

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

PLACE OF DEATH

County _____

Township _____

or _____

Village _____

or _____

City St. Louis Mo (NO. 4332)

Registration District No. 791

File No. 31529

Primary Registration District No. 3003

Registered No. 3194

St. W Ward

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

FULL NAME William Joseph Polly

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE MARRIED single WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)

DATE OF DEATH Sept 24, 1913
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH May 5th, 1882
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Feb 13, 1913, to Sept 24, 1913, that I last saw him alive on Sept 24, 1913, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 5 P m.

AGE 31 yrs. 4 mos. 19 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Tuberculosis of Lungs and throat
52 M
2-27-13
(Duration) 6 yrs. 6 mos. 0 ds.

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Marble Cutter
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) marble cutter

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) St. Louis Mo

Contributory Dr. Edm. J. Morris
(SECONDARY) (Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.

PARENTS NAME OF FATHER Wm J. Polly BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Germany
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Katherine Bettfeld BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Germany

(Signed) Dr. Edm. J. Morris M. D. Sept 25, 1913 (Address) 4257 Meramec St.

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

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) John H. Battfeld (ADDRESS) 4241 Meramec St

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 _____

Filed SEP 25 1913 Mauro Starkloff REGISTRAR

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL St. Matthews DATE OF BURIAL 9/27, 1913
UNDERTAKER Hauer Schmitt ADDRESS 3200 S. Grand

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.

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 "Asthemia," "Anæmia" (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 *septicæmia*," "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.)