

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

PLACE OF DEATH

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

County Cape Girardeau 149
Township Cape Girardeau Registration District No. 135 File No. 9632
or
Village _____ Primary Registration District No. 3009 Registered No. 60
or
City Cape Girardeau (No. Hollister Street 222) St. 3rd Ward

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

FULL NAME Joe Patton

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE Colored SINGLE Widower
MARRIED
WIDOWED
OR DIVORCED
(Write the word)

DATE OF DEATH March 25, 1911
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Does not know
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Goldensburg, 1911,
that I last saw him alive on 24th, 1911,
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.

AGE about 45
yrs. mos. ds. IF LESS than
1 day, ____ hrs. or ____ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

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

unable to say
2003
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Cooksville Tenn

Contributory (SECONDARY) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
(Signed) W. H. Hatcher M. D.
Medic 1911 (Address) Cape Girardeau

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER Joe Patton
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Does not know
(City or town, State or foreign country)
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Does not know
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Does not know
(City or town, State or foreign country)

*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) Robert Patton
(ADDRESS) Cape Girardeau Mo

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL New Church DATE OF BURIAL March 26, 1911

Filed March 26, 1911 W. H. Hatcher REGISTRAR

UNDERTAKER H. W. Hatcher ADDRESS Cape Girardeau

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*, *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 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.)

