

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

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Monroe  
Township Southfork  
or Village Santa Fe  
or City (NO) \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration District No. 386 File No. 8 45304  
Primary Registration District No. 5784 Registered No. 8

2 FULL NAME Rubens M. Purvis

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

6 DATE OF BIRTH September 29 1899  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

16 DATE OF DEATH April 29 1916  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 76 yrs. 7 mos. 0 ds. If LESS than 1 day... hrs. or... min.?

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from August 8 1916 to April 16 1916 that I last saw him alive on April 16 1916 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 P. m.

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Bright's Disease of Kidneys  
170 (Duration) many yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Ralls County Mo

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
(Signed) John S. Drake M. D. April 24 1916 (Address) Santa Fe Mo

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER W. H. Purvis  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Virginia  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Miss Patricia  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Virginia

\*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) J. S. Drake (Address) Santa Fe Mo

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lick Creek Church DATE OF BURIAL April 24 1916

15 Filed April 24 1916 J. S. Drake Registrar

20 UNDERTAKER Drayden & Hauger ADDRESS Santa Fe

# 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) *Colton 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, meningitis, 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.)