

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Buchanan

Township _____ or _____

Registration District No. 85

File No. 30774

Village _____ or _____

Primary Registration District No. 1001

Registered No. 785

City St. Joseph (No. 1024 Main) St. _____ Ward _____

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

FULL NAME Virgil Taylor Best

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX male COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)

DATE OF DEATH SEP 27 1911
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Dec 26 1911
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Sept. 27 12th 1911, to Sept 27 12th 1911, that I last saw him alive on Apr. 27th 1911, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____

AGE 9 yrs. 25 mos. 25 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: midnight

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

Cholera Infantum
11911
(Duration) 12 hours yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.

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

Contributory nutrition
(SECONDARY) (Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.

NAME OF FATHER Unknown

(Signed) O. J. Gleason M. D.
Sept. 28 1911 (Address) 3124 St. Joseph Ave

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

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unknown

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

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Unknown

At place of death ___ yrs. 9 mos. 25 ds. In the State ___ yrs. 9 mos. ___ ds.
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Former or usual residence _____

(Informant) Mrs Leda Hall

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL City Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Sept 29 1911

(ADDRESS) 1024 Main St

UNDERTAKING CO. W. J. Golden ADDRESS 224-5-08

HEATON

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This certificate is to be filled out by the physician or other person who attended the deceased. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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*, *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.)

