

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

PLACE OF DEATH  
County Green  
Township Brookline  
or  
Village \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

Registration District No. 317 File No. 9935  
Primary Registration District No. 5441 Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

FULL NAME William Franklin Steel

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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

DATE OF DEATH March 31 - 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Apr. 26, 1844  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan. 5 - 1917, to March 31 - 1917, that I last saw him alive on March 30 - 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7 A. M.

AGE 72 yrs. 11 mos. 5 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
General Dropsy.

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

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

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

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

NAME OF FATHER John P. Steel

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

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

(Signed) M. S. French M. D. March 31, 1917 (Address) Republic Mo.

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Jane Wk

\*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) Arkansas

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) H. A. Steel

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

(ADDRESS) Republic Mo.

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lindsey Chapel DATE OF BURIAL Apr. 1, 1917

Filed 4-10 - 1917 D. W. Carter REGISTRAR

UNDERTAKER R. E. Thurman ADDRESS Republic Mo.

**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 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.)

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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)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) (Address)

15 Filed 4/10 1917 J. W. B. Carter M.D. Registrar

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16 DATE OF DEATH March 31 1917 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 1917 to 1917 that I last saw him alive on 1917 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: General Dropsy  
Valvular disease heart  
(Duration) yrs. 2 mos. 26 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds. (Signed) M. S. French M. D. (Address) Republic mo

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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

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20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

SUPPLEMENTARY

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health  
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