

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

37525

File No. 37525  
Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Cedar  
Township Washington  
City \_\_\_\_\_

Registration District No. 166  
Primary Registration District No. 623

## 2. FULL NAME

(a) Residence. No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode)  
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. (If nonresident give city or town and State)

Edwin Hamilton West

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

## 3. SEX

M.

## 4. COLOR OR RACE

W.

## 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word)

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

Infant

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

Sept 30 1925

## 7. AGE

YEARS

MONTHS

DAYS

If LESS than 1  
day, ..... hrs.  
or ..... min.

1 3 1

## 8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

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

Infant

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

(c) Name of employer

## 9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN)

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

mo

## 10. NAME OF FATHER

John West

## 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN)

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

mo

## 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

Velma Fletcher

## 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN)

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

mo

## 14.

INFORMANT  
(Address)

Tom Fletcher  
Cedar Springs, Mo

## 15.

FILED

12/31 1926 H. A. Simrell  
REGISTRAR

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

## 16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR)

12-31 1926

## 17.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 2:25  
26, 1926, to 2:30, 1926.  
that I last saw him alive on Dec 27, 1926 and that  
death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10 P. m.

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

Acute Indigestion

CONTRIBUTORY  
(SECONDARY)

## 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)

H. A. Simrell, M. D.

12/31, 1926 (Address) Cedar Springs, 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 Register side for additional space.)

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

## DATE OF BURIAL

Parkway

1-1 1926

## 20. UNDERTAKER

## ADDRESS

Summers & Meier Stockton Mo

Should be carefully supplied. AGE should be carefully classified.

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# 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) *Colton 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 neoplasm); *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 Cedar Registration District No. 166 File No. ....  
 Township Washington Primary Registration District No. 5234 Registered No. ....  
 City Ellis Hamilton West (In) ..... St. .... Ward)

**2. FULL NAME**

Ellis Hamilton West

(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. da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3. SEX m 4. COLOR OR RACE w 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED P  
(Indicate the word)

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

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

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

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 .....

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

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 12/31 1926 H. A. Smith REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 30 1926

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
Acute Indigestion  
from diet & dentation  
one week (duration) yrs. mos. 7 da.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 12/31 (duration) yrs. mos. da.

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)

\*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

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

PHYSICIANS should be stated EXACTLY. Exact statement of CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

SUPPLEMENTARY

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