

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

PLACE OF DEATH Jackson  
 County Jackson Registration District No. 500 File No. 1410  
 Township Kan or Kansas City Primary Registration District No. 2002 Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Village \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ City Kansas City (NO. 3001 Beyton Blvd St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 FULL NAME Ruth A. Shelton (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Widow  
 (Write the word)  
 DATE OF BIRTH May 19, 1857  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)  
 AGE 59 yrs. 8 mos. 8 ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.?  
 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH Jan 12, 1917  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)  
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Dec 30, 1916, to Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 1917, that I last saw her alive on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:30 p.m.  
 The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

97.1  
Chronic Mitral Insufficiency  
about 14 (Duration) 42 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
 Contributory nothing except debilitated condition (SECONDARY)  
 (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
 (Signed) Chas H Sims M. D.  
1/13, 1917 (Address) 2705 Cleveland Ave

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Indiana  
 NAME OF FATHER John Foster  
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Perin  
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Catherine Ross  
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Ky

\*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 \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. In the State \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
 (Informant) Mrs Minnie Smith  
 (ADDRESS) 3001 Beyton  
Pho H Miller  
 REGISTRAR  
 FILED 1-17-1917 1917

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Mt Hope DATE OF BURIAL 1-14, 1917  
 UNDERTAKER Libson Porter ADDRESS 646 State

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, 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, 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 septicæmia," "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.)