

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 Farm
or
Village
or
City Farm, City (NO. 509 1/2 Ave St. Ward)

Registration District No. 399
Primary Registration District No. 1002

File No. 33876
Registered No. 3726

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

2 FULL NAME James Lemay

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

2. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE colored 5 SINGLE MARRIED married WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH 11 25 15
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 1 1859
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from Oct. 2 1915 to Nov 2 1915 that I last saw him alive on Nov 2 1915 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7:00 am.

7 AGE 56 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Asphyxiation by carbon monoxide
and cyanide
from a gas stove
in the kitchen
at the residence
of the deceased
at Farm, City, Jackson Co., Mo.
(Duration 39 yrs. 1 mos. 0 ds.)

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Missouri

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds. (Signed) Chas. J. [Signature] 11/25 1915 (Address) [Address]

10 NAME OF FATHER J. Lemay

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

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Lemay

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

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

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Goldie Farley (Address) 1007 Poplar

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.

15 NOV 28 1915 Filed 1915 Paul [Signature] Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Union DATE OF BURIAL Nov 28 1915 20 UNDERTAKER W. H. [Signature] ADDRESS 1729 Lydia

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 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*, *peritonaeum*, 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.)