

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County Boone Registration District No. 75 File No. _____
 Township Columbia Primary Registration District No. 5114 Registered No. _____
 City _____ (No. 0) _____ St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME John Copher
 (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 Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) widowed

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 6/6

7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
	<u>69</u>		<u>12</u>	

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Retired Farmer
 (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) Boone County

10. NAME OF FATHER Samuel Copher

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Missie Baxter

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

PARENTS

14. INFORMANT Mrs. Iwik Powell (Address) Harrisburg Mo.

15. FILED July 4, 1923 of J. Ward REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 6/18/23 1923

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from several months that I last saw him alive on June 3, 1923 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3 p.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Pulmonary
Tuberculosis
 (duration) 1 yrs. 6 mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____ (duration) _____ ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, _____
 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF _____
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? of x-rays
 (Signed) W. G. Morris, M.D.
6/19, 1923 (Address) Columbia, 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 Harrisburg Mo DATE OF BURIAL 6-20 19 23

20. UNDERTAKER Frank Beasley ADDRESS Harrisburg Mo

Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

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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 neoplasma); *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 more 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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(Address) Harrisburg Mo.

15. Filed July 4 1923 J. T. Wood Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) June 18 1923

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from June 16 1923, to June 18 1923, that I last saw him in person on June 16 1923 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3 P.M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Do not know he was in Boone Co.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED Infermary
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: The Co. Physician
 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH: _____ DATE OF _____ attended him

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