mo

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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**2. FULL NAME**

Hazel Lorine Pursell  
 (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**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 3-30-1919

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

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, (that I had my h. \_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, in the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ m.

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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

Severe Burn Caught Dress on fire at a Heating Stove & Burned so bad that it caused Death

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 \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) 167 yrs. mos. ds.

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

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED \_\_\_\_\_ IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? (Signed) Harvey Ryan, M.D. 19 \_\_\_\_\_ (Address) Bellevue

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

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

15. FILED 4/9 19 \_\_\_\_\_ J F Riddle REGISTRAR

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.