

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Polk  
Township Mooney  
or  
Village  
or  
City (NO. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Registration District No. 710 File No. 2, 17838  
Primary Registration District No. 5939 Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

2 FULL NAME David Marion Choate

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX male  
4 COLOR OR RACE white  
5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) married  
6 DATE OF BIRTH March 9, 1874  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
7 AGE 45 yrs. 2 mos. 9 ds.  
If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?  
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farming  
(b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)  
9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Polk Co Mo.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH May 18, 1919  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Aug 1, 1918 to May 18, 1919 that I last saw him alive on May 18, 1919 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 P.M.  
The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Tuberculosis.  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

10 NAME OF FATHER John A. Choate  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Tennessee  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Barbra Elisabeth Miller  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Tennessee

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) wife Albright M. D. May 19, 1919 (Address) Pleasant Hope Mo.

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state 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.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
By (Informant) W H Self  
(Address) Van Mo R # 1

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL New Life DATE OF BURIAL May 19, 1919  
20 UNDERTAKER W J Prater ADDRESS Pleasant Hope Mo.

Filed May 19, 1919 Bird Armstrong Registrar

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

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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, 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 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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 (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 (write the word) m

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.

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 .....

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

10. NAME OF FATHER

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12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

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

14. INFORMANT ..... (Address) .....

15. FILED July 10, 19... Bird Armstrong REGISTRAR

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THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Tuberculosis Lungs of Lungs

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 20 (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?.....

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?.....

(Signed) W. C. Albright, M. D. , 19 (Address) Pleasant Hope 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.)

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

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

N. B. - Every item of information should be carefully secured. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIAN'S 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.

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