

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Barton

Township _____

Village _____

City Lamar (NO. - 24) (St. 3d Ward)

Registration District No. 40

File No. 21973

Primary Registration District No. 4024

Registered No. 22

FULL NAME George Dolven Smith

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX male COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE/MARRIED/WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) infant

DATE OF BIRTH July 28, 1913
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 2 yrs. 11 mos. 24 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. or ____ min.?

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work 0-0
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Lamar Mo

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER Chas J Smith
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Victor Iowa
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Virginia M Chamber
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Staunton Virginia

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) C J Smith

(ADDRESS) Lamar Mo.

Filed July 22, 1913 J. L. McComb REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH July 22, 1913
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July 12th, 1913, to July 22, 1913, that I last saw him alive on July 22, 1913, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Retropharyngeal abscess
115/4
the reference to date indicates above

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

(Signed) W B Walford M. D. 7/22 1913 (Address) Lamar 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 Lake Cemetery Lamar Mo DATE OF BURIAL July 23, 1913
UNDERTAKER B C Baird ADDRESS Lamar Mo

RECORD WITH UNFADING INK

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.

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*, *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 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.)

