

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

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1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Lamar
Township Washington
or
Village
or
City (NO. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)

Registration District No. 194 File No. 5192
Primary Registration District No. 5271 Registered No. 2

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

2 FULL NAME

Benjamin W. Miller

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

16 DATE OF DEATH Feb 21 19120
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH June 29 1855
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Feb 19 19120 to Feb 21 19120
that I last saw him alive on Feb 20 19120
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:05 m.

7 AGE 65 yrs. 21 mos. 21 ds.
If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Nephritis
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8 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer
(b) General nature of industry business or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Scotland Co. Mo

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER Jacob Miller
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Kentucky
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sallie Shackel
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Kentucky

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) J. J. Goussinger M. D.
July 22 1920 (Address) Wyaconda Mo.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Etta Miller
(Address) Wyaconda Mo

*See the Disease Causing Death, or, in death 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.

15 Filed Feb 22 1920 John Giggis Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Wyaconda Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Feb 22 1920

20 UNDERTAKER Carl A. Berkett ADDRESS Wyaconda Mo

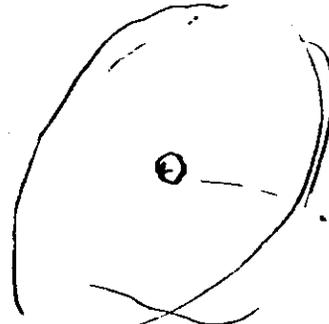
CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health
Association.]

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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, 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 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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 City (No.) St. Ward)

2. FULL NAME

Benjamin W. Miller
 (a) Residence. No. 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. da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX	4. COLOR OR RACE	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write 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
 (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
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	12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
	13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT (Address)

15. FILED 2/21/1920 Mrs. Lizzie Doss REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Feb 21 1920

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 19....., to 19....., that I last saw live on 19....., and that death occurred on the date stated above, at.....

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Chronic Nephritis Chronic
Chronic. Don't know

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY)

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH..... DATE OF Feb 18 1920

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS.....
 (Signed) W. W. Wevering, M.D.
 (Address) Hyacunda, 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

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

DATE OF BURIAL
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ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH U.S. POSTAGE PAID AT ST. LOUIS, MO. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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. 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.