

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Greene
Township Registration District No. 318 File No. 14479
or
Village Primary Registration District No. 2001 Registered No. 297
or
City Springfield (NO. 670 Franklin St. Ward) [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]
2 FULL NAME William M. Bell

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX m 4 COLOR OR RACE w 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (If write the word) married
6 DATE OF BIRTH Feb 15 1871
(Month) (Day) (Year)
7 AGE 45 yrs. 2 mos. 2 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Laborer
(b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Mo.

PARENTS
10 NAME OF FATHER George Bell
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Mo.
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Don't know
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Mo.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Wm. M. Bell
(Address) 670 Franklin

15 APR 24 1917 1917
Filed Registrar Geo. H. James

2 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH April 22nd 1917
(Month) (Day) (Year)
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from April 18 1917, to April 22 1917, that I last saw him alive on April 22 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8:15 p.m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Tetanus
22
1917
(Duration) yrs. 5 mos. 5 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.
(Signed) C. E. Perkins M. D.
4/28 1917 (Address) Laudus Bldg

*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 East View Cem. DATE OF BURIAL 4-24-1917
20 UNDERTAKER Perkins and Co. ADDRESS Walnut

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," "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.)

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully and correctly stated. PHYSICIANS should state exact street address. OCCUPATION is very important.

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 (Address) _____

15 C. E. Christy
 Filed _____ 191____ Registrar

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(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from _____ 191____ to _____ 191____
 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:
Flu
caused by running
fine splinters under fingers
and nail
 yrs. _____ mos. 5 da.

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 _____ 191____ (Address)

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19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL _____ DATE OF BURIAL _____ 191____

20 UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

SUPPLEMENTARY

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