

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Jefferson  
 Township De Soto Mo or Village De Soto Mo or City De Soto Mo (NO.          St.          Ward         )  
 Registration District No. 470 File No. 28963  
 Primary Registration District No. 307 Registered No. 69  
 2 FULL NAME John W Spencer

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

6 DATE OF BIRTH April 7 1840  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 77 yrs 4 mos 3 ds If LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min.?

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

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

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER James Spencer  
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) England  
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Cecilia Girard  
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) England

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
 (Informant) Annie Spencer  
 (Address) De Soto Mo

15 Filed Aug 12 1917 D. L. Touhy Registrar

1 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Aug 10 1917  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Aug 1 1917 to Aug 10 1917  
 that I last saw him alive on Aug 2 1917  
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3 P.M.  
 The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Chronic nephritis  
131  
 (Duration) 1 yrs.          mos.          ds.  
 CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) None  
 (Duration)          yrs.          mos.          ds.  
 (Signed) Walter Gibson M. D.  
Aug 11 1917 (Address) De Soto Mo

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

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         

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Calvary Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Aug 12 1917  
 20 UNDERTAKER W. C. Waller ADDRESS De Soto 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*; *Broncho-pneumonia* ("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.)