

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Cooper  
Township Blackwater  
or Blackwater  
Village Blackwater  
or Blackwater  
City Blackwater (NO St. Ward)

Registration District No. 217  
Primary Registration District No. 4131

File No. 25759  
Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

2 FULL NAME Edward Gear Lewis

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE Caucasian 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) married  
6 DATE OF BIRTH May 25<sup>th</sup> 1895 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 37 yrs. 2 mos. 20 ds. If LESS than 1 day... hrs. or... min.?

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Laborer 237  
(b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Day Laborer

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Arrow Rock, Saline Co., Mo.

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER W.M. Lewis  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) unknown 31  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Stella Parker  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Unknown

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Frances Lewis  
(Address) Blackwater, Mo.

15 Filed 8-14 1932 H. H. Huey Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Aug 14 1932 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan 1924 to Aug 14 1932 that I last saw him alive on Aug 14 1932 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:50 a.m. The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

Chronic Stenosis of Larynx  
24 (Duration) yrs. 24 mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) None  
(Signed) W. H. H. H. H. M. D.  
8-14-32 (Address) Blackwater, Mo.

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)  
At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.  
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?  
Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Nelson Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1932

20 UNDERTAKER Schwitzky Waruloff ADDRESS Boonville Mo.

SEP 22 1932

27 Exact statement of occurrence of every important

# 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*; *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 neoplasms); *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," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicaemia," "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.)