

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.

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County St Charles

Township _____

or

Village _____

or

City St Charles

Registration District No. 757

File No. 16006

Primary Registration District No. 3036

Registered No. 58

(NO. 1913 with 3rd St. St.; _____ Ward)

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

FULL NAME Joseph Sylvester Shelton

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

DATE OF DEATH April 13th, 1917
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH October 1, 1914
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I viewed the remains
attended deceased from _____, 1917, to on April 13, 1917,

AGE _____ yrs. 6 mos. 12 ds. If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.?

that I last saw _____ alive on _____, 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8 P.M.

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work None (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) 10th

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Pneumonia (Lobar)

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) St Charles Mo

(Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

NAME OF FATHER Edex Shelton

Contributory _____ (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

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

(Signed) Arnold Alroy Corvose
April 13, 1917 (Address) New Mills Mo

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Dovie Shupe

*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) St Charles 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) Elex S. Mett

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

(ADDRESS) St Charles Mo

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Oak Grove Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL April 16, 1917

Filed April 16 1917 Wm. H. Hoarsteiner REGISTRAR

UNDERTAKER H. S. Allmyer ADDRESS St Charles Mo

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, 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, meninges, 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.)