

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County *Adair*

Township *Salbine*

Village

City

Registration District No. *1*

Primary Registration District No. *5001*

(NO. St.: Ward)

File No. *16875*

Registered No. *6*

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

2 FULL NAME *James M Sells*

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX *Male* 4 COLOR OR RACE *W* 5 SINGLE *Married*
MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH *July 17 1855*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE *60 yrs 10 mos 9 ds.* If LESS than 1 day.....hra. or.....min.?

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) *Ill*

PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER *Michael Sells*
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) *Dont know*
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Sallie Brown*
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) *Dont know*

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) *John M Sells*
(Address) *Ewing Mo.*

15 Filed *May 27 1916* *J M Barnes* Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH *May 26 1916*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from *Had not attended from*
that I last saw h.....alive on....., 191.....
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at.....m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Heart failure due to acute acute indigestion
1880
(Duration).....yrs.....mos.....ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) *Indigestion*
(Duration).....yrs.....mos.....ds.
(Signed) *E. D. ...* M. D.
May 27 1916 (Address) *Kirksville Mo*

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

18 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.....

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL *Kirksville Mo.* DATE OF BURIAL *May 27 1916*

20 UNDERTAKER *Heinzman and Swigert* ADDRESS *Kirksville Mo*

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, 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, 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

Registration District No. 1 File No. 6
Primary Registration District No. 5001 Registered No. 6
St. Ward

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2 FULL NAME James M. Sells

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX M 4 COLOR OR RACE W 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) M.

6 DATE OF BIRTH Satisfactory Information Supplied.
(Month) (Day) (Year)

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14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant)
(Address)

15 Filed July 17 J. M. Barnes Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH May 26, 1916
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from death May 26 1916 was a patient of mine that I last saw him alive on May 26, 1916 and that death occurred, on the date (stated above), at 11:00 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: supp.
Heart failure due to acute indigestion
seen him after death but the speech came of death & did not
(Duration) 184 yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)
(Signed) E. J. ... M.D.
5-27, 1916 (Address) Waverly Mo

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20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

Original file, date..... MAY 1916

All information called for must be written on this Supplementary Certificate.

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