

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.

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

PLACE OF DEATH  
 County New Madrid  
 Township New Madrid or Village \_\_\_\_\_ or City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_) (St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Registration District No. 604 File No. 38980  
 Primary Registration District No. 5802 Registered No. 604 11  
 FULL NAME Ralph M. Purdy

[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>Single</u> (Write the word)
DATE OF BIRTH _____, 18 <u>84</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
AGE <u>56</u> yrs. <u>4</u> mos. <u>7</u> ds.		If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Clerk (Grocery store)</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>Genl. Merchandise</u>		
BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Irregular, Texas</u>		
PARENTS	NAME OF FATHER _____	
	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Don't know</u>	
	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) _____		

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

DATE OF DEATH Dec 8, 1910  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Dec 8, 1910, to Dec 8, 1910, that I last saw him alive on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1910, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7:30 P. M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
acute dilatation of heart  
11<sup>th</sup> mo.

5 minutes (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

Contributory Distended Stomach & asphyxia (Duration) the latter 25 years ds.  
 (Signed) Geo H. Dawson M. D.  
8 Dec, 1910 (Address) New Madrid, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Filed 12/15 1910 Mrs. C.B. Richards  
 Deputy REGISTRAR

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Irregular, Tenn DATE OF BURIAL Dec 10 1910  
 UNDERTAKER E. A. Broughton ADDRESS Irregular, Tenn

# 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 as *At school* or *At home*. Care should be reported specifically the occupations of persons domestic service for wages, as *Servant*, *Co. maid*, etc. If the occupation has been changed up on account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH occupation at beginning of illness. If retired, that fact may be indicated thus: *Retired, 6 yrs.* For persons who have no occupation whatever, write *None*.

**Statement of cause of death.**—Name, DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affective aspect to time and causation), using always accepted term for the same disease. Example: *Cerebrospinal fever* (the only definite synonym is *cerebrospinal meningitis*); *Diphtheria* (avoid "Croup"); *Typhoid fever* (never report "pneumonia"); *Lobar pneumonia*; *Bronchopneumonia* ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); *Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, peritoneum*, etc., *Carcinoma*, 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.)

