

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

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**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

County Wrayford  
Township Oak Hill  
City (No. ....) St. .... Ward)

Registration District No. 234  
Primary Registration District No. 0319

File No. ....  
Registered No. ....

**2. FULL NAME** Mamie Lee Branson

(a) Residence No. .... St. .... Ward. (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
(Usual place of abode)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 3 yrs. 10 mos. 20 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 25, 1922

7. AGE 3 YEARS 10 MONTHS 20 DAYS If LESS than 1 day, .... hrs. or .... min.

**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) none  
(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Crawford Co. Mo

10. NAME OF FATHER Arvil Branson

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ida Munder

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

14. INFORMANT (Address) 4

15. FILED 19... REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 15, 1925

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Dec 14, 1925 to Dec 15, 1925 that I last saw her alive on Dec 15, 1925, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1140 P m.

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

Acute Meningitis  
1925 (duration) yrs. mos. 2 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Opportunistic (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) M. E. Spurgeon, M. D.

(Address) Red Bird Mo

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

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

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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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BY PHYSICIAN.

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THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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City (No. ....) St. .... Ward)

**2. FULL NAME**

Mamie Lee Branson

(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**

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(write the word)

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(STATE OR COUNTRY)

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(STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER J. Munday

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Oak Hill, Mo.  
(STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT Arvid L. Branson  
(Address) Oak Hill, Mo.

15. FILED Feb 9, 1926 Spencer Bayless  
REGISTRAR

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

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

Acute meningitis  
Accidental, caused  
falling on child  
(duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY Trauma  
(SECONDARY) (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED? Home  
IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH? .....

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? .....

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? .....

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20. UNDERTAKER J. H. Chapman ADDRESS Oak Hill  
A-1-7122

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

APPLIED FOR

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