

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Saline Registration District No. 799 File No. _____
 Township united Primary Registration District No. 603710 Registered No. 04
 City _____ No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Mary Elizabeth Sursher

(a) Residence No. Slater St. Mo. Ward _____ (If nonresident give city or town and State)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 30 yrs. mos. _____ ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. _____ ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX F 4. COLOR OR RACE wh 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED widowed
(write the word)

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (or) WIFE OF Mathias Swisher

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 Home
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 (c) Name of employer _____

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) West Va
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

PARENTS
 10. NAME OF FATHER John A Tabler
 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) West Va
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)
 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Cox
 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) West Va
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT Mrs Frank Sursher
 (Address) Slater Mo

15. FILED 12-10-23 W. M. Tuttle
 REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 4 1923

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from July 27, 1919, to Dec 1, 1923
 that I last saw her alive on Dec 1, 1923, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 P. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
1st Hypertrophy of heart
2nd Arteriosclerosis

47 7 severe
 (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 7
 (duration) yrs. mos. 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? clinical
 (Signed) E. S. Hardin, M. D.
 , 19 (Address) Marshall 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 Pulliam Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL 12-7 1923

20. UNDERTAKER Neil R. Co ADDRESS Slater 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 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 child-birth 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
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 Township Cambridge Primary Registration District No. 6037 Registered No. _____
 City _____ (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

Mary Elizabeth Swisher

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

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF 1945 1-4
7 29 1-2

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 1837 27 12
 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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PARENTS

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14. INFORMANT _____ (Address) _____

15. FILED 1-6-21 Wm. J. Little REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec. 4 1923

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

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

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(Signed) _____, M. D.
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19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL _____ DATE OF BURIAL _____

20. UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW

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