

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH
 County Monroe
 Township California
 Village California
 City California
 Registration District No. 571
 Primary Registration District No. 4835
 File No. 38039
 Registered No. 72
 (If death occurred in a hospital, or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)
 FULL NAME Henry Heers

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE ☒ MARRIED ☒ WIDOWED ☐ OR DIVORCED ☐ (If first the word)
 DATE OF BIRTH January 19 1856
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 AGE 59 10 23
 yrs. mos. ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

DATE OF DEATH December 14 1915
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Oct 1915 to Dec 1915
 that I last saw h alive on Dec 1915
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10 P. M.
 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

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

Tuberculosis
23A of lungs
 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Monroe County
 NAME OF FATHER Philip Heers
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Germany
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mrs. Wolfe
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Germany

Contributory (SECONDARY)
 (Signed) L. M. Gray M. D.
 191 (Address)

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) Geo Heers
 (ADDRESS) California
 Filled 12/16 1915 J. R. Pappas REGISTRAR

*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 Old Salem Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL 12/16 1915
 UNDERTAKER Edw. B. Nischling 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, 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 septicæmia," "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.)