

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Garnes
Township Blay
City Ray (No. 302)

Registration District No. 6231

Primary Registration District No. 6231

File No. 6231

Registered No. 6231

St. Ray Ward 1

2. FULL NAME

(a) Residence. No. Ralph Fred Dittmann St. Ray Ward 1

(Usual place of abode)

(If nonresident give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred

Yrs. 1

Mos. 1

Ds. 1

How long in U.S., if of foreign birth?

Yrs. 1

Mos. 1

Ds. 1

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)

7. AGE

YEARS

MONTHS

DAYS

If LESS than 1 day, hrs. 26 or min. 5

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

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

Nursing

(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)

St. Louis Co., Mo

10. NAME OF FATHER

Henry F. Dittmann

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN)

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

Garnes Co., Mo

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

Mary Catherine

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN)

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

St. Louis Co., Mo

14.

INFORMANT

(Address)

Henry F. Dittmann

Ray, Mo

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

Feb 10th 1923

17.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Jan 1st 1923, to Feb 10th 1923

that I last saw him alive on Feb 9, 1923 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8 A. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Foramen Ovale failed to close, causing very bad
air circulation. Baby was
blue. (duration) 159 yrs. 11A mos. 109 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY)

Influenza and
pneumonia (duration) 3 yrs. 13 mos. 13 ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH

19. DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS

(Signed)

John D. Seber

M. D.

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(Address) Blair, 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

DATE OF BURIAL

Howard Cemetery

2-11-1923

20. UNDERTAKER

Peter Dittmann

ADDRESS

Ray, 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 symptomatic), "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.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
BY PHYSICIAN.

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Laclede State MISSOURI. 302 Registered No. _____
Township Clay or Village 6231 or _____
City _____ No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Ralph Fred Dittmann
(a) Residence. No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode)
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. (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

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

6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Oct 6 1878

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

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

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(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)

10 NAME OF FATHER

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) _____
(State or country)

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) _____
(State or country)

14 Informant _____
(Address)

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Feb 10 1923

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____,

that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 19____,

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

CONTRIBUTORY
(SECONDARY)

(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? _____

What test confirmed diagnosis? _____

(Signed) _____, M. D.

, 19 (Address)

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