

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Marion Registration District No. 547 File No. _____
 Township Madison Primary Registration District No. 3029 Registered No. 328
 City Hannibal (N. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

William Arthur Emerson
 (a) Residence No. 1270 Grand 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 Male **4. COLOR OR RACE** Colored **5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED** Widowed

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov. 11th 1919

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

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 8th 1919 to Nov 11th 1919 that I last saw h. a. a. alive on Nov. 10th 1919, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at (Nov. 11) 3:30 A. m.

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Sept 24, 1852

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS 67 3 13 **IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.**

Suppression of urine and Sepsis mult of Prostatic Abscess.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

1270 (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

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

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Prostatic Enlargement with urethral stricture (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

(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) Mo.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH at his home
DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? Yes DATE OF Nov. 30/19

10. NAME OF FATHER Not Known

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Not Known

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Microscopical evidence

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER 10 11

(Signed) Roth H. Frodus, M. D.

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) 13 11

, 19 (Address) 1108 Broadway Hannibal Mo.

14. INFORMANT (Address) Grace Davis (Daughter) 1531 N. 21st

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Baptist Cemetery **DATE OF BURIAL** Nov 14 1919

15. FILED 11/17 1919 F. A. [unclear] REGISTRAR

20. UNDERTAKER W. C. Myers **ADDRESS** Hannibal

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. Physicians should state EXACTLY. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state EXACTLY. OCCUPATION should be stated EXACTLY. 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*, *Compositor*, *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) *Colton 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," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicemia," "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 statements of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

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.