

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.

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

PLACE OF DEATH
 County Buchanan
 Township Washington
 Village _____
 City St Joseph (NO. 2002 South 6th St.; 7 Ward)
 Registration District No. 85 File No. 4325
 Primary Registration District No. 1001 Registered No. 244
 FULL NAME Helen Theresa Skelton (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED single (Write the word)
 DATE OF BIRTH November 4, 1909
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 AGE 5 yrs. 8 mos. 8 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?
 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Child
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) At Home
 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) St Joseph Mo
 PARENTS
 NAME OF FATHER Frank W. Skelton
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Illinois
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary E. Farrell
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Nebraska
 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) H W Skelton
 (ADDRESS) 2006 So 6th St

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH March 11, 1910
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Mar 4, 1910, to Mar 17, 1910,
 that I last saw her alive on Mar 10, 1910,
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:40 pm.
 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Whooping cough 9
107A
Bronchopneumonia of
capillary pneumonia,
 (Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. 16 ds.
Contributory
 (SECONDARY) (Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. 4 ds.
 (Signed) J. P. Riley M. D.
Mar 12, 1910 (Address) 6 Fed. Bldg 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 _____

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL St Christ Cent DATE OF BURIAL Mar 12, 1910
 UNDERTAKER H. O. Siderfaden ADDRESS 215 No 10th
 Filed Mar 12 1910 W B Keeling REGISTRAR

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*, *Sar-*

coma, 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 septichaemia," "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.)

