

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

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**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

County Harrison  
Township Ridgeway  
City Ridgeway

Registration District No. 341  
Primary Registration District No. 4204

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered No. 4  
St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

Rachel Spencer

(a) Residence. No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3. SEX F 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) widowed

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

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

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.  
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8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

10. NAME OF FATHER John Alley

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Hobbs

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

14. INFORMANT Martha Miller  
(Address) Ridgeway, Mo

15. FILED 3/16, 1923 Ed. Brown  
REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Mar 15 1923

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Mar 14, 1923, to Mar 16, 1923, that I last saw h. alive on Mar 15, 1923, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1:30 p. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Broncho Pneumonia  
107A  
162 (duration) 100d yrs. mos. da.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) old age  
(duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. mos. da.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

19. DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF Mar 6 1923

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS:

(Signed) E. J. Stary, M.D.  
3/16, 1923 (Address) Ridgeway, 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 Bethany Mo DATE OF BURIAL 3/17 1923

20. UNDERTAKER O. P. Ragau, Ridgeway, Mo  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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 City, Ridgeway (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

Rachel Spencer  
 (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.

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5A. If MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF \_\_\_\_\_

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov 4 1834

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.  
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14. INFORMANT (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

15. FILED 3/10 19 23 Leibel Brewer REGISTRAR

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(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_, M. D.  
 , 19 (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

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20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

**ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.**

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