

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 Putnam Registration District No. 717 File No. 10180  
Township Medicine or Lucerne Primary Registration District No. 4429 Registered No. 2  
City Lucerne (NO.        St.        Ward       )

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

2 FULL NAME Ruth S. Johnson

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OF DIVORCED widowed  
(Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH Mar 2 1918  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Nov 7 1832  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Feb 10 1918 to Mar 2 1918

7 AGE 85 yrs. mos. ds. IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

that I last saw her alive on Feb 2 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at        m.

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
189  
Unknown Chronic Disease

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

162 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER William Murphy  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Virginia  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ruth S. Murphy  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) North Carolina

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) old age  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) R. G. Steale M. D.  
Mar 2 1918 (Address) Lucerne Mo

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Thos H Johnson  
(Address) Lucerne 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

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19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lucerne DATE OF BURIAL Mar 1918  
20 UNDERTAKER Lucerne ADDRESS Lucerne 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, 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.)