



# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

(Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.)

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"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 neoplasma); *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 "Asthemia," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicemia," "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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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS  
BY PHYSICIAN.

1 PLACE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

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County Jackson399  
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STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Township \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_

Village \_\_\_\_\_

Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_

City K.C. Mo.(No. Mercy Hosp St.; \_\_\_\_\_ Ward)

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

2 FULL NAME Mary Master

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX M4 COLOR OR RACE W5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) S16 DATE OF DEATH Feb 19 1923

(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH X

(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 12 yrs. 4 mos. 4 ds. X

if LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_ min. ?

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:

Acute Hemorrhage Nephritis

8 OCCUPATION

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work School girl

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_

9 BIRTHPLACE

(State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

10 NAME OF FATHER

Contributory Burn Third Degree  
(Secondary) Nothing caught fire from car  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.(Signed) W. H. ... M. D.

\_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_ (Address)

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country)

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country)

\* 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 \_\_\_\_\_

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_

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

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