

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County _____

Township _____

Registration District No. 791

File No. 17580

Village _____

Primary Registration District No. 1003

Registered No. 4773

City St. Louis, Mo. (NO. Missouri Pacific Hosp.)

Ward 15

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

FULL NAME Louis Davis

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE Black MARRIAGE STATUS widower
(If wife the word)

DATE OF DEATH May - 10 - 1914
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Unknown, 1868
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Apr. 20, 1914, to May 10, 1914, that I last saw him alive on May 10, 1914, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1:50 a.m.

AGE 46 yrs. 2 mos. 2 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Myocarditis from valvular heart disease
uremia

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Laborer
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) at Little Rock Rd. Shop

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

(Duration) 1 yrs. 2 mos. 2 ds.
Contributory Mitral Regurgitation & nephritis
(SECONDARY) Stenosis

NAME OF FATHER Unknown

(Signed) William D. Pettit, M.D.
May 10 - 1914 (Address) 1600 S. California

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unknown

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

*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, (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 21 yrs. 2 mos. 21 ds. In the State 21 yrs. 2 mos. 21 ds.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) William D. Pettit

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence Ingenta Arkansas

(ADDRESS) 1600 S. California St. Louis, Mo.

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Little Rock Ark DATE OF BURIAL May 12, 1914

Filed MAY 12 1914 Registrar Mark Starkloff

UNDERTAKER W. Hoffmeister 2578 1/2 So Broadway ADDRESS

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.

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 *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.)