

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Lafayette  
 Township Deerdom Registration District No. 455 File No. 16849  
 or  
 Village Cullville Primary Registration District No. 4269 Registered No. 3  
 or  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

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

FULL NAME Nora Lucille Wheeler

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX <u>Female</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>Single</u> (Write the word)	DATE OF DEATH <u>3</u> <u>April 30</u> , 19 <u>20</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
DATE OF BIRTH <u>April 26</u> , 19 <u>20</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from <u>April 26</u> , 19 <u>20</u> , to <u>April 30</u> , 19 <u>20</u> that I last saw her alive on <u>April 30</u> , 19 <u>20</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>11:30 P.M.</u>	
AGE <u>—</u> yrs. <u>—</u> mos. <u>4</u> ds.		IF LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?	The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Indigestion,</u> <u>and inanition</u>	
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Infant</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)			(Duration) <u>—</u> yrs. <u>15</u> mos. <u>4</u> ds.	
BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Cullville, Mo.</u>			Contributory <u>Premature birth</u> (SECONDARY) (Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.	
PARENTS	NAME OF FATHER <u>Ernest Buford Wheeler</u>		(Signed) <u>G. W. Thumpe</u> M. D. <u>May 1 St.</u> , 19 <u>20</u> (Address) <u>Cullville, Mo.</u>	
	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Centralia, Mo.</u>		*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.	
	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Grace Branchfield</u>		LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)	
	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Higginsville, Mo.</u>		At place of death ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds. In the State ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.	
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>Ernest B. Wheeler</u> (ADDRESS) <u>Cullville, Mo.</u>			Where was disease contracted If not at place of death? Former or usual residence.	
Filed _____, 19 <u>20</u>			PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Higginsville Cem.</u>	
REGISTRAR			DATE OF BURIAL <u>May 1</u> , 19 <u>20</u>	
			UNDERTAKER <u>A. B. Loader</u>	
			ADDRESS <u>Higginsville Mo.</u>	

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*coma*, 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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**2. FULL NAME**

Nora Lucille Wheeler  
 (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. 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*) S

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) April 26-1920

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.  
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**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work chefaux (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. 4 ds.  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Aullville, Mo.  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER Ernest Bedford Wheeler

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Centralia, Mo.  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Grace Branchfield

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

14. INFORMANT E. B. Wheeler  
 (Address) Aullville, Mo.

15. FILED 5/1 1920 BY Geo. Thurne REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 4-30 1920

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from April 20, 1920, to April 30, 1920 that I last saw live on April 30, 1920 and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 11:30 P.

**THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

indigestion and transition

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Premature birth  
 (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) Geo. H. Thurne, M. D.  
 , 19 (Address) Aullville, Mo.

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19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Higginsville, Mo DATE OF BURIAL May 15/1920

20. UNDERTAKER A. J. Hader ADDRESS Higginsville, Mo.

**ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.**

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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.