

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County St. Louis Registration District No. 461 File No. 44
 Township Delmar Primary Registration District No. 3024 Registered No. _____
 City St. Louis (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Wm. Tyson
 (a) Residence No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode) (If non-resident 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 Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE; MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Don't know
 5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF Don't know
 6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Don't know
 7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min. About 19
 8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Don't know
 (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) IL
 10. NAME OF FATHER _____
 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) IL
 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____
 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) IL

14. INFORMANT (Address) Ernest Meyer
St. Louis, Mo.
 15. FILED May 9, 1921 J. D. Cope REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Don't know
 17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, that I last saw him _____ alive on _____, 19____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Body taken from Mr. Riden at Wellington, Mo.
May 9, 1921
accidental drowning.
183 (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 162 (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? No.
 WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Findings
 (Signed) W. Keppenbrink - coroner M. D.
May 9, 1921 (Address) Higginsville, 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 Kansas City Kans. DATE OF BURIAL X 19____
 20. UNDERTAKER Ernest Meyer ADDRESS St. Louis, Mo.

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," "Anemia" (merely symptomatology), "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 statement 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.

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(Signed)....., M. D.
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Shipped to K.C. Thom. Shipped

15. FILED May 9 1921 J. D. Sipe REGISTRAR

20. UNDERTAKER Ernest Faget handled case here until shipped away
 ADDRESS

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. CAUSE OF DEATH IN plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

SUPPLEMENTARY

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