

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

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CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Greene Registration District No. 318  
 Township Springfield Precinct Registration District No. 2001  
 City Springfield (No. St. John's Hospital) St. W. Division (Ward)

2. FULL NAME Paul J. Dobson  
 (a) Residence. No. 748 St. W. Division 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 male 4. COLOR OR RACE white 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED married

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan 5 - 1903

7. AGE YEARS 23 MONTHS 11 DAYS 18 IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Salesman  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Battery  
 (c) Name of employer Haffgen Battery Co.

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec. 23 1926

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Dec. 14, 1926, to Dec. 23, 1926, that I last saw him alive on Dec. 22, 1926, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1:00 a.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
Struck by train 12-14-26  
Death due to brain injury  
(Probably hemorrhage into brain)  
near N. Wells ave, Springfield Mo  
train struck delivery truck at R.R.

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

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

10. NAME OF FATHER John Dobson

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sarah Holman

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

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:         

(Signed) C. Lewis, M. D.  
12-23, 1926 (Address) Trices Hosp, Springfield 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.)

14. INFORMANT S. E. Dobson  
 (Address) Springfield, Mo.

15. FILED 12-24-26 Ralph Brooks REGISTRAR

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Green Lawn Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Dec 26 1926

20. UNDERTAKER J. W. Klingner & Co ADDRESS 214 E. 6th

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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) *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; Broncho-pneumonia* ("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.; *Broncho-pneumonia* (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 Greene Registration District No. 318 File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Registration District No. 2001 Registered No. 833  
 City Spfg (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

2. FULL NAME Paul Larson  
 (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 (write the word) M.

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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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) \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 23 1926

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
Struck by Proco train death due to train injury probably here as large into freight train struck delivery truck at P. R. crossing  
 CONTRIBUTORY Motor truck, accident in city (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRAIND \_\_\_\_\_  
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH near Weller Ave. Spfg, Mo

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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14. INFORMANT (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

15. FILED 12/24/26 Oct first rule  
 REGISTRAR

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

20. UNDERTAKER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLEMENTARY

AGE should be stated in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. THIS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

RECORD

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