

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Jefferson Registration District No. 420 File No. 22129
Township _____ or _____ Village Desoto Mo Primary Registration District No. 3077 Registered No. 68
City Desoto Mo (NO. _____) St. 4th (Ward) _____
2 FULL NAME Thelma Coleman [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE Negro 5 SINGLE Single
~~MARRIED~~
~~WIDOWED~~
~~AN OVERSEAS~~
(Write the word)
6 DATE OF BIRTH Aug 28 1907
(Month) (Day) (Year)
7 AGE 7 yrs. 10 mos. 18 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work None
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Desoto Mo
PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER Joseph Coleman
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Virginia
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Clementine Mitchell
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Jefferson County Missouri
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Clementine Coleman
(Address) Desoto Mo

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
16 DATE OF DEATH JUL 16 1915
(Month) (Day) (Year)
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July 10, 1915 to July 16, 1915
that I last saw her alive on July 16, 1915
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:45 P.M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Tuberculosis of Lungs
23
(Duration) Dont know yrs. mos. ds.
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Dont know
(Duration) Dont know yrs. mos. ds.
(Signed) J. S. Stearns M. D. (Address) Desoto 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 City Cemetery Desoto Mo DATE OF BURIAL JUL 18 1915
20 UNDERTAKER D. Coxwell & Son ADDRESS Desoto Mo

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CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. No. 1. Cause of death should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state

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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, 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.)