

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

8539-B

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Pettis
Township London
City London (No.)

Registration District No. 665
Primary Registration District No. 5785

File No. B
Registered No. 3
City St. Ward

2. FULL NAME

Tennessee Sellers

(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 43 yrs. 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 OF (OR) WIFE OF

Chas M Sellers

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

11-21-1860

7. AGE

YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
63	3	28	

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work House Wife

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN)

Boon Country Arkansas

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

10. NAME OF FATHER

Wm B. Hoffer

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN)

W. W. Knoxville

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

Mary Rogers

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN)

W. W. Knoxville

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

14.

INFORMANT (Address)

Sarah Sellers
Houstonia Mo

15.

FILED

3: 9 1924 Edwin G Smith
Dep. REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 3-19 1924

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 15/1923

19... to Feb 10, 19...
that I last saw h... alive on Feb 10, 19... and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:15 p.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Arterio Sclerosis

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY)

Cerebral compression

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? none

(Signed) E. P. Baxter, M. D.

, 19 (Address) Hughsville 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

DATE OF BURIAL

Brubaker Cemetery

Mar 22 1924

20. UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS

W. C. Westbrook

Houstonia Mo

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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 worthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or more on the first line will be sufficient, e. g., *Farmer or Printer, Physician, Composer, Architect, Locomotive Engineer, Civil Engineer, Stationary Fireman*, etc. In many cases, especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work also (b) the nature of the business or industry, therefore an additional line is provided for the first 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, Miner—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 recorded as *Housewife, Housework* or *At home*, and children, not gainfully employed, as *At school* or *At home*. Care should be taken to report specifically 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, DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection in respect to time and causation), using always the term 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"); *Lober 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.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
BY PHYSICIAN.