

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH

County \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_

or

Village \_\_\_\_\_

or

City, St Louis (NO. Baptist Hospital St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

Registration District No. 791

1003

File No. 27953

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Primary Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_

Registered No. 8010

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

FULL NAME Willis Gorham

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

DATE OF DEATH Aug 24, 1914  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Aug 3, 1879  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_,  
that I last saw h\_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_,  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3 p.m.

AGE 35 yrs. — 22 mos. 22 ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was/as follows:  
Shock & Injuries  
Fracture of Skull  
Due to fall from Bridge  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

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

Contributory Accident  
(SECONDARY) (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Arkansas 186 Mo 1913

(Signed) J.P. Furlong Deputy Coroner  
8/25, 1914 (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FATHER Simpson Gorham

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Josephine Welsh

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

\*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. 4 ds. In the State \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Alman Gorham

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_

Former or usual residence Versailles Mo.

(ADDRESS) Marvin Mo.

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Versailles Mo. DATE OF BURIAL Aug 25, 1914

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UNDERTAKER Cheryl Keyes ADDRESS 1108 St ange ar,

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*, *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" ("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.)