

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Johnson  
Township Medianna  
or  
Village  
or  
City Holden Mo (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

Registration District No. H 27 File No. 32242  
Primary Registration District No. 4253 Registered No. J.J.

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

2 FULL NAME

Joseph May

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

6 DATE OF BIRTH December 9, 1850  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 66 yrs. 9 mos. 17 ds. If LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min.?

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer  
(b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) 13 31

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) West Virginia

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER Armstead May  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) West Virginia  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Lindsay  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) West Virginia

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) M. T. May  
(Address) Holden Mo R.F.O.

15 Filed Sept 26 1917 G. W. Harris Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Sept 26 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Sept 18 1917, to Sept 26 1917, that I last saw him alive on Sept 26 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8:30 A.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Contracted on Sept 18 for Prostatectomy  
Blowd Poison bet in 29 days  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY: Blowd Poison  
(Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) J. J. Scapson M. D.  
(Address) Holden Mo

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

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 Stout Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Sept 27 1917

20 UNDERTAKER W. G. Woodman ADDRESS Holden Mo

Every item on this form should be filled in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. CAUSE OF DEATH should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state

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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 "Asthma," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicaemia," "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.)

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

PHYSICIANS should fill in this section. OCCUPATION is very important.

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

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

2 FULL NAME Joseph May

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

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14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) \_\_\_\_\_ (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

15 Filed January 8 1918 G. W. Morris Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Sept 26 1917 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, that I last saw him \_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: Enlarged prostate  
Operated on Sept 18 for prostate  
prostatectomy. Blood poison  
set in Sept 24  
 (Duration) 1 mo yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY Heart failure (Secondary) (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. (Signed) J. R. Humphreys M. D. 1/10 1918 (Address) Holden mo

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

Original file, date. September 26, 1917

All information called for must be written on this Supplementary Certificate.

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