

## PLACE OF DEATH

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATHCounty Jasper

Township \_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_

Village \_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_

City Joplin, Mo (NO. 875 - Perm. St. 2 Ward)Registration District No. 11File No. 34984Primary Registration District No. 2002Registered No. 446FULL NAME Lillie Geldmacher

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

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single (If write the word)DATE OF DEATH Oct. 26, 1911  
(Month) (Day) (Year)DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 22, 1875  
(Month) (Day) (Year)I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Oct 22, 1911, to Oct 26, 1911, that I last saw her alive on Oct 25, 1911, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9 P.M.AGE 36 yrs. 8 mos. 4 ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_ min.?The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
AlcoholismOCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Clark  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Book StationaryBIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Joplin, Mo.NAME OF FATHER Herman GeldmacherBIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) GermanyMAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sophia HermannBIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) GermanyTHE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Adolph Geldmacher(ADDRESS) Joplin, Mo.Filed 10-29, 1911, Audrey REGISTRARAlcoholism  
Contributory General Pract. Doctor(Signed) W. C. Erick M. D.(Address) Joplin 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 \_\_\_\_\_PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Mount HopeDATE OF BURIAL Oct 29, 1911ADDRESS Joplin, Mo.UNDERTAKER Frank Stevers Undertaking Co.

# 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.)

