

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

PLACE OF DEATH
County St. Charles
Township Parsons Registration District No. 256 File No. 28977
or ~~West Alton~~ Primary Registration District No. 5297 Registered No. 37
or
City _____ (NO. _____ St.; _____ Ward)
FULL NAME S. G. Ruckman

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE MARRIED married
WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
(Write the word)

DATE OF BIRTH March 18th 1850
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 66 yrs. 5 mos. 19 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

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

BIRTHPLACE
(City or town, State or foreign country) Newark New Jersey

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER David Ruckman
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER New Jersey
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Hannah Beunell
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER New Jersey

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Roscoe Ruckman

(ADDRESS) West alton mo

Filed Aug 10, 1916. REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH Aug 7, 1916
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Held, 1916, to Inquest, 1916, that I last saw him alive on Aug 7th, 1916, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 109, m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
suicide from throwing self under moving train
170 (Duration) 163 yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.

Contributory
(Secondary) _____ (Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.
(Signed) Pe Peeding Corcoran M. D.
Aug 11, 1916. (Address) Howards 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 66 yrs. 5 mos. 11 ds. In the 45 yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds. State
Where was disease contracted If not at place of death? West alton mo
Former or usual residence West alton

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Ebenezer Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Aug 8, 1916

UNDERTAKER Wm. Bauer ADDRESS West alton Mo

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.

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, 8 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.)