

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully spelled. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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PLACE OF DEATH Meritown
 County Meritown Registration District No. 576 File No. _____
 Township Meritown or _____ Primary Registration District No. 5774 Registered No. 13
 Village _____ or _____ City _____ (NO. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
 FULL NAME Elijah Smith (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE Black SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Widow (Write the word)
 DATE OF BIRTH March 2, 1872 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 AGE 40 yrs. 9 mos. 4 ds. If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?
 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Washer, woman
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Missouri
 NAME OF FATHER Elisha P. Hickox
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Doubt Record
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sallie Gathman
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Virginia

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Dec 6, 1914 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Nov 27, 1914, to Dec 6, 1914, that I last saw her alive on Dec 5, 1914, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9:00 a.m.
 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Syphilitic fever
 (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. 12 ds.
 Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
 (Signed) W. H. Allen M. D. (Address) Osborne
 *State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) Herrington Proctor
 (ADDRESS) Osborne
 Filed Dec 10, 1914 W. H. Finke REGISTRAR

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 _____
 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Jackson Chapel DATE OF BURIAL Dec 8, 1914
 UNDERTAKER W. G. Parker ADDRESS Osborne

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, Compositor, 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*; *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 "Asthenia," "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.)