

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Sentry  
Township Boyle  
or  
Village Sentry  
or  
City (NO. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Registration District No. 311 File No. 26180

Primary Registration District No. 3430 Registered No. 15

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

2 FULL NAME Edward Elden Mitchell

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

6 DATE OF BIRTH April 14, 1916  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 2 yrs. 3 mos. 21 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

8 OCCUPATION  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work none  
(b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) none

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Sentry County

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER Edward A Mitchell  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Sentry Co  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Jessie Summa  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Sentry Co

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Wm Mitchell  
(Address) Sentry Mo

15 Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 1918 Registrar \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Aug 10, 1918  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from July, 1918, to Aug 10, 1918, that I last saw ~~him~~ alive on Aug 10, 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10 A.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Flux  
105  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. 25 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed) W. H. Williamson M. D.  
Aug 10, 1918 (Address) Sentry, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL New Friendship DATE OF BURIAL Aug 11, 1918

20 UNDERTAKER R. Shockley ADDRESS Albany Mo

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.]

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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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2. FULL NAME Edward Elden Mitchell  
 (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**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) July 10 1918

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

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.

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work \_\_\_\_\_

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(c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH? \_\_\_\_\_

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_, M. D.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 (Address)

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MANNER AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL. (Show reverse side for additional space.)

PARENTS

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

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

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

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

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

15. FILED Aug 10, 1918 L. N. Williamson REGISTRAR

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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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.