

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 employ-
ment, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work
(b) the nature of the business or industry,
(c) an additional line is provided for the
(d) ; it should be used only when needed.
(1) *Spinner*, (2) *Cotton mill*; (a) *Sales-
man*; (b) *Foreman*, (c) *Automobile fac-
tory* worked on may form part of the
statement. Never return "Laborer," "Fore-
man," "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 occupa-
tion at beginning of illness. If retired from busi-
ness, that fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (re-
tired, 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 orig-
in; "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 inter-
mittent) affection need not be stated unless im-
portant. Example: *Measles* (disease causing death),
29 ds.; *Bronchopneumonia* (secondary), 10 ds.
Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions,
such as "Asthenia," "Anemia" (merely symptom-
atic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convul-
sions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.),
"Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hem-
orrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age,"
"Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a
definite disease can be ascertained as the cause.
Always qualify all diseases resulting from child-
birth 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 rail-
way 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. 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.

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

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

1. PLACE OF DEATH.

County St. Francois Registration District No. 774 File No. _____
 Township Flat River Primary Registration District No. 4465- Registered No. 104
 City _____ (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

Oliver M. Whitson

(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 M
(write the word)

5A. IS 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 _____

BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) _____
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

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) _____

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 2/7 1930

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Acute dilatation of stomach

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Infected Gall bladder
Cancer of liver
 (duration) yrs. mos. da.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, _____

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE _____

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.

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

20. UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

OR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY

PARENTS SHALL NOT RECEIVE

SUPPLEMENTARY

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