

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH

County Wheeler
 Township Grant
 or
 Village _____
 or
 City _____ (NO. _____)

896
 Registration District No. 944 File No. 9
 Primary Registration District No. 5448 Registered No. Cumok 4
 699 St. _____ Ward _____

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

FULL NAME Thelma Lucinda Messer

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX <u>Female</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (If write the word) <u>Infant</u>
DATE OF BIRTH <u>January 3rd, 1922</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
AGE <u>3 yrs. 3 mos. 12 ds.</u>		If LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?
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) _____		
BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Mo.</u>		
PARENTS	NAME OF FATHER <u>M. P. Messer</u>	
	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Mo.</u>	
	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Bessie Moore</u>	
	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Mo.</u>	

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH April 15th, 1922
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from _____, 191____, to _____, 191____, that I last saw a _____ alive on _____, 191____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at about 7 A.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Had cold for 2 weeks.
Possibly slight
failure in the way
found dead in bed.
 (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

Contributory Reported to me
 (Secondarily) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

(Signed) S. O. H. Williams M. D.
4-18-1922 (Address) Stafford

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

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)
 At place of death _____ yr. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

Where was disease contracted _____
 If not at place of death? _____

Former or usual residence _____

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) M. P. Messer
 (ADDRESS) Stafford

Filed 4/18 1922 G. S. Miller
 REGISTRAR

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL St. Pius

DATE OF BURIAL 4/16, 1922

UNDERTAKER None

ADDRESS _____

S. O. H. Williams

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*, *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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1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County Webster Registration District No. 896 File No.
 Township Grant Primary Registration District No. 6199 Registered No. 28
 City (No.) St. Ward (....)

2. FULL NAME Phelena Lucinda Messer
 (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

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3. SEX M 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Infant

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan 3 1922

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
3 12

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Infant
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
 (c) Name of employer

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) April 15 1922

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Had cold for 2 weeks preceding death failure as she found dead in bed

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

10. NAME OF FATHER M. P. Messer

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER B. Moore

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

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) (duration) yrs. mos. da.

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) S. C. H. Williams, M. D.
4/15, 1922 (Address) Stratford

*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.)

14. INFORMANT M. P. Messer
 (Address) Stratford Mo

15. FILED Jan 10 1922 J. R. Bruce
 REGISTRAR

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL
 19

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

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.