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Vital Records – Birth and Death Certificates

As the local registrar, birth and death certificates for those who were born or have died in the state of Missouri are available through the Livingston County Health Center. The health center is able to access those records through a connection with the State Vital Records Bureau in Jefferson City via computer and can print a computer-generated certified copy.

We are able to access birth records for those born 1920 and after and death records for those who have died 1980 and after. The fee is 15.00 for each birth certificate requested and 13.00 for the first death certificate and 10.00 for each additional that is ordered for the same individual at the same time. Birth certificates can be issued to the person listed on the birth certificate, relatives up to but not including cousins, legal guardians, step parents and legally authorized individuals as determined by Missouri Department of Health rules relating to access to vital records. Death records can be issued to relatives or third parties with a legal need. For records previous to the years listed above you will need to contact Vital Records in Jefferson City. We do have the applications to send to Jefferson City and you are welcome to stop by our office and pick one up. The applications are also available through their website at www.dhss.state.mo.us/BirthAndDeathRecords/index.html.

The certificates acquired through our office are valid for all legal needs such as drivers license and passport and any need for legal proof of birth or death. If you are searching for genealogical information the certificates we provide may not contain all the information wanted as they contain very basic information and you may wish to go through Jefferson City to receive a copy of the original filed in their office. Unlike the state, we cannot do broad searches. We must have first and last name and also month and year of the birth or death in order to do any search for records.. We have no records in

our office as once the birth or death certificate is registered it is sent to the state to be filed.

The Missouri Archives has put many records online and a recent addition is the Missouri Death Certificate Database for the years 1910-1955. These records can be found at www.sos.mo.gov/

For births and deaths that occurred outside the state of Missouri we do have addresses and phone numbers that you can contact in order to get those records.

All services of the Livingston County Health Center are provided on an equal opportunity basis.