

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Greene

Township _____

or Village _____

or City Springfield (NO. _____)

Registration District No. 318

File No. 16263

Primary Registration District No. 2001

Registered No. 247

St.: _____ Ward _____

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

FULL NAME Wesley Ward Spitzer

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED single
(Write the word)

DATE OF DEATH April 4th, 1913
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Oct 5, 1899
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from attendant, 1913, to _____, 1913, that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 1913, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11.9 m.

AGE 13 yrs. 7 mos. 4 ds. If less than 1 day, hrs. min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Gun shot wound in the neck
and chest
1913
(Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

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

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Oak Grove

NAME OF FATHER John J. Spitzer

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Virginia

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Lula Spellman

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Kansas

Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
(Signed) R. H. Newahan J.P. Acting Coroner M. D.
May 5 1913 (Address) Springfield, 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 _____

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Peter J. Spitzer
(ADDRESS) _____

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Greenlawn DATE OF BURIAL May 5th 1913

UNDERTAKER W.C. Zimmerman ADDRESS 205 N. Main

Filed May 5 1913 D. C. Smith REGISTRAR

CAUSE OF DEATH should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

CORD

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, 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*" ("*Con- genital*," "*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.)

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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.

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

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SEX _____ COLOR OR RACE _____ SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
Satisfactory Information Supplied

DATE OF DEATH April 4, 1913
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from _____, 191____, to _____, 191____,
that I last saw him _____, 191____,
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____.

AGE _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days
If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. _____ min.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Gun shot wound in the neck and chest.
Accident

OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work _____
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BIRTHPLACE
(City or town, State or foreign country) _____

Contributory
(SECONDARY) _____
(Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER _____
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) _____
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) _____

(Signed) R. H. Trevaillaw, Deputy Coroner
May 5, 1913 (Address) Springfield, Mo.

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(ADDRESS) _____

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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 _____, 191____

UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____
Satisfactory Information Supplied.

Filed _____, 191____ REGISTRAR _____

Original file, date MAY 1913 All information called for must be written on this Supplementary Certificate.

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