

ORIGINAL

## STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS  
STATE OF IOWA

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
 County mercier State District No 538 Registered No. 15  
 Township Levie Lindley or Village Osawatomie No. 5707 or  
 City No. St. Ward  
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Warren Russel Higdon  
 (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 male 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) single

5a If married, widowed, or divorced  
 HUSBAND of  
 (or) WIFE of

6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) June 22 1920

7 AGE Years Months Days If less than 1 day, hrs. or min.  
2 2 0 0

## 8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work

child of farm

(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)  
mercier mo

10 NAME OF FATHER Russell Higdon

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country)  
Warren mo

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Minnie Frisby

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or Country)  
mercier mo

14 Informant Russell Higdon  
 (Address) Saline mo

15 Filed 8/28, 1922 C. E. Odum  
 Registrar

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Aug 22 1922

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from  
Aug 20, 1922, to Aug 22, 1922  
 that I last saw him alive on Aug 22, 1922,  
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 315 P m.  
 THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

cholera infantum  
1922  
 (duration) 1 yrs. 1 mos. 4 ds.

CONTRIBUTOR (Secondary)

(duration) 1 yrs. 1 mos. 4 ds.

18 Where was disease contracted  
 if not at place of death? at home

Did an operation precede death? no Date of now

Was there an autopsy? no

What test confirmed diagnosis? stomach

(Signed) D. M. St. Rogers, M. D.

Dec. 1922 (Address) Please see above

\*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 DATE OF BURIAL

Freedom cem 8/23/22

20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

Cherene Henderson Dumb City mo

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. See instructions on back of certificate.

# 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*.

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*; *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*, if children, not gainfully employed, as *At school* or *At home*. Care should be taken to report specifically 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," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaus-

tion," "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 septi-cemia," "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.)

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS BY PHYSICIAN.