

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Buchanan  
Towship  
City St. Joseph

Registration District No. 85  
Primary Registration District No. 001  
(No. Missouri Methodist Hosp.)

File No.  
Registered No. 1298  
St. Ward

2. FULL NAME

Bessie Irene Collins  
(a) Residence No. 2912 Lafayette St., Ward.  
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 120 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) Divorced

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) July 24 1881

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.  
45 5 5

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

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

10. NAME OF FATHER Geo. M. McWilliams

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Platte Co, Mo.

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Lindsay

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

14. INFORMANT Geo. R. McWilliams  
(Address) St. Joseph, Mo.

15. FILED DEC 30 1926  
John G. [Signature]  
REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 29, 1926

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 12 1926, to Dec 29 1926, and that I last saw her alive on Dec 29 1926, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:45 A.M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Bilateral Salpingitis (G.C.P.)

CONTRIBUTORY Embolism of Mesenteric (SECONDARY)

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED  
IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH 2912 Lafayette

1 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? Yes. DATE OF Dec 23-26  
WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Clinical  
(Signed) Gustav H. [Signature], M. D.

12/30/1926 (Address) Kirkpatrick Bldg  
\*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 DATE OF BURIAL  
Clarksdale, Missouri Dec 31 1926

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS  
Walter Meichoffer 1302 Faraon St.

PHYSICIANS should state EXACTLY CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

(Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.)

**Statement of Occupation.**—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be sufficient, e. g., *Farmer or Planter, Physician, Composer, Architect, Locomotive Engineer, Civil Engineer, Stationary Fireman*, etc. But in many cases, especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement; it should be used only when needed. As examples: (a) *Spinner*, (b) *Cotton mill*, (a) *Salesman*, (b) *Grocery*, (a) *Foreman*, (b) *Automobile factory*. The material worked on may form part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as *Day laborer, Farm laborer, Laborer—Coal mine*, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid *Housekeepers* who receive a definite salary), may be entered as *Housewife, Housework or At home*, and children, not gainfully employed, as *At school or At home*. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as *Servant, Cook, Housemaid*, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given up on account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business, that fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired, 6 yrs.)*. For persons who have no occupation whatever, write *None*.

**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*; *Broncho-pneumonia* ("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 neoplasm); *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.; *Broncho-pneumonia* (secondary), 10ds. 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.)

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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ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Buchanan Registration District No. 85 File No. ....  
 Township St. Joseph Primary Registration District No. 1001 Registered No. 1298  
 City St. Joseph (No. ....) St. .... Ward)

2. FULL NAME Bessie Gene Collins  
 (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 ♀ 4. COLOR OR RACE W. 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Div.

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR)

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**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 29 19 36

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from ..... 19..... to ..... 19..... 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:  
Relapsing Galingenitis  
of the  
Small Intestine  
 (duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. .... da.  
 CONTRIBUTOR (SECONDARY) Embolism of mesentery  
 (duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. .... da.

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) August A. Lau, M. D.  
 , 19 (Address)

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

10. NAME OF FATHER

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

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

14. INFORMANT (Address) .....

15. FILED 12/30 1936 John G. W. REGISTRAR

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL  
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20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

Every item should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated in full years, months and days that it may be properly classified. Exact age should be stated in full years, months and days. RECEIVING INSTRUMENT IS A PERMANENT RECORD. E AG PRESCRIBEL AV

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