

**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. 55 File No. _____
 Township Anderson Primary Registration District No. 6262 Registered No. _____
 City _____ (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

Bessie Lavina May

(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 Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 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) June 2, 1921

7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	

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) Ark. across Co.
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

10. NAME OF FATHER James B. May

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Miss. State
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mona May Battle

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Ark. Shaw
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT James B. May
 (Address) Polk County Mo.

15. FILED _____ 19 _____ REGISTRAR _____

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 3rd 1923

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 20th 1923, to Dec 3rd 1923, 1923
 that I last saw her alive on Nov 30th 1923, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8:30 P. M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Gastro-Enteritis

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 1/14
 (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, _____

19. DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE OF _____

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? _____

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? _____

(Signed) J. A. Bryant M. D.

12-6, 1923 (Address) London Mo.

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19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Parma Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL 12. 8. 1923

20. UNDERTAKER McMill ADDRESS Osma 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," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicemia," "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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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
BY PHYSICIAN.

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County New Madrid Registration District No. 55 File No. 5
 Township Anderson Primary Registration District No. 6262 Registered No. 148
 City (No. _____) _____ St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Bessie Lorraine May

(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. _____ da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan 2-1921

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
2 6 3

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

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9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) Arkansas

PARENTS

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12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Stona May Battle

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) Arkansas

14. INFORMANT James B. May (Address) _____

15. FILED Feb-10 M. J. Mummie REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 5-1923

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Gastro Enteritis

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____ (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ da.

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19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Parma Cem - DATE OF BURIAL Dec 8-1923

20. UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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