

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Jackson Registration District No. 309  
 Township Kaw Primary Registration District No. 709  
 City Kansas City (No. St. Luke's Hospital) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. FULL NAME Theodore Theesfeld  
 (a) Residence. No. Galva Ill St. St. Luke's Hosp (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. 2 mos. 20 da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ da. \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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 Mrs Marie Ida Osterby  
 6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov 5 - 1889  
 7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.  
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16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov 3 - 1926  
 17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from August 20, 1926, to Nov 3, 1926.  
 (a) First seen alive on Nov 3, 1926, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7:35 p.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
Multiple Abscesses of Liver.  
1218  
1257

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farming  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Near Galva Ill  
 (c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Acute purulent appendicitis + pyelonephritis  
 (duration) yrs. 3 mos. 15 da.

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

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED  
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

10. NAME OF FATHER Orrick Theesfeld  
 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Germany  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)  
 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Ann  
 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Germany  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

1 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? yes DATE OF 9/24/26  
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? Yes  
 WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Autopsy  
 (Signed) H. P. Bensch, M. D.  
 11/4, 1926 (address) 920 Rietz Bldg K.C.M.

14. INFORMANT Mrs. Marie Theesfeld  
 (Address) Galva Ill

\*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.)

15. FILED 11/4 26 M. M. Crowe  
 REGISTRAR

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Galva Ill DATE OF BURIAL 11-6 1926  
 20. UNDERTAKER Clyde Bros ADDRESS 1800 Linwood

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 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. As 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.

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

**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

County .....  
Township St. Louis City (Name) .....  
City St. Louis (Name) .....  
St. (Name) ..... Ward) .....

Registration District No. 399  
Primary Registration District No. 1002

File No. 11  
Registered No. 4297  
St. (Name) ..... Ward) .....

**2. FULL NAME**

Robert Wheeler

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

5A. If MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND or (OR) WIFE of

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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(c) Name of employer .....

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

PARENTS

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) .....

14. INFORMANT .....  
(Address) .....

15. FILED 11/14 26 M.M. Casper REGISTRAR  
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**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov. 3 1926

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from ..... to ..... 19.....

(that I last saw him ..... since on ..... at ..... B. U. H. ...., 19..... and that death occurred, on the date stated above, of .....

**THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Multiple abscesses of liver  
Contributory acute purulent appendicitis & pyelonephritis  
(duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.  
(duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, .....

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

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? .....

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? .....

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

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

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW

R The Common Cause  
for Multiple Abscesses of  
the Liver is an ascending  
pyelophlebitis from a suppurating  
appendix. There was no  
trauma or tuberculosis.  
Cultures showed Streptococci  
H. P. Boughnou

**HUGO BRECKLEIN**  
PRESCRIPTIONIST

RIALTO BUILDING \_\_\_\_\_ 9TH AND GRAND AVENUE

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