

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Cooper
Township
or
Village
or
City Boonville (NO. St. Ward)

Registration District No. 218

File No.

Primary Registration District No. 3015

Registered No. 23

2 FULL NAME Harvey Wells Jr.

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

16 DATE OF DEATH Feb 21, 1918
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Feb 28, 1890
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Feb 20, 1918, to Feb 20, 1918, that I last saw him alive on Feb 20, 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2 a.m.

7 AGE 28 yrs. 00 mos. 20 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Empyema
left arm - axilla
chest

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

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Howard County Mo.

(Signed) R. H. W. Travers, M. D.
Feb 21, 1918 (Address) Boonville

10 NAME OF FATHER Harvey Wells Sr

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

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

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

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mollie Pritchett

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

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Howard County Mo.

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? Fayette Mo

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Former or usual residence Fayette Mo

(Informant) Harvey Wells Sr
(Address) Fayette Mo

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Boonville Mo. DATE OF BURIAL Feb 23, 1918

15 Filed Feb 27, 1918 W. M. Wilkins Registrar

20 UNDERTAKER W. M. Wilkins ADDRESS Boonville 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, 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.)

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