

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Webster  
Township W. Valley  
or  
Village  
or  
City

Registration District No. 907 File No. 6694  
Primary Registration District No. 6210 Registered No. 3

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

2 FULL NAME George O. Burns (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

16 DATE OF DEATH February 3rd 1925  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Aug 11 1856  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 1-27-25 to 2-3-25  
that I last saw him alive on 2-3-25  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 P.M.

7 AGE 68 yrs. 5 mos. 23 ds. If LESS than 1 day... hrs. or... min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Chorea

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

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

(Duration) yrs. mos. ds. 8

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER Richard B. Burns  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER New York  
(City or town, State or foreign country)  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Nancy Dorr  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER N. York  
(City or town, State or foreign country)

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) General debility & age  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) S. O. H. Williams M. D.  
2-5-25 (Address) Reperville

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
X (Informant) Archie Burns  
(Address) Reperville, Mo.

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

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Registrar

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 Patton Valley DATE OF BURIAL 2-5-25  
1925

20 UNDERTAKER Jean Johnson ADDRESS Jordanland Mo

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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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, peritonaeum*, etc., *Carcinoma, Sarcoma*, etc., of ..... (name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid

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 Township W. Dallas Primary Registration District No. 6210 Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

George S. Burns

(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**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Feb-3- 1935-

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

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.

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Aug 11-1856

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. min.  
68 | 5 | 23 | \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ min.

Chronic nephritis, Uremia

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) General Diphtheria  
 (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) New York

**18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED**

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

10. NAME OF FATHER

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) New York

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?  
 (Signed) B. O. A. Millican, M. D.

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) New York

, 19 (Address) Rogerville, Md

\*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.)

14. INFORMANT Anna Burns  
 (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

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

15. FILED Apr 8 1935 W. A. Atkins  
 REGISTRAR

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

**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 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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