

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County Polk Registration District No. 703 File No. 110
 Township Johnson Primary Registration District No. 5932 Registered No. _____
 City _____ (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Adahelle Lawson
 (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

3. SEX fe **4. COLOR OR RACE** W **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) Mar. 15 - 1913

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS **IF LESS than 1 day,** hrs. or min.
10 years _____ 29

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work at home
 (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) MO

10. NAME OF FATHER Thos. Lawson

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Maggie Smith

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

14. INFORMANT (Address) J. A. Joseph
Summersville Mo.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Mar 29 1923

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Mar 29 1923 to Mar 29 1923, and that I last saw her alive on Mar 29 1923, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9:15 P. M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Accidental Burn

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY)

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) J. A. Joseph M. D.

3/30 1923 (Address) Summersville 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 Summersville Mo.

DATE OF BURIAL 3-30 1923

20. UNDERTAKER J. A. Joseph

ADDRESS Summersville Mo.

N. B.—Every item of information should 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.

RECORD THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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 helpfulness 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," "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.)

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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
BY PHYSICIAN.

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

1 PLACE OF DEATH
 County Polk State MISSOURI Registered No. 703
 Township Johnson or Village 5932 or
 City _____ No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Adahelle Lawson
 (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

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Mar 29 1923

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

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

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

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

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

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

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

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Acc Burns, starting caught fire while playing too near a bonfire
 _____ (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____

18 Where was disease contracted (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

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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9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____
 (State or country) _____

10 NAME OF FATHER _____

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 (State or country) _____

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____

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

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Informant _____
 (Address) _____

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

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Filed 5/21, 1923 Helena Beatty
 REGISTRAR

20 UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS

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SUPPLEMENTAL

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