

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 Peoria
Township _____
or _____
Village _____
or _____
City Bolivar (No. _____) (St. _____) (Ward _____)

Registration District No. 701 File No. 35275
Primary Registration District No. H42 Registered No. 57

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

2 FULL NAME

Mildred Leoline Shoffner

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

16 DATE OF DEATH Oct 12 1918
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Oct 11 1918
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Oct 11 1918, to Oct 12 1918, that I last saw her alive on Oct 11 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 a.m.

7 AGE 10 hours If LESS than 1 day... hrs. or... min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Premature birth
15
(Duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.

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

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) _____ (Duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds. (Signed) D. E. Hammett M. D. Oct 12 1918 (Address) Bolivar Mo

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

PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER Mr. E. Shoffner 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Bolivar 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Maria Dussner 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Chicago Ill

*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.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) W. E. Shoffner (Address) Bolivar Mo

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____ Former or usual residence _____

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19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Peoria Wood Cem DATE OF BURIAL Oct 12 1918 20 UNDERTAKER Leitchman 274 ADDRESS Bolivar 7200

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, 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 "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 child birth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicæmia," "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.)