

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

31400

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Franklin  
Township Washington Registration District No. 297 File No. 31400  
or  
Village Washington Primary Registration District No. 3016 Registered No. 48  
or  
City Washington (NO.     ) St.      Ward     

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

2 FULL NAME John Arney Burns

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS 4 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 October 18<sup>th</sup> 1920  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH March 24 1875  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Oct. 14, 1920, to Oct. 18, 1920, that I last saw him alive on Oct. 18, 1920, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:30 P. m.

7 AGE 75 yrs. 6 mos. 24 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Mitral regurgitation - pulmonary

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Laborer 1868  
(b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)     

19  
not known  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

CONTRIBUTORY Accident - fall from window injury  
(Secondary) To brain - fracture left femur  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

10 NAME OF FATHER Wm. Burns

(Signed) Hawley M. D.  
Oct. 19, 1920 (Address) Washington, Mo

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Germany

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER not known

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Germany

\*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 37 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. In the State 47 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Louisa Charlotta Burns  
(Address) Washington Mo

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?  
Former or usual residence

15 Filed Oct 18 20 Edward F. Jasper Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lutheran Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Oct 21, 1920

20 UNDERTAKER Edw. Hawley ADDRESS Washington Mo

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.

# 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, Composer, 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) *Cotton 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, 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 "Asthma," "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.)