

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Stoddard  
Township Duck Creek  
or  
Village  
or  
City

Registration District No. 840  
Primary Registration District No. 6107

File No. 4 **4911**  
Registered No.

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

2 FULL NAME Mary Alsace Siler

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH January 12, 1916  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan 11, 1916 to Jan 12, 1916  
that I last saw her alive on Jan 12, 1916

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

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at.....m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Lobar Pneumonia  
107 97  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) J M Page M. D.  
1-12, 1916 Address Puffinberger Mo

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

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

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER Chas Siler  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) State of Tenn  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Rosa Spiva  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Stoddard Co Mo

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) Alsace Spiva  
(Address)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Duck Creek Church DATE OF BURIAL Jan 13, 1916

15 Filed 1-12, 1916 E L Hope  
Registrar

20 UNDERTAKER Wickman White ADDRESS Puffinberger Mo

N. B.—Every item of information should be entered in plain terms, so that it may be understood by all. OCCUPATION is very important.

# 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*, *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), *20 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.)

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(NO.

St.

Ward)

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2 FULL NAME

fully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state EXACTLY. Every item of information should be carefully checked. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX *F* 4 COLOR OR RACE *W* 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) *Single*

16 DATE OF DEATH *12 6 1916*  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH *Oct 18 1914*  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from *1916* to *1916*, that I last saw him alive on *1916*, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at *m.*

7 AGE *1 yrs 2 mos 24 ds.* If LESS than 1 day... hrs. or... min.?

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

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds. (Signed) M. D. 1916 (Address)

PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country)

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15 Filed *7/6/16* 1916 *E. S. S. S. S. S.* Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL 20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

Original file, date *1/12*, 19*16*

All information called for must be written on this Supplementary Certificate.

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