

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Jackson  
Township Raw  
Village Kansas City, Mo.  
City General Hospital, 11th Ward

Registration District No. 399 File No. 28694

Primary Registration District No. 1002 Registered No. 3422

2 FULL NAME James Swanson

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED Single WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Unknown  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE abt 53  
yrs. mos. ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Illinois

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER W Swanson  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Sweden  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unknown  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) UNKNOWN

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Recd Clerk  
(Address) Genl Hosp

15 Filed AUG 21, 1917 Edw Swanson Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Aug 16, 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Aug 13, 1917 to Aug 10, 1917  
that I last saw him alive on Aug 16, 1917  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9:20 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Acute Alcoholism  
99501  
7-1-17  
(Duration) 11 yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Chrom myocarditis  
(Duration) 3 yrs. mos. ds.  
(Signed) E. W. Thurston, M. D.  
Aug 20, 1917 (Address) Genl Hosp

\*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 3 yrs. 6 mos. 6 ds. State 6 yrs. 6 mos. 6 ds.  
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? Florida  
Former or usual residence.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Highland Park DATE OF BURIAL Aug 20, 1917

20 UNDERTAKER Carroll & Mast ADDRESS 1915 East 15

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*, *Composer*, *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 "Asthma," "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—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.)