

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Scotland  
Township Amos  
or  
Village \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St.; \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

Registration District No. 810 File No. 15817  
Primary Registration District No. 6034 Registered No. 11

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

FULL NAME Ole John Ridge

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (If file the word) ✓  
DATE OF BIRTH 2 30 1912  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
AGE 1 mos. 5 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_ min.?

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

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Scotland, Va

PARENTS  
NAME OF FATHER Robert Ridge  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Scotland Va  
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Rosie Donaldson  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Scotland Va

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Robert Ridge  
(ADDRESS) Memphis

Filed Apr 1 1912 Dr. C. E. Platter  
REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Mar. 31 - 1912  
March (Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, that I last saw h ✓ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Bowel Trouble  
Had not seen it since last  
sent med once.  
11 1/2 (Duration) 10 yrs. 1 mos. 1 ds.

Contributory (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
(Signed) F. G. ... M. D.  
1 - 1 -, 1912 (Address) Memphis

\*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. State \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_  
Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Friendship DATE OF BURIAL Apr 1 1912  
UNDERTAKER J. W. Payne ADDRESS Memphis Va

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.

REPRODUCED AND RESERVED FOR BUSINESS

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health  
Association]

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**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.)



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REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

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FULL NAME Olen John Ridge

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 (Month) (Day) (Year)

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Contributory \_\_\_\_\_ (SECONDARY) (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
 (Signed) H. Swain M. D.  
April 1, 1912 (Address) Memphis

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Filed April 1, 1912 H. C. Patten REGISTRAR

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Friendship DATE OF BURIAL Apr. 8, 1912  
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