

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.

PLACE OF DEATH		MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
County	_____	Registration District No. 791	File No. 7679
Township	_____	Primary Registration District No. 1003	Registered No. 2052
or Village	_____	(NO. 1035 Blendon Pl. St.)	Ward W
or City	St. Louis		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)
FULL NAME Ruth Law			

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX Female	COLOR OR RACE White	SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single (Write the word)	DATE OF DEATH Feb. 29, 1912 (Month) (Day) (Year)	
DATE OF BIRTH June 20, 1911 (Month) (Day) (Year)			I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Feb. 22nd , 1912, to Feb. 29th , 1912, that I last saw her alive on Feb. 28th , 1912, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 454 yrs. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:	
AGE — yrs. 8 mos. 20 ds. If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?			Branch Pneumonia 101191 Duration) — yrs. — mos. 9 ds.	
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work At home (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) O			Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	
BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) St. Louis, Mo			(Signed) Edward Wenger M. D. Feb. 29th 1912 (Address) 2002 S. Bldg	
PARENTS	NAME OF FATHER George Law		*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.	
	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) St. Louis, Mo		LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)	
	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Jessie McLeod		At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	
	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State, or foreign country) St. Louis, Mo		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) Mrs. J. Law (ADDRESS) 1035 Blendon Pl.			PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL S. B. Peter & Paul Church DATE OF BURIAL Mar 1, 1912	
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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.)

