

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

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Putnam Registration District No. 719 File No. 22210
 Township Worth Primary Registration District No. 5251 Registered No. _____
 City Worth (R.D.) (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Mrs. Letha Opal Pearson

(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 21 yrs. 9 mos. da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Married

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

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

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
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8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer's wife
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 (c) Name of employer _____

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

10. NAME OF FATHER Geo Young

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Putnam Co. Missouri
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Anna Williams

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Putnam Co. Missouri
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT Don Pearson
 (Address) Worth (R.D.)

15. July 30, 1923 John Pickering
 REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) July 25 1923

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

By self inflicted gun-shot
167 (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ da.

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

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____ IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH _____

19. DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE OF _____

20. WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? _____

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? _____
 (Signed) Frank O. ... M.D.
 . 19 _____ (Address) Worth, 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 Worth DATE OF BURIAL July 27 1923

20. UNDERTAKER H. O. Husted ADDRESS Worthington Mo.

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, Compositor, 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 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 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: "Certificate 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.

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

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Oct-25-1901

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work _____ (duration) yrs. mos. ds.
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9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

10. NAME OF FATHER _____

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15. John Pickering REGISTRAR
 Filed July 31, 1923

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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(Signed) _____, M. D. , 19____ (Address) _____

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20. UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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

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