

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.

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

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PLACE OF DEATH
County Jasper
Township _____
or _____
Village _____
or _____
City Joplin (NO. 415 Wall)

Registration District No. 411 File No. _____
Primary Registration District No. 2002 Registered No. 211
St. _____ Ward _____

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

FULL NAME Infant Harris

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS **MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) _____
DATE OF BIRTH May 12 1912
(Month) (Day) (Year)
AGE _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. IF LESS than 1 day 3 hrs. or _____ min.?

DATE OF DEATH May 12 1912
(Month) (Day) (Year)

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from May 12, 1912, at Joplin Mo. that I last saw him alive on May 12, 1912, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9 P. m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Premature Birth. non closure of the heart valves 157C
159 (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

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

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER A. H. Harris
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Fredricktown Mo.
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Myrtle J. Overster
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Colorado Spgs. Colo.

Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
(Signed) A. C. Noyes M. D.
May 13, 1912 (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.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) A. H. Harris
(ADDRESS) 415 Wall Joplin

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 _____

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PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Peace Church DATE OF BURIAL May 13 1912
UNDERTAKER Hurbit Co ADDRESS Joplin

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"); $\frac{1}{2}$ *Diphtheria* (avoid use of "Croup"); $\frac{1}{2}$ *Typhoid fever* (never report "Typhoid pneumonia"); *Lobar pneumonia*; *Bronchopneumonia* ("Pneumonia," unqualified, $\frac{1}{2}$ is indefinite); *Tuberculosis of lungs*, *meninges*, *peritonaeum*, etc., *Carcinoma*, *Sarcoma*, 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.)