

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

PLACE OF DEATH Clay
County Clay
Township Liberty
or
Village Liberty
or
City Liberty (NO. 2 St. Ward)
Registration District No. 201 File No. 27435
Primary Registration District No. 3012 Registered No. 62
FULL NAME Ben Edward Gordon
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

5 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Male COLOR OR RACE Black SINGLE Married
MARRIED Widowed
OR DIVORCED
(Write the word)

DATE OF DEATH July 28, 1916
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Dec 35, 1873
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from on the last 6 months, 1916,
that I last saw him alive on July 26, 1916,
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 30 m.

AGE 42 yrs. 1 mos. 3 ds. IF LESS than
1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was, as follows:
Had Nephritis for 6 months
With Cardiac Hypertrophy
as result of Alcoholic Drinking for years

OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Laborer
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) 75E

(Duration) 1 yrs. 4 mos. ___ ds.
Contributory General Dropsy. Finally
(Secondary) admission 8 Feb 19
(Duration) ___ yrs. 2 mos. 2 mos.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Clay Co. Mo 131

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER Ben Gordon 93E
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Clay Co Mo
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Thatcher
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Plano Co Mo

(Signed) E. H. Miller M. D.
Aug 7-, 1916 (Address) Liberty, Mo

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

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

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Ben Gordon
(ADDRESS) Liberty, Mo

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Funeral DATE OF BURIAL July 30, 1916

Filed 8/10/16, 1916 Wm Gordon
REGISTRAR

UNDERTAKER Kurth ADDRESS Liberty, Mo

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*; *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.)