

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 Plattin
or
Village Plattin
or
City (NO. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

Registration District No. 421 File No. 34319
Primary Registration District No. 5576 Registered No. 185

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

2 FULL NAME John Lucas

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE Black 5 SINGLE Don't Know
MARRIED Don't Know
WIDOWED Don't Know
OR DIVORCED Don't Know
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Don't Know
(Month) _____ (Day) _____ 1 _____ (Year) _____

7 AGE 56 about H LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. or _____ min.?
_____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Janitor
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) 921

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

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER John Lucas
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Missouri
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Don't Know
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Don't Know

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Oliver Johnson
(Address) St. Louis, Mo.

15 Filed Oct 15 1918 J. E. Rutledge
Registrar

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Oct 14 1918
(Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) _____

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from _____, 191____, to _____, 191____, that I last saw h..... alive on _____, 191____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Died without medical attention.
Inquest verdict "natural cause."
Valvular heart disease from "infection"
Don't Know (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY "Drapsy"
(Secondary) (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
(Signed) W. Jarvis Connor M. D.
Oct 15 1918 (Address) Festus 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 St. Louis, Mo.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL St. Louis DATE OF BURIAL 10-15-1918

20 UNDERTAKER T. S. Beard ADDRESS Festus 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*, *Composer*, *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 symptomatology), "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.)