

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Douglas
Township L. Ray
or
Village Olathe
or
City _____ (NO. _____ St.; _____ Ward)

Registration District No. 280
Primary Registration District No. 5390

File No. 18662
Registered No. 26

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

FULL NAME

Cleo Merritt

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single
(Write the word)

DATE OF DEATH June 9, 1915
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Nov 26, 1908
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Mar the 6th, 1911, to June the 9th, 1915, that I last saw her alive on June 9, 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10 P.M.

AGE 11 yrs 6 mos 13 ds
If LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

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

Chronic Brights & edema
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BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Olathe Mo

(Duration) 4 yrs 7 mos 13 ds

NAME OF FATHER Richard Merritt

Contributory (SECONDARY)

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

(Duration) ___ yrs ___ mos ___ ds.

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Nancy S. Sturge

(Signed) W. B. Hamilton M. D.

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

(Address) Manassett

June 10, 1915 (Address) Manassett

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

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

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

(Informant) E. R. Coble

At place of death ___ yrs ___ mos ___ ds. In the State ___ yrs ___ mos ___ ds.

(ADDRESS) Manassett Mo

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

Former or usual residence _____

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PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Fair View Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL 6-10 1915

UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

N. B. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. A.R.S. 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, Composer, Architect, Locomotive engineer, Civil engineer, Stationary fireman*, etc. But in many cases, especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to show (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) *Textile 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 organ; "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.), "Dropy," "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.)

OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT.

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

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2 FULL NAME

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6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month) (Day) (Year) Satisfactory Information Supplied.

7 AGE (yrs. mos.) IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

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

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PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) (Address)

15 Filed June 14, 1915 to M. Giles Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) June 9, 1915

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from (Month) (Day) (Year) 191 to 191, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at

that I last saw him alive on (Month) (Day) (Year) 191.

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CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds. (Signed) M. D. (Address) 191

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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 DATE OF BURIAL (Address) 191

20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS None

Satisfactory Information Supplied.

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