

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

PLACE OF DEATH  
County Jackson  
Township Rau  
or  
Village \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
City K.C.

Registration District No. 899 File No. 16272

Primary Registration District No. 1002 Registered No. 1632

(No. 306 S. Bellaire St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

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

FULL NAME Bernie Sutton

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 16, 1914  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 20 yrs. 3 mos. 9 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Labourer

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Day labor

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

NAME OF FATHER Chas. Sutton

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ida Lyadder

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

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Wiley Johnson

(ADDRESS) Bristol Station

MAY 26 1914

W.S. Wheeler

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REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH May 23, 1914  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from ac corner, 191\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, that I last saw h\_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7 P. m. The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

suicide by  
shot head  
167 (Duration) yrs. 10 mos. ds.  
Contributory (SECONDARY)  
(Duration) yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

(Signed) Wiley Johnson M. D.  
5/26/14 (Address) Bristol Station

\*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 Orick, Mo.

DATE OF BURIAL May 27, 1914

UNDERTAKER S. H. Blackman ADDRESS 6606 Independence

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.

Consent of  
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# 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*, *Composer*, *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 upon account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at beginning of illness. If recorded from business, that fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired, 5 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), causing always the same recorded term for the same disease. Examples: *Cerebral meningitis* (the only definite synonym for "Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis"); *Diphtheria* (avoid use of "group"); *Typhoid fever* (never report "Typhoid pneumonia"); *Lobar pneumonia*; *Bronchopneumonia* ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); *Tuberculosis of lungs*, *meninges*, *peritoneum*, etc., *Carcinoma*, *Sarcoma*, etc., of (name organ; "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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