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

PLACE OF DEATH

County: Cape Girardeau

Township: Shawnee — Registration District No.: 129 — File No.: 8378

or Village: — Primary Registration District No.: 5180 — Registered No.: 0

or City: ..... (NO. ....., ... St.: ..... Ward)

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

FULL NAME Elmer Benjamin George Kessinger

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX	COLOR OR RACE	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)
Male	White	Single

DATE OF BIRTH May (Month) 7th (Day), 1911 (Year)

AGE 1 yrs. 10 mos. 14 ds. — If LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: at home
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer): 0 — 0

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country): Pocahontas Mo. 1795 1795

PARENTS
- NAME OF FATHER: Benjamin J. Kessinger
- BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country): Jackson Mo.
- MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Emelia A. Poppe
- BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country): Fredonia Mo.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) M. C. Kessinger

(ADDRESS) Pocahontas Mo.

Filed March 1st 1913. Fred H. Sample REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 2

DATE OF DEATH: March (Month) 21st (Day), 1913 (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from —, 191..., to —, 191..., that I last saw him alive on ....., 191..., and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4.45 P.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Accidental Poisoning by drugs. He ate about 20 tabs containing strychnine, morphine, codeine & also 7 or 8 tabs. urotropine. (Duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds. and was dead when we got there. He was dead when I arrived & I suppose he died from the strychnine taken. (Duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.

Contributory

(Signed) Jno. L. Ellis M. D.

March 22nd 1913. (Address) Oakridge 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	DATE OF BURIAL
Pocahontas Mo	March 25 1913

UNDERTAKER	ADDRESS
Robert Ruff	Pocahontas Mo

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, 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 *septichaemia,*" "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.)

HUGH STEPHENS, JEFFERSON CITY.