

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.

PLACE OF DEATH			MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
County	St Charles		Registration District No.	758	File No.	34 37224
Township	Curie		Primary Registration District No.	5999	Registered No.	
Village			City	(NO. _____) St. _____	Ward	(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)
FULL NAME			Christopher Deckerbrook			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
SEX	COLOR OR RACE	SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)	DATE OF DEATH			
male	white	widowed	Oct. 19, 1913 (Month) (Day) (Year)			
DATE OF BIRTH		AGE	I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from			
November 25, 1877 (Month) (Day) (Year)		86 yrs. 10 mos. 14 ds.	Oct. 1, 1913, to Oct 19, 1913, that I last saw him alive on Oct 18, 1913, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3 P. m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: Tuberculosis 1324			
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)		IF LESS than 1 day hrs. or min.?	Duration) yrs. mos. ds.			
farmer		X	18 ds.			
BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country)		Germany				
PARENTS	NAME OF FATHER	Donot know				
	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country)	Germany				
	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	Do not know				
	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country)	Germany				
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE						
Informant)		Conrad Mueller				
Address)		O Fallon Mo				
Filed	Nov. 10, 1913	J. A. Reid		REGISTRAR		
PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL			DATE OF BURIAL			
St. Paul Mo.			Oct 21, 1913			
UNDERTAKER			ADDRESS			
Ed Keithly			O Fallon Mo			
mail permit to Rev Kern St Paul 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*, *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*, *peritonaeum*, 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 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.)

