

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 Cooper  
Township South Mountain  
or  
Village  
or  
City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

1095  
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Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_ File No. 25682  
Primary Registration District No. 5770 Registered No. 4  
5310

FULL NAME Ruben Birdsong

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

DATE OF DEATH Aug 31, 1914  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Jan 4, 1841  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Aug 1, 1914, to Aug 31, 1914, that I last saw him alive on Aug 27, 1914, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 A. m.

AGE 73 yrs. 7 mos. 27 ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Rheumatoid Arthritis  
5717  
13513

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

(Duration) 2 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Cooper Co., Mo.

Contributory (SECONDARY) Cystitis

PARENTS NAME OF FATHER George Birdsong

(Duration) 0 yrs. 4 mos. 0 ds.  
(Signed) H.C. Freudenberg M. D.  
Aug 31, 1914 (Address) Clarksburg, Mo.

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

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Lillie Burnett

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)

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

At place of death \_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_ ds. In the State \_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_ ds.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was disease contracted If not at place of death?

(Informant) Eli Birdsong

Former or usual residence

(ADDRESS) Clarksburg Mo.

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Allen Cem DATE OF BURIAL Sept 1, 1914

Filed Aug 31, 1914, H.C. Freudenberg

UNDERTAKER Longdon Williams ADDRESS California, Mo.

REGISTRAR

# 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.)