

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Lawrence  
Township Ozark  
or  
Village Atchison  
or  
City Atchison (NO. .... St. .... Ward)

Registration District No. 474 File No. 6 21873  
Primary Registration District No. 3658 Registered No. ....

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

2 FULL NAME Paul Wesley Griffin

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

6 DATE OF BIRTH May 17, 1922 (Month) (Day) (Year)

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

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

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

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER Jay H. Griffin  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Missouri  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Lorene Woody  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Missouri

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Jay H. Griffin  
(Address) Atchison Mo

15 Filed ....., 1923 ....., Registrar Chandler Salgrave

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH July 17, 1923 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July 8, 1923, to July 17, 1923 that I last saw him alive on July 16, 1923 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at Atchison Mo.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Enterocolitis

(Duration) 13 yrs. 9 mos. 9 ds.

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

(Signed) H. K. Conroy M. D. (Address) Atchison Mo

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

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 John's Chapel DATE OF BURIAL July 17, 1923

20 UNDERTAKER Chandler Salgrave ADDRESS Atchison 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, peritoneum*, 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**

Paul Wesley Griffin  
 (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) S

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, .... hrs. or .... min.

**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Child (duration) yrs. mos. 9 ds.  
 (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) ash Grove Mo

**10. NAME OF FATHER**

Jay H Griffin

**11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN)**

(STATE OR COUNTRY) Mo

**12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER**

Esther Body

**13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN)**

(STATE OR COUNTRY) Linn Co Mo

**14. INFORMANT**

(Address) Jay H Griffin Ash Grove Mo

**15. FILED**

..... 19..... W. C. Clark REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from July 9 1923 to July 19 1923 that I last saw h. .... (duration) yrs. mos. ds. and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at.....  
 THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
Enter Colitis

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) A. R. Kowan M. D.

, 19 (Address) Ash Grove Mo

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

Johns Chappell 7-17 1923

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

Chandler & Guleruth Ash Grove

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. 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.

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