

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Wallas
Township N Benton
or
Village
or
City Buffalo Mo (NO. St. Ward)

Registration District No. 241 File No. 26049
Primary Registration District No. 5334 Registered No. 191

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

2 FULL NAME Rodolphus Beck

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 Oct 1 1892
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 68 yrs. 10 mos. 9 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

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

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

10 NAME OF FATHER J.C. Beck
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) New York
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Phoebe Pennington
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Tenn.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) R. Beck
(Address)

15 Filed Sept 10 1918 V.H. Sewer Registrar

6 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Aug 10, 1918
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Aug 6, 1918, to Aug 6, 1918, that I last saw him alive on Aug 6, 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:30 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Shot Self
committed suicide
1 hr.
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) 3 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
(Signed) B. Johnson M. D.
Aug 6, 1918 (Address) Buffalo Mo

*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in death 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 New Hope DATE OF BURIAL 8/10, 1918
20 UNDERTAKER Newport Co ADDRESS Buffalo 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*; *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 "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 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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County Albany Registration District No. 241 File No. _____
 Township W. Ozenton Primary Registration District No. 5334 Registered No. 191
 City Buffalo, Mo (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

(a) Residence No. Buffalo, Mo St. _____ Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 50 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth 48 yrs. 9 mos. 25 ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX M 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (use the word) married

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF _____

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR)

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
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8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Barber
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 (c) Name of employer _____

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Buffalo, Mo
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Dallas, Tex

10. NAME OF FATHER Don't know

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER unknown

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) unknown
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

14. INFORMANT B.R. Johnson
 (Address) Buffalo, Mo

15. FILED _____ 19 _____ REGISTRAR _____

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Aug 10 1918

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to Aug 10, 1918, that I last saw him alive on Aug 10, 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at his home

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS: at 6-a.m

that self-inflicted
committed suicide
 CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) base of skull
 (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, _____

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? No DATE OF Aug 10-18

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? _____
 (Signed) B.R. Johnson, M. D.
 , 19 (Address) Buffalo, Mo

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL New Hope cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Aug-10 1918

20. UNDERTAKER Newport & Kemp Co ADDRESS Buffalo, Mo

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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NOTE.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phlebitis, pyemia, septicemia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS BY PHYSICIAN.