

58 March 1918

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Grundy  
Township Lincoln  
or  
Village  
or  
CityRegistration District No. 332 File No. 15900  
Primary Registration District No. 5462 Registered No. 14  
(NO. St. Ward)

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

2 FULL NAME Mariah Lorraine Cox

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 SINGLE MARRIED Married WIDWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)16 DATE OF DEATH Probably Dec 11 1918  
(Month) (Day) (Year)6 DATE OF BIRTH March 1860  
(Month) (Day) (Year)17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from not at all 191 to 1917 AGE 58 yrs. 8 mos. — ds. II LESS than 1 day... hrs. or... min.?that I last saw he alive several wks ago and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 11:30 m.

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

9 BIRTHPLACE Battle Creek Mich  
(City or town, State or foreign country)Sunshot wound of head  
Coroner's jury says self  
inflicted it  
Found dead in state of putrefaction  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER David Luke 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Pennsylvania  
(City or town, State or foreign country) 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Anne Donnelly 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Don't know  
(City or town, State or foreign country)CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) None known  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) D. R. Reeks, Coroner, M. D.  
Dec 16, 1918 (Address) Freinton Mo14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Mr. Jake Maug  
(Address) Freinton R. F. D.

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.

15 Filed Dec 23, 1918 Maurice Riddle  
Registrar

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 Maple Grove DATE OF BURIAL Dec 17, 191820 UNDERTAKER R. A. Huley ADDRESS Freinton Mo

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.

# 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 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 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.)