

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Honell  
Township Hutton Valley Registration District No. 949 File No. 20250  
or  
Village ..... Primary Registration District No. 5537 Registered No. ....  
or  
City ..... (NO. .... St. .... Ward)

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

2 FULL NAME

Alvin Dale Smith

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Single

16 DATE OF DEATH July 5, 1924  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH July 5, 1924  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from ..... 191..... to ..... 191..... that I last saw h..... alive on..... 1924..... and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3:30 a.m.

7 AGE 2 yrs. - 10 mos. - 25 ds. If LESS than 1 day, 1 hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Premature Birth at 7 months

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Hutton Valley Mo

(Duration)..... yrs..... mos..... da.  
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)..... (Duration)..... yrs..... mos..... da.  
(Signed) D. P. Webster M. D.  
..... 191..... (Address) Hutton Valley, Mo

10 NAME OF FATHER Jeffery Ewert Smith

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Honell, Co Mo

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Jessie Maria Probridge

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Honell Co Mo

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in death from Violent Causes, the Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.  
18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)  
At place of death..... yrs..... mos..... ds. In the State..... yrs..... mos..... ds.  
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?.....  
Former or usual residence.....

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) .....

(Address) .....

15 Filed 7 6, 1924 D. P. Webster Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Smith Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL July 6, 1924

20 UNDERTAKER J. L. Webb ADDRESS Hutton Valley Mo

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE and 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.]

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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, peritonaeum, etc., Carcinoma, Sarcoma, etc., of*.....(name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms); *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," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "*PUERPERAL septicaemia*," "*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.)

I was not there at  
Birth I arrived about  
60 minutes after it was  
Born. They report it  
struggled moved several  
times there became still  
D. P. Webster MD  
Hickory Valley Ohio

At the time of the

the 20th of the month

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 City ..... St. .... Ward)

**2. FULL NAME**

Alvin Dale 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**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) July 5 1924

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

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

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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

Premature Birth about 5 minutes  
 (duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

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

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

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

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

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

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? .....

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? .....

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

10. NAME OF FATHER

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

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

\*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 (Address)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL

15. FILED ..... 19.....

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

REGISTRAR

**ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.**

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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.

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