

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County

Township

Village

City

Registration District No.

Primary Registration District No.

St. 10 Ward)

File No.

Registered No.

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

2 FULL NAME

Ben Westhus

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX male
4 COLOR OR RACE white
5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Married

6 DATE OF BIRTH Aug 25 1866
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 49 yrs 9 mos 15 ds
If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

8 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Merchant 12 1/2
(b) General nature of industry business or establishment in which employed (or employer) 13 1/2

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

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER Henry Westhus
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Germany
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Frances Beckford
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER America

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Henry C Westhus Brother
(Address) 7001 S Broadway

15 Filed Aug 2 1916
Maul Starkoff Registrar

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

10 DATE OF DEATH June 7th 1916
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from May 31st 1916 to June 7th 1916 that I last saw him alive on June 7th 1916 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8:40 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Acute perforated appendicitis

CONTRIBUTORY Chronic febrile metastasis of spleen and mitral regurgitation
(Duration) yrs. 4 mos. 4 ds.
(Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) J. E. Bond M. D.
June 8th 1916 (Address) 3419 S Botanical

*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. 4 mos. 4 ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.

Where was disease contracted at Residence if not at place of death?

Former or usual residence 2361 South 31st St

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Calvary Cemetery
DATE OF BURIAL June 9 1916

20 UNDERTAKER Chas. P. Schmitt
ADDRESS 2211 S Broadway

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, 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.)