

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Lewis
Township Union
or
Village Maywood
or
City (NO. St. Ward)

Registration District No. 480 File No. 19835 F
Primary Registration District No. 5645 Registered No. 19

2 FULL NAME Benjamin Franklin Pittman

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

16 DATE OF DEATH May 31st 1920
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH March 3 1840
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from May 16th 1920 to May 31st 1920, that I last saw him alive on May 30th 1920, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:00 A.M.

7 AGE 80 yrs. 2 mos. 28 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

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

Arterio-sclerosis
82A
97
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

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

10 NAME OF FATHER Don't know

(Signed) N. C. O'Neal M. D.
May 31, 1920 (Address) Maywood Mo.

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

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

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Don't know

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

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

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

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

(Informant) J. M. Pittman
(Address) Maywood Mo.

Former or usual residence

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19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lebanon Mo. DATE OF BURIAL, 1920

Filed May 31, 1920 N. S. Elley
Registrar

20 UNDERTAKER M. N. Leach ADDRESS Maywood, 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, peritonæum*, 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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 City _____ (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

Benjamin Franklin Pittman
 (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 W (write the word)

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

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)

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)

PARENTS

14. INFORMANT (Address) _____

15. FILED May 31, 1920 W. S. Lush REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 5-31 19 20

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, (that I last saw _____, care on _____, 19____, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at _____, m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____ (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) _____, M. D. _____, 19____ (Address)

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MAKES 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

Lebanon Mo June 1, 1920
 20. UNDERTAKER W. S. Lush ADDRESS Waynes

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 gives 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.