

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County Sullivan Registration District No. 853 File No. _____
 Township Olney Primary Registration District No. 4519 Registered No. 3
 City Newtown (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Bessie Rash
 (a) Residence. No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 35 yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. mos. ds. (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX female 4. COLOR OR RACE white 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED single
(Write the word)

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) May 3rd 1895

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
36 10 5

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED None at home
 (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) Sullivan Co.
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Missouri

10. NAME OF FATHER Albert Rash

PARENTS

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Lda Belle Thomas

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

14. INFORMANT Albert Rash
 (Address)

15. FILED 3-9-31 A. W. Wedner
 REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 3/8/31 1931

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, ID _____ that I last saw h. _____ alive on _____, 19____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4.30 A. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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59 Sugar Diabetes
 (duration) _____ yrs. mos. ds.
 CONTRIBUTORY Chronic Invalidism
following Infantile Paralysis
 (duration) _____ yrs. mos. ds.
about 25 yrs ago

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____

19. DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? No DATE OF _____

20. WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS _____

(Signed) Statement Attached M. D. 3/9/31 (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 Newtown, Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL 3/9/31

20. UNDERTAKER Otto H. Reed ADDRESS Newtown,

N. B.—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. APR 27 1931.

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, Compositor, 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.

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Primary Registration District No. 45-19

File No.
Registered No. 5
St. Ward)

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(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

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10. NAME OF FATHER

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12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

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

14.

INFORMANT (Address)

15.

FILED 3-9-31 A. W. Widewer REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 3/8 1931

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) (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) A. W. Widewer, M. D. , 1931 (Address)

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20. UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS

SUPPLEMENTARY

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I sent medicine to Bessie Pash
Once only in her last sickness
her name saw her.

I treated her years ago for
Infantile Paralysis. Since then
she had always been a Bed ridden
Invalid; knowing the condition
the Coroner was not called.

A. W. Widener

Local Health Officer

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