

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**

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1 PLACE OF DEATH
 County Jackson
 Township Kearney Registration District No. 300 File No. _____
 or _____ Primary Registration District No. _____ Registered No. _____
 Village _____
 or _____
 City Kansas City (No. St Joseph Hospital St. _____ Ward) If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)
 2 FULL NAME Leah R. Nelson *Independence, Mo.*

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED Single WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)
 6 DATE OF BIRTH October 29th, 1898
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 7 AGE 20 yrs. 1 mos. 17 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?
 8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Schoolgirl
 (b) General nature of industry business or establishment in which employed (or employer) at school
 9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Bailey, Neb.
 PARENTS
 10 NAME OF FATHER Mallice E. Nelson
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Iowa
 (City or town, State or foreign country)
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Stella A. Weed
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER IOWA
 (City or town, State or foreign country)
 14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) Jennie Weed
 (Address) Independence, Mo.
 15 Filed 1/9 1918 Edw. Carson Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH December 7th, 1918 1918
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Nov 29, 1918, to Dec 7, 1918, that I last saw her alive on Dec 7, 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.
 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Pneumonia & Bronchitis
the following
Influenza
 (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
 CONTRIBUTORY Cardiac Failure
 (Secondary) (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
 (Signed) J. J. Beatty M. D.
Dec 9, 1918 (Address) 1203 Madison
 *State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, the (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 Mound Grove DATE OF BURIAL December 9th 1918
 20 UNDERTAKEE E. J. Carson ADDRESS Independence, Mo.

Beattie, 1203 W. 15th St.
D.C.

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 "Asthma," "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 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.)