

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Charleston
Township Saline
OR
Village Smith
OR
City: _____ (NO _____ Ward)

Registration District No. 290 File No. 15777
Primary Registration District No. 5408 Registered No. 14

2 FULL NAME

Ruth's Edw. Alving Masters
Smith

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX girl 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 SINGLE single
MARRIED
WIDOWED
OR DIVORCED
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH: September 17 1914
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE _____ If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?
_____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

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

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

10 NAME OF FATHER John Masters

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER
(City or town, State or foreign country) Madison Hill Mo.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Gratude Hamilton

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
(City or town, State or foreign country) St. Francis Mo.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) John Masters
(Address) Smith Mo.

15 Filed 9/12/18 1915 H. B. Spier
Registrar

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH May 18 1915
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 2 P.M. 18 1915 to 4 P.M. 18 1915, that I last saw her alive on May 18 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Whooping Cough
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108
1915 (Duration) 4 weeks yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY Pneumonia
(Secondary) (Duration) _____ yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) W. H. Hughes M. D.
May 18 1915 (Address) Smith Mo.

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

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)
At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____

Former or usual residence _____

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Smith Mo. DATE OF BURIAL May 19 1915

20 UNDERTAKER J. P. King ADDRESS Smith 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.

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[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*, *Composer*, *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.)

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2 FULL NAME R. W. Masters

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15 Filed May 18 1915 Registrar

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The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Whooping Cough
 (Duration) 4 wks yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Pneumonia
 (Duration) 10 days yrs. mos. ds.
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SUPPLEMENTARY

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