

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Jackson  
Township  
or  
Village  
or  
City Lee's Summit (NO. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Registration District No. 400 File No. 1510 1610  
Primary Registration District No. 4235 Registered No. 1

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

2 FULL NAME Benjamin E. Ashcraft

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 Jan 19th 1845 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 72 yrs. 11 mos. 14 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ... hrs. or ... min.?

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work brooker for 10 years (b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

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

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER James Ashcraft

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

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Hanna Ashcraft

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Penna.

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Jan 2 1918 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Mar 3 1912 to Jan 2 1918, that I last saw him alive on Jan 2 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:30 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Arteriosclerosis  
80

(Duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Arteriosclerosis  
Arterio-sclerosis  
(Duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.

(Signed) [Signature] M. D.  
Jan 3 1918 (Address) Lee's Summit Mo

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Bettie Ashcraft (Address) Lee's Summit 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.

15 Filed 1-3 1918 Registrar [Signature]

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lee's Summit Mo DATE OF BURIAL 1/3 1918

20 UNDERTAKER Surick & Miller ADDRESS Lee's Summit Mo

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health  
Association.]

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**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—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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City

Lee's Summit

(NO

St. Ward)

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2 FULL NAME

Benjamin G. Ashcraft

Registration District No.

400

File No.

Primary Registration District No.

4935

Registered No.

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Male

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White

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Married

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(Informant)

Belle G. Ashcraft  
Lee's Summit, Mo.

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2-1-18 8. A. L. Harrison  
Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH

Mar 2, 1918  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

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