

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

PLACE OF DEATH  
County St Louis  
Township Meramec Registration District No. 785 File No. 30242  
or Essence  
Village Meramec Primary Registration District No. 6032 Registered No. 160  
or  
City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

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

FULL NAME Mary Jane Shannon

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

SEX female COLOR OR RACE Colored SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED widowed  
(If file the word)  
DATE OF BIRTH August not known  
(Month) (Day) (Year) 1863

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

AGE 51 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.?

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Sept 22, 1914, to Sept 23, 1914, that I last saw h. or alive on Sept 23, 1914, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 5:15 pm.

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

Strangulated Umbilical Hernia  
Hernia has existed for 15 years, but became strangulated 50 hours before death.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Jackson Miss.

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

NAME OF FATHER Anderson Reynolds

(Signed) Fredrick B. Spruys M. D.  
9/23, 1914 (Address) Glumbo 720

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER unknown

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

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

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

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

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

(Informant) John Shannon

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

(ADDRESS) St Louis Mo

Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

Filed 9-26, 1914, Ed Kennen REGISTRAR

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Cantour Mo. Col. Baptist Centre DATE OF BURIAL Sept 26, 1914

UNDERTAKER Wm. Schrader ADDRESS Ballwin Mo

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.)