

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Jackson  
Township Blue  
or  
Village  
or  
City Independence

Registration District No. 398  
Primary Registration District No. 5002  
(NO. R.F.D. 6 Independence Mo. Ward)

File No. 24622  
Registered No. 166

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

2 FULL NAME Major H. McConaha

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX male  
4 COLOR OR RACE white  
5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single  
(Write the word)  
6 DATE OF BIRTH Mar- 27 1910  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

16 DATE OF DEATH July 25 1915  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 45 yrs 3 mos 28 ds.  
If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July 8 1915 to July 24 1915, that I last saw him alive on July 24 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4 A.M.

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140  
Mercuric Poison  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Interstitial Nephritis  
deaf-blind  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) Tom Laque M. D.  
July 25 1915 (Address) Independence Mo.

10 NAME OF FATHER L. B. McConaha

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

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Huldah Eggleston

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Ohio

\*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.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Mrs. Wm. Laughlin  
(Address) R.F.D. 6 Box 110

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Elinwood Cem. DATE OF BURIAL July 27 1915

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20 UNDERTAKER Roscoe ADDRESS 157 Jackson

# 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 "*PUERPHERAL septicaemia*," "*PUERPHERAL 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.)