

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. **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.

PLACE OF DEATH

County Adair
 Township Benton
 or
 Village _____
 or
 City _____ (NO. _____ St. _____ Ward)

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

Registration District No. 4 File No. 36803
 Primary Registration District No. 5025 Registered No. 131

FULL NAME William Howard Sheeks

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX <u>Male</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>Married</u> (Write the word)
DATE OF BIRTH <u>March 17, 1822</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
AGE <u>88 yrs 9 mos 2 ds.</u>		IF LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. or ____ min.?
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Retired Farmer</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)		
BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Kentucky</u>		
PARENTS	NAME OF FATHER <u>Dont Know</u>	
	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Dont Know</u>	
	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Dont Know</u>	
	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Dont Know</u>	

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Dec 19, 1910
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Dec 13, 1910, to Dec 18, 1910, that I last saw him alive on Dec 18, 1910, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9:00 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Senile Debility
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(Duration) ____ yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.

Contributory Same
 (SECONDARY) (Duration) ____ yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.

(Signed) C. M. C. Hillcox, M. D.
Dec 19, 1910 (Address) Kirkville Mo.

*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 _____

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) H M Sheeks
 (ADDRESS) Admission Home
 Filed 12 19 - 1910 E. H. Allison
 REGISTRAR

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL
Front Cemetery

DATE OF BURIAL
Dec 20, 1910

UNDERTAKER
A. C. Wilson

ADDRESS
Kirkville Mo.

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, Composer, 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, Household work*, 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, Sar-*

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 surgi al 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.)

