

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Jackson Registration District No. 400
 Township Prairie Primary Registration District No. 5553B
 City (No. _____) _____ St. _____ Ward _____

File No. _____
 Registered No. 36

2. FULL NAME

James Shelby Ritter
 (a) Residence. No. _____ (Usual place of abode) _____ Ward _____
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. 3 mos. _____ ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male **4. COLOR OR RACE** White **5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED** married
(write the word)

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED
 HUSBAND OF Mrs Bell Ritter
 (OR) WIFE OF _____

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Apr 23rd 1859

7. AGE
 YEARS 67 MONTHS 11 DAYS 27
If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Carpenter
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 (c) Name of employer _____

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

10. NAME OF FATHER Henry J. Ritter
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Not known
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Not known
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Not known
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT Shelby Ritter
 (Address) Lee's Summit Mo.

15. FILED 228 1926 J. M. Schick
REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Mar 26-1926

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Dec 7 1925 to March 26 1926
 that I last saw him alive on March 23 1926 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 AM

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Chronic Nephritis
131/290 (duration) 2 yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY None
 (SECONDARY) (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

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

19. DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF _____

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?
 (Signed) J. B. Ragsdale M. D.
 19 26 (Address) Lee's Summit Mo.

*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.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Lee's Summit Mo **DATE OF BURIAL** 3-28 1926

20. UNDERTAKER J. L. Schick & son **ADDRESS** Lee's

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK---THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
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ALL INFORMATION CALLED
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THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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 Township Praine Primary Registration District No. 5553 B Registered No. 26
 City _____ (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)

2. FULL NAME

Gas Shelby Ritter
 (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) M

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Apr 23 - 1859

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
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9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER _____
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 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____
 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

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INFORMANT (Address) _____

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) May 26 1926

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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) _____, M. D.

_____, 19____ (Address)

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