

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Clay
Towship L. Bray
City L. Bray (No. St. Ward)

Registration District No. 201
Primary Registration District No. 6012

File No. 26439
Registered No. 74
St. Ward)

2. FULL NAME

Clair Douglas Sterling

(a) Residence. No. St. Ward. (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 4. COLOR OR RACE 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word)

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Sept. 21 19 20

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

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Sept. 19, 1920, to Sept. 21, 1920 that I last saw him alive on Sept. 21, 1920, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at m.

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Sept. 19-1920

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Incomplete closure of foramen Ovale

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS 7 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 15 9 13 (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Missouri

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH.....

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

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY?.....

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS.

(Signed) Burton Malby, M. D.

Sept. 21, 1920 (Address) Liberty, Mo

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

Lawrence Sept. 27

20. UNDERPAYER ADDRESS

Newshear L. Bray

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER John Sterling

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Bertie Darling

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

14. INFORMANT (Address) John Sterling

15. FILED 11/19/25 W. H. Godson REGISTRAR

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CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION...

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

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ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

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