

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

PLACE OF DEATH  
County Jasper ✓  
Township \_\_\_\_\_ Registration District No. 411 File No. 39775  
or \_\_\_\_\_  
Village \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Registration District No. 2002 Registered No. 19  
or \_\_\_\_\_  
City Joplin (NO. Hospital St. John St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward) [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number]

FULL NAME Myrtle E. Groom

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Female COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE Married  
MARRIED  
WIDOWED  
OR DIVORCED  
(Write the word)

DATE OF DEATH Dec 10 1913  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Aug 10 1896  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 12-9-1913, to 12-10-1913, that I last saw her alive on 12-10-1913, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8<sup>30</sup> a.m.

AGE 17 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. IF LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work House wife  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_

Shock - following 3rd degree burns over entire body  
180 (Duration) yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Christian Co Mo

Contributory (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

NAME OF FATHER Elbert Gorce

(Signed) W. D. O'Neary M. D. (Address) Joplin Mo.

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Christian Co Mo

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

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Minnie Dater Bader

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)  
At place of death \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. In the State \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Illinois

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Elbert Gorce father

Where was disease contracted If not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_

(ADDRESS) 1014 W 22<sup>nd</sup> Joplin

Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

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PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Stony Point DATE OF BURIAL Dec 11 1913  
UNDERTAKER Huelbert ADDRESS Joplin

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. Cause of death 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)

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**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, 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.)

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REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

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 or \_\_\_\_\_ City Joplin (NO. Hospital of John St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)  
 FULL NAME Myrtle E. Groom (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX F COLOR OR RACE w SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED m  
 (Write the word)  
 DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_, 1913  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)  
 AGE \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.  
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 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH 12/10, 1913  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)  
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 1913, to 12-10, 1913, that I last saw her alive on 12-10, 1913, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8:30 a.m.  
 The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Conflagration  
 (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
 Contributory (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
 (Signed) A. M. Gregg M. D. 12/10, 1913 (Address) Joplin Mo  
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 (Informant) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ADDRESS) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Filed 12/17 1913 A. M. Gregg REGISTRAR

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)  
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 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_ 1913  
 UNDERTAKER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DEC 1913

Original file, date \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ All information called for must be written on this Supplementary Certificate.

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SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATE  
 Satisfactory Information Required

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