

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Clay

Township Liberty

or Village Liberty

or City Liberty (NO. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)

Registration District No. 207

File No. 15613

Primary Registration District No. 5280

Registered No. 24

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

FULL NAME William Edward Bell

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

DATE OF BIRTH June 10, 1833
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 87 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, 0 hrs. or 0 min.?

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

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

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

NAME OF FATHER John Bell

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Catherine Bell

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

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Anna Jack Sapp

(ADDRESS) Plymouth, Mo.

Filed May 10, 1915 Wm. H. Goodson REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Apr. 16, 1915
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from For over 1 year, 1914, to April 16, 1915, that I last saw him alive on April 15, 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8:15 P.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Has had Hypertrophy of Heart for years & gradually terminative in Pulmonary failure & Asthmatic Attacks 137 95 R
For year or thereabouts 11 2

Contributory Operation for Prostate Adenoma
(SECONDARY) (Duration) 1 yrs. 4 mos. 4 ds.

(Signed) E. H. Miller M. D.
May 10, 1915 (Address) Liberty Mo

*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 0 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. In the 87 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.

Where was disease contracted If not at place of death?

Former or usual residence

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Tanwood DATE OF BURIAL Apr. 18, 1915

EMERALD ADDRESS Liberty Mo

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. An incorrect statement of OCCUPATION is very important. CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified.

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 "Asthemia," "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.)