

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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.

PLACE OF DEATH

County Callaway
 Township Summit
 or
 Village _____
 or
 City _____ (NO. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)

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

Primary Registration District No. 109
5152

File No. 33000
 Registered No. 90

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

FULL NAME Benlah Belle Holt

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED Married
 WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
(Write the word)

DATE OF BIRTH Oct 17, 1884
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 31 yrs. 18 mos. 18 ds.
 IF LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

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

BIRTHPLACE
(City or town, State or foreign country) Callaway Co Mo

PARENTS
 NAME OF FATHER Thomas Thurston Griffin
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Callaway Co Mo
(City or town, State or foreign country)
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Susie Elizabeth Hemmelink
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Callaway Co Mo
(City or town, State or foreign country)

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) Thomas Griffin
 (ADDRESS) Holt's Summit Mo

Filed Nov 10, 1915 Emer Rusk Sub
 REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Nov 5, 1915
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Sept 30, 1915, to Nov 5, 1915, that I last saw he alive on Sept 30, 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3:30 pm.
 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Pulmonary Tuberculosis
V.B.A.

Contributory
(SECONDARY)
 (Duration) 1 yrs. 2 mos. _____ ds.

(Signed) E. M. D. Rusk M. D.
Nov 5, 1915 (Address) New Bloomfield 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 ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds. In the State ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.
 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____
 Former or usual residence _____

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Union Hill DATE OF BURIAL Nov 6, 1915

UNDERTAKER Ray Holt ADDRESS New Bloomfield Mo

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 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 is to be filled in only when needed. As examples: (a) *Cotton mill*; (a) *Salesman*, (b) *Grocery*; (a) *Automobile factory*. The material may form part of the second statement. In "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," etc., without more precise specification, as *Farm laborer*, *Laborer—Coal mine*, etc. For those who are engaged in the duties of the household (not paid *Housekeepers* who receive a salary), may be entered as *Housewife*, *Housemaid*, 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*, *Sar-*

coma, 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.)

