

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

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Polk
Township Marion
City (No.)

Registration District No. 707
Primary Registration District No. 5930

File No. 35283
Registered No. 57
St. Ward

2. FULL NAME Robert Wayne Wells

(a) Residence. No. St. Ward

(Usual place of abode)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 15 yrs. 1 mos. 25 ds. (If nonresident give city or town and State)
How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3. SEX male 4. COLOR OR RACE white 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) single

15. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Oct 20 1918

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

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 18 1918, to Oct 20 1918, that I last saw him alive on Oct 15 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9 0 m.

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Aug. 25th, 1903

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
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10
(duration) yrs. mos. 10 ds.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work School boy and farming
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Immunity
(duration) yrs. mos. 5 ds.

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) 5 miles North of Bolivar
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Mo.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED
IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH:

10. NAME OF FATHER W. L. Wells

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? No DATE OF

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Polk Co., Mo.

19. WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ollie Ables

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?
(Signed) D. E. Hamman, M. D.
, 19 (Address) Bolivar Mo

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Polk Co., 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.)

14. INFORMANT (Address) W. L. Wells
Bolivar, Mo.

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL
Greenwood Cemetery Oct. 21 1918

15. FILED Oct 21 1918 J. P. O'Connell REGISTRAR

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS
Clifford & Winslow Bolivar, Mo.

CAUSE OF DEATH IN FULL TERMS, so that it may be properly classified. - BUREAU STATEMENT

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," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicemia," "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.)

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.

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 Township Marion Primary Registration District No. 5230 Registered No. 54
 City _____ No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

Robert Wayne Wells
 (a) Residence No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

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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 (c) Name of employer _____

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) _____
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

PARENTS
 10. NAME OF FATHER _____
 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____
 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____
 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____
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14. INFORMANT _____
 (Address) _____

15. FILED Oct 18 1918 J. J. Robert REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Oct 30 1918

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, that I had not been alive on _____, 19____, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at _____.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
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 CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) broncho-pneumonia
 (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: _____
 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH: _____ DATE OF _____
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY: _____
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 (Signed) D. E. Rogerson M. D.
 , 19 (Address) Paulina Mo

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19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL _____ DATE OF BURIAL _____ 19____

20. UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

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