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

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Dunklin
Township _____
or
Village _____
or
City Kennett Mo. (NO. _____ St.; _____ Ward)

Registration District No. 288 File No. 27336
Primary Registration District No. 4172 Registered No. 109

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

2 FULL NAME Ben Frank Smith

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OF DIVORCED Married
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Aug 19 1919
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 45 yrs. 9 mos. 1 ds. If LESS than 1 day...hrs. or...min.?

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Ill

PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER Ben Smith 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Ill 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Emma McCallin 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Ill

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Mrs Nannie Smith (Address) Kennett Mo.

15 Filed 9-21 1919 Wm M L Lutz Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH 9/20 1919
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 9/19 1919 to 9/20 1919 that I last saw him alive on 9/20 1919 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 a m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Beriberi
5/10
(Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. 1 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Alcoholism
(Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
(Signed) James J. ... M. D.
9/21 1919 (Address) Kennett

*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 Marsh Cem DATE OF BURIAL 9-20 1919

20 UNDERTAKER J. C. Landell ADDRESS Kennett 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, 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 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.)

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 (a) Residence. No. St. Ward. (If nonresident give city or town and State)
 (Usual place of abode)
 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 <u>M</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>W</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>M</u> (Use 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.
8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Merchant</u> (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)				
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) (STATE OR COUNTRY)				
14. INFORMANT (Address)				
15. FILED 19..... REGISTRAR				

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17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 19..... to 19..... that I last saw alive on 19....., and that death occurred on the date stated above, at..... m.	
THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:	
..... (duration) yrs. mos. ds.	
CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) (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)....., M. D. , 19 (Address)	
*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

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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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 gives 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.