

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Jackson Registration District No. V399 File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township Saw Primary Registration District No. 1002 Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City St. Joseph Hosp St. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ward) \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. FULL NAME Ralph Fleming Howell  
 (a) Residence No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward. Hamilton Mo  
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. 1 ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

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

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1927

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.  
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**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work None  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

10. NAME OF FATHER Paul D Howell

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Chillicothe Mo  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Laura Fleming

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Lewis Mo  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT Paul A Howell  
 (Address) Hamilton Mo

15. FILED 4/10/23 M. M. L. Rowe  
 1923 REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 4/10/23 1923

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Apr 9 1923, to Apr 9 1923 that I last saw him alive on Apr 9 1923, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 12:40 a.m.

**THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Subarachnoid hemorrhage of the face and head  
36 (duration) yrs. mos. 4 ds.

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

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

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? NO DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) Howard Shell, M. D.

\*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 Hamilton Mo DATE OF BURIAL 4/10/23  
1923

20. UNDERTAKER H. J. Mayberry ADDRESS Mo. City

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# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

(Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.)

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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS  
BY PHYSICIAN.

WHITE CARNEY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Jackson  
Township \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
Village \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
City Kansas City (No. \_\_\_\_\_ St.; \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1644

State of \_\_\_\_\_ Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

2 FULL NAME Ralph Fleming Howell

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX M 4 COLOR OR RACE W 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Infant

6 DATE OF BIRTH Dec 23, 1923  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 3 yrs. 17 mos. 7 ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_ hrs. \_\_\_\_ min. 7

8 OCCUPATION  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work \_\_\_\_\_  
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9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

15 Filed 4/10 1923 M. M. Grove  
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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, that I last saw h\_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, on the date stated above at \_\_\_\_\_ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Infection with diffusible  
& head, organism not  
determined probably Mumps virus  
recovered (Duration) \_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_ ds.  
Contributory (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_ ds.  
(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

20 UNDERTAKER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Supplemental  
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