

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Stoddard Co  
Township Elk  
or  
Village  
or  
City

Registration District No. 839 File No. 3933-a  
Primary Registration District No. 6100 Registered No. 16  
City (NO. St. Ward)

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

2 FULL NAME W M Welch

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED Single  
Widowed Divorced  
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Unknown  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE about 86 yrs. mos. ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

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

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

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER Unknown

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

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unknown

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

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) John Leigh (Acting Coroner)  
(Address) Farmington Mo.

15 Filed 1/29 1918  
3-12-18 Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH About 1/21 1918  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from X 1918 to X 1918  
that I last saw h. X alive on X 1918  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at X m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Probably Scurvy  
130

(Duration) yrs. mos. ds. 189

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

(Signed) John Leigh (Acting Coroner)  
1/29 1918 (Address) Farmington 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 Cross Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL 1/29 1918

20 UNDERTAKER John Leigh ADDRESS Farmington Mo.

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

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

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**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 "Asthma," "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 child-birth 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.)

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15 Filed 8/12 1918 Registrar [Signature]

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16 DATE OF DEATH Aug 21 1918  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 1918 to 1918, that I last saw him alive and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at Stoddard, Mo.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Probably freezing  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) John L. Leigh M. D.  
(Address)

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