

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4237<sup>a</sup>

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Jackson

Township Union

Village

City

Registration District No. 408 File No.

Primary Registration District No. 5565 Registered No. 944

City (NO. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

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

2 FULL NAME

Bessie Huntford

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE Mixt 5 SINGLE Widow  
MARRIED  
WIDOWED  
OR DIVORCED  
(Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH 3 Feb 19 1921  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH 1 92  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan 12 1921 to Feb 19 1921,  
that I last saw her alive on Jan 12 1921,  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:30 P. m.

AGE 95 yrs. 1 mos. 19 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Supremities of old age  
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OCCUPATION  
a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work At home  
b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

BIRTHPLACE  
City or town, State or foreign country Alabama

10 NAME OF FATHER James Taylor

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Slight poisoning of blood following burial  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

(Signed) J. Jay Boyd M. D.  
Feb 14 1921 (Address) Barcoxi Mo.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Anna Perry

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.

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

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.

Informant) W. R. Mc Bride  
(Address) Barcoxi Mo. RR #1

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

Former or usual residence

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19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Frederick cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Feb 21 1921

20 UNDERTAKER Hell Und. Co. ADDRESS Barthage, Mo.

# 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*; *Broncho-pneumonia* ("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 septicæmia," "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.)