

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Benton

Township Alexander

or Avery

City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_)

Registration District No. 662

Primary Registration District No. 5098

File No. 9141

Registered No. 4

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

FULL NAME Frank M. Smail

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Single

DATE OF DEATH Mar 8 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH June 1870  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Mar 4, 1917, to Mar 8, 1917, that I last saw him alive on Mar 4, 1917,

AGE 46 yrs. 8 mos. - ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_ min.?

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10 p.m.

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
85 Epilepsy  
(Grand Mal)

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Mo.

69 (Duration) 20 yrs. \_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_ ds.

NAME OF FATHER George Smail

Contributory (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_ ds.

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

(Signed) J. M. Edwards M. D.  
Mar 9, 1917 (Address) Fairfield

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Susan Procter

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

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

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)  
At place of death \_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_ ds. In the State \_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_ ds.

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Jno Blackwell (ADDRESS) Avery Mo

Where was disease contracted If not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_ Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

Filed Mar 9 1917 Jno Logan REGISTRAR

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Old Mans Grave DATE OF BURIAL Mar 10 1917  
UNDERTAKER A B Butler ADDRESS Avery

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE must be stated in years, months and days. 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, 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.)