

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  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH

County

Township

or

Village

or

City

Registration District No.

File No.

Primary Registration District No.

Registered No.

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

FULL NAME

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX

COLOR OR RACE

SINGLE  
MARRIED  
WIDOWED  
OR DIVORCED  
(Write the word)

DATE OF BIRTH

AGE

OCCUPATION

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

BIRTHPLACE

(City or town, State or foreign country)

PARENTS

NAME OF FATHER

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER

(City or town, State or foreign country)

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER

(City or town, State or foreign country)

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant)

(ADDRESS)

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from

that I last saw her alive on

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

Contributory

(SECONDARY)

(Signed)

M. D.

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

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

DATE OF BURIAL

UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS

# 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*, *Blacksmith*, *Electrician*, *Druggist*, *Miner*, *Merchant*, *Teacher*, *Writer*, *Artist*, *Actor*, *Locomotive engineer*, *Seaman*, etc. But in many employments, it is necessary to state (a) the nature of the work and also (b) the industry, and therefore an additional statement is required. As examples: (a) *Salesman*, (b) *Grocery*; (a) *Electrician*, (b) *Power* or *Light* *factory*. The material of the second statement should be precise specification, as *Foreman*, *Manager*, *Supervisor*, *Laborer*—*Coal mine*, etc. 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.)

*coma*, 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.)

**Cause of death.**—Name, first, the primary affection with reference to which the death occurred, 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*, *Sar-*

