

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

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Buchanan

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Township _____

Registration District No. _____

File No. 20401

Village _____

Primary Registration District No. 1001

Registered No. 509

City St. Joseph

(NO. State Hospital # 2 St. _____ Ward)

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

FULL NAME James Oscar Couch

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

7 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single
(Write the word)

DATE OF DEATH June 27, 1911
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH 22 September 16, 1884
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Aug. 24, 1910, to June 26, 1911, that I last saw him alive on June 24, 1911, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 5:45 p.m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

AGE 26 yrs. 9 mos. 11 ds. If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?

23rd Pulmonary Tuberculosis
(Duration) unknown yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

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

Contributory Insanity
(SECONDARY) (Duration) 1 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Mo.

(Signed) H. P. Mills M. D.
June 27, 1911 (Address) St. Joseph Mo.

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

NAME OF FATHER Unk.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Iowa

At place of death 10 yrs. 10 mos. 0 ds. In the State 10 yrs. 10 mos. 0 ds.
Where was disease contracted Kansas City Mo
If not at place of death?

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unk.

Former or usual residence Kansas City Mo.

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) I nd.

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Durbin Mo. DATE OF BURIAL June 27, 1911

UNDERTAKER R. Meierhoffer ADDRESS 824 F. St.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) H. P. Mills, M.D.

(ADDRESS) St. Joseph Mo.

Filed June 27, 1911 W.B. Kelling (D.L.) REGISTRAR

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, peritonaeum*, 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.)

