

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Jackson  
Township 1st  
or  
Village  
or  
City Transcript (NO 1617 W 8th)

Registration District No. 489 File No. 1563

Primary Registration District No. 1002 Registered No. 155

St. Ward

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

2 FULL NAME Essex Spencer

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE Blk. 5 SINGLE Married  
MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED  
(Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH Jan-10, 1916  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH July 26, 1915  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Dec 5, 1915, to Jan 10, 1916, that I last saw him alive on Jan 10, 1916, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 12:15 m.

7 AGE 28 yrs. 5 mos. 14 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

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

11 1/2 Lobar Pneumonia  
12 1/2  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

CONTRIBUTORY La Grippe  
(Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

10 NAME OF FATHER Essex Spencer

(Signed) Thomas Richmond M. D.

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

Jan 10, 1916 (Address) Kansas City, Mo

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Lurice Clark

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

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

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Ethel Spencer  
(Address) 1617 W 8th

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 Filed JAN 12 1916, Paul Quinn Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Woodlawn CE DATE OF BURIAL Jan 12, 1916

20 UNDERTAKER W W Thatcher ADDRESS 1514 W. 5th

186, 1/11

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. Ages should be stated EXACTLY. If the date of birth is not known, state the best estimate. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified.

# 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 "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.)