

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 Jackson

Township _____

or _____

Village _____

or _____

City Kansas City (NO. 2305 Michigan)

Registration District No. 399

File No. 19445

Primary Registration District No. 1002

Registered No. 1848

FULL NAME Wade B Smith

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

2 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX male COLOR OR RACE Colored SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) married

DATE OF DEATH June 13, 1914
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH Dec 15, 1862
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from May 30, 1914, to June 3, 1914, that I last saw him alive on June 3, 1914,

AGE 47 yrs. 6 mos. 25 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 11 P. m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

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

Abcess of Brain
80
79A
67
(Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) N.C.

Contributory Locomotor Ataxy
(SECONDARY) (Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.

PARENTS

NAME OF FATHER Ben Smith

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) N.C.

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Don't know

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER " "

(Signed) J. H. Hurlbert M. D.
June 15, 1914 (Address) 931 Sudley

*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) Ida May Smith

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 _____

(ADDRESS) 2305 Michigan

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Overland DATE OF BURIAL June 17, 1914

JUN 16 1914 W. S. Wheeler

UNDERTAKER Jno W Jones ADDRESS 440 State

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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.)