

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Linn Registration District No. 502 File No. _____
 Township _____ Primary Registration District No. 4305 Registered No. 8
 City Marceline B.B. Putnam Memorial Hospital St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

(a) Residence No. 1445 So. 2d St. _____ Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode) Kansas City Kans. (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 male 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 Norma Richardson Laughlin

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Sept 30 1873

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
50 | 40 | 10

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work R.R. Conductor
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) At J & S Fe.
 (c) Name of employer _____

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Barry
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Illinois

10. NAME OF FATHER James Laughlin

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Cannon

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

14. INFORMANT Mrs. Norma Laughlin
 (Address) Kansas City Kans.

15. FILED 2/11 1924 Ola Putnam
 REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Feb 10 1924

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Feb 10 1924 to Feb 10 1924
 that I last saw him alive on Feb 10 1924, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:00 a.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Fracture Skull
1918A
194B
 CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 185
 (duration) _____ yrs. mos. ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED Chardon Co. Mo
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, DATE OF _____
 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? No DATE OF _____
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No
 WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Autopsy
 (Signed) J. J. Johnson, M. D.
 , 19 (Address) Marceline 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 Kansas City Kans. DATE OF BURIAL Feb 12 1924

20. UNDERTAKER Geo M Laughlin ADDRESS Marceline 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, 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. 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: "Certificates 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.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
BY PHYSICIAN.

Dear Sir:

It is essential that death certificates be made complete in every particular in order that proper classification may be made. You are therefore requested to make every effort to obtain the following information, indicated by check marks, lacking from the death certificate:

Name: Ambrose Laughlin
Died at: Linn - Co on Feb - 10 - 1924

Residence: No. _____ St. _____
(if nonresident, city or town)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred: Years _____ Months _____ Days _____

Color or race: _____ Single, married, widowed or divorced: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: Years _____ Months _____ Days _____

Occupation: (a) Trade _____ (b) Industry: _____

Birthplace (State or country) _____

Birthplace of father (State or country) _____

Birthplace of mother (State or country) _____

CAUSE OF DEATH: Fracture skull, fall off

R.R. bridge
Contributory: Fell off bridge while on duty

Where was disease contracted? _____

Did operation precede death? _____ Date of _____

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