

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Randolph  
Township Union or  
Village or  
City (NO St. Ward)

Registration District No. 735 File No. 19323  
Primary Registration District No. 5971 Registered No. 88

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

2 FULL NAME Mrs. Stella Smith

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE married  
MARRIED  
WIDOWED  
OR DIVORCED  
(Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH May 25 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH July 9th 1873  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from May 18, 1917, to May 25, 1917, that I last saw her alive on May 24, 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 a.m.

7 AGE 43 yrs. 10 mos. 18 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
meningitis following measles

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Missouri

(Duration) 61 yrs. 7 mos. 7 ds.

10 NAME OF FATHER Thos. Barton

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

(Signed) J. M. M. D.  
May 25, 1917 (Address) Wobesly Mo.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sallie Counts

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

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

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.

(Informant) Clifford Vance

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

(Address) Wobesly Mo.

Former or usual residence

15 Filed May 26, 1917 B. C. Cupbridge Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Hickory Grove Church DATE OF BURIAL May 27, 1917

20 UNDERTAKER Martin Mahan ADDRESS Wobesly 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, 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.)