

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County St. Louis Registration District No. 836
 Township North Primary Registration District No. 6098a
 City St. Louis (No. 18) St. 18 Ward 18

2. FULL NAME William Melsee
 (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

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 _____

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 Farmer
 (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 Unknown

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) Unknown

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Aug 18 1938

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, and 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:
Paralysis

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Acute Indigestion

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? Chemical
 (Signed) Wm. H. Brown, M. D.
 _____, 19____ (Address) St. Louis

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MANNER AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

14. INFORMANT (Address) _____

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19. PLACE OF BURIAL; CREMATION, OR REMOVAL St. Louis Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Aug 19 1938

20. UNDERTAKER D. Brown ADDRESS _____

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 Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.
 OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly filed. MAY 31 1938

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, pericardium*, 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 Stoddard Registration District No. 836 File No. _____
Township Liberty Primary Registration District No. 6098 Registered No. 18
City _____ (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME William Mc Lee

(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

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) Aug 18 1931

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

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, to _____, 19____

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

I last saw h. _____ alive on _____, 19____. Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at _____ m.

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

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.

Paralysis Date of onset _____

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.

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10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation.

Other contributory causes of importance:

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

Acute Indigestion

13. NAME

Can get no further definite statement from physician

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

Name of operation _____ Date of _____

15. MAIDEN NAME

What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

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

23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following:

17. INFORMANT (ADDRESS)

Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 19____

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL

Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)

PLACE _____ DATE _____ 19____

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

19. UNDERTAKER (ADDRESS)

Manner of injury _____

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Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? _____

If so, specify _____

(Signed) _____, M. D.

(Address) _____

SUPPLEMENTARY

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFYING UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.
CAUSE OF DEATH IN plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCURRENCE is very important.

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