

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

1887

1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County Franklin Registration District No. 920 File No. _____
 Township Pontiac Primary Registration District No. 6269 Registered No. 2
 City Pontiac (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Finis M. Smith
 (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 30 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (or) WIFE OF Rebecca Smith

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

7. AGE 7 YEARS MONTHS 11 DAYS 2 If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 (c) Name of employer _____

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Green Bay (STATE OR COUNTRY) Wis

10. NAME OF FATHER Don't know

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Dillard

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

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 1-29 1924

17. 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:
This man was dead when I first saw him. My diagnosis was neuralgia of the heart. (duration) 50 minutes

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

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED? 87
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, _____
 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE OF _____
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? _____
 WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? _____
 (Signed) Walker Graves, M. D.
1/20, 1924 Pontiac 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.)

14. INFORMANT Rebecca Smith (Address) Pontiac MO

15. Jan 21, 1924 Registrar Mary F. Johnson

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Pontiac Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Jan 21 1924

20. UNDERTAKER A. J. Johnson ADDRESS Pontiac MO

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. PHYSICIANS should state cause of death in plain terms.

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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

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 City..... (No.....) St..... Ward.....

2. FULL NAME Ernie Mervin Smith

(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 <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>Married</u>
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF <u>Rebecca Smith</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) <u>March 29 1895</u>		
7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS
	<u>72</u>	<u>9</u>
		DAYS
		<u>10</u>
		If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED		
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Farmer</u>		
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>Farming</u>		
(c) Name of employer <u></u>		
9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>Dalh County</u> (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Mo</u>		
PARENTS	10. NAME OF FATHER <u>Albert Smith</u>	
	11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u></u>	
	12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Amanda Dillard</u>	
	13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Spain</u>	

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

15. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan 9 1928
 17. 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..... 9 A.M.
 THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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

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 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH.....
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 REGISTRAR

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