

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Ball  
Township Spencer  
Village  
City (NO. .... St. .... Ward)

Registration District No. 724 File No. 17981  
Primary Registration District No. 5157 Registered No. 25

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

2 FULL NAME James Mathew Smith

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

6 DATE OF BIRTH Oct 13 1856  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 67 yrs 7 mos 15 ds. If LESS than 1 day, .... hrs. or .... min.?

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer  
(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 Mathew Smith  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Ky  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Susau Taylor  
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. J. M. Smith  
(Address) New London

15 Filed 6-6-18 1918 J. P. Dourine  
Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH May 28 1918  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that ~~deceased~~ deceased from 191 to 191, that I last saw him alive on 191 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 A.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Self-inflicted gunshot wound.  
107  
(Duration) .... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) .... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.  
(Signed) E. D. Harris, Coroner, Rolly Co. Mo.  
5-29-1918 (Address) New London, Mo.

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in death 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 Salem, Kentucky DATE OF BURIAL May 30 1918

20 UNDERTAKER New London ADDRESS New London, Mo.

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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

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 Township Spencer Primary Registration District No. 5557 Registered No. 25  
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2. FULL NAME James Martin Smith  
 (a) Residence, No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

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

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF \_\_\_\_\_

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hr. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

- (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

10. NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

14. INFORMANT (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

15. FILED 4/1, 1918 REGISTERED W. M. Smith

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, that I last saw him \_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Wound inflicted Gustaf  
suicidal  
 (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) not known  
 (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED  
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, \_\_\_\_\_

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?  
 (Signed) S. D. Harris, M. D., 19\_\_\_\_ (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

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19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death; Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phlebitis, pyemia, septicemia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS  
BY PHYSICIAN.

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