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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
County New Madrid — Registration District No. 607 — File No. 3
Township ~~Portage~~ — Primary Registration District No. 4361 — Registered No.
City Portageville, Mo. (Ward) St.

2. FULL NAME James Allen Bassham
(a) Residence No. DeLisle Ave St., 2 Ward. (If nonresident give city or town and State)
(Usual place of abode)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 16 yrs. 11 mos. — ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX: Male
4. COLOR OR RACE: White
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word): Widowed

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF: Husband of Mary Jane Bassham

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR): May 31, 1837

7. AGE: 84 YEARS 8 MONTHS 4 DAYS — If LESS than 1 day, ... hrs. or ..... min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED: Farmed until
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: old age retired him
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer):
(c) Name of employer:

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN): Union Star
(STATE OR COUNTRY): Breckenridge Co, Kentucky

PARENTS
10. NAME OF FATHER: Henry D Bassham
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN): West
(STATE OR COUNTRY): Moreland Co, Virginia
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Hardin
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN): Hardinburg
(STATE OR COUNTRY): Hardin Co, Kentucky

14. INFORMANT: Mrs R. J. Miller (daughter)
(Address): Portageville, Mo.

15. FILED 2/10, 1922 — REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR): Feb. 5 1922

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from about 1920 to death 2/5, 1922, to ——, 19.. that I last saw him alive on Jan 31, 1922, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 12 a.m. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Senility
(duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY): old age
(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? No
WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?
(Signed) T. M. Mayfield, M. D.
, 19 (Address) Portageville, Mo

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19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: City Cemetery, Portageville Mo — DATE OF BURIAL: 2/6 1922

20. UNDERTAKER: R. D. Young — ADDRESS: Portageville Mo

Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.]

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(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer until
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(STATE OR COUNTRY) Buchanan Co Ky

PARENTS
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15. FILED 3-7, 1922 R.K. Miller REGISTRAR

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