

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

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1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Mercer  
Township Medicine  
or  
Village  
or  
City Harris (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

Registration District No. 559 File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Registration District No. 5753 Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

2 FULL NAME Alta Ellen Halt

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single  
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH June 25 1900  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 18 yrs. 5 mos. 9 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

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

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

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER Geo. R. Halt  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Mercer Co  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Lizzie A. Lams  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Mercer Co

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Lizzie A. Halt  
(Address) Harris, Mo

15 Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 1918  
Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Nov 28 1918  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Nov 20 1918, to Nov 28 1918, that I last saw her alive on Nov 28 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:45 p. m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Spinal Meningitis  
NO  
798 / 10  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Tearygripes  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) G. H. Shriver M. D.  
Nov 29 1918 (Address) Harris 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 \_\_\_\_\_

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Harris, Mo DATE OF BURIAL 11-29 1918

20 UNDERTAKER H. J. Masten ADDRESS Harris, 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*; *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 "Asthena," "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 Warren Registration District No. 559 File No. ....  
 Township Madison Primary Registration District No. 5753 Registered No. ....  
 City No. .... St. .... Ward) ....

2. FULL NAME Alta Ellen Holt  
 (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**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) July 28 1918

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

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from ..... 19....., to ..... 19....., and that I last saw him ..... alive on ..... 19....., and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at .....  
 THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, ..... hr. or ..... min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

(c) Name of employer

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

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

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

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH..... DATE OF.....

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY?.....

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?.....

(Signed)....., M. D., 19 (Address)

10. NAME OF FATHER

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

12. MARDEN NAME OF MOTHER

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

\*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 DATE OF BURIAL

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14. INFORMANT (Address)

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

15. FILED Dec 10 1918 C. L. McClanahan M.D. REGISTRAR

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.  
 n. 2. 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.

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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.