

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

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**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

County..... Buchanan ..... Registration District No. 1001 ..... File No. ....  
 Township..... ..... Primary Registration District No. .... Registered No. 94 .....  
 City..... St. Joseph, (No. Missouri Methodist Hosp.) ..... Sl. .... (Word)

**2. FULL NAME**

..... Stella May Rookhold .....  
 (a) Residence. No. .... St. .... Ward. Chillicothe, Mo. .....  
 (Usual place of abode) ..... (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. 23 ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Married

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF Herbert K. Rookhold

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Sept. 14, 1891

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. min.  
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**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work ..... At Home. .....  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) .....  
 (c) Name of employer .....

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Excelsior Springs, Mo. (STATE OR COUNTRY)

10. NAME OF FATHER August A. Fyver

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Caldwell Co., Mo. (STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Etta Roath

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Livingston Co., Mo. (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT Herbert K. Rookhold Chillicothe, Mo.

15. FILED 1927 REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan, 24, 1927 19

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Jan 1 ..... 1927, to Jan 24 ..... 1927.  
 that I last saw h. e. alive on Jan 24 ..... 1927, and that death occurred, on the date stated above at 2.00 P.M. m.

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

1218 Route Nephritis  
53 P.M.  
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(duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. 6 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Uremia

(duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. 1 ds.

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

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH. Yes DATE OF Jan 3. 27.

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY. no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS. clinical + laboratory test  
 (Signed) P. Emory M. Fomura, M. D.

1/24, 1927 (Address) King Hill Bldg.

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

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Chillicothe, Missouri DATE OF BURIAL Jan. 26, 19 27

20. UNDERTAKER R. W. Wesshoffer, 1302 Faraon St. ADDRESS

# 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; Broncho-pneumonia* ("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 neoplasm); *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.; *Broncho-pneumonia* (secondary), 10 ds. Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "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.)

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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ALL INFORMATION CALLED  
FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON  
THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

County Rochester Registration District No. 85 File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township St. Joseph Primary Registration District No. 1001 Registered No. 94  
 City St. Joseph (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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 (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 1/27/27 John G. W. REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan. 24, 1927

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

that I last saw him \_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
acute nephritis  
embolic of nature

(duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. 6 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Uremia

(duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. 6 ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED \_\_\_\_\_

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

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? Yes DATE OF 1-3-1927

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

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

(Signed) R. Emory M. Frommer, M. D.  
 , 19\_\_\_\_ (Address) King Hill Bldg., St. Joseph, Mo.

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

ALL NOT RECEIVE A EE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW

**SUPPLEMENTARY**

Subject was operated on for Ovarian Tumor and found to be Sarcoma

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cated by check marks, lacking from the death certificate:

Name: Stella May Rockhold

Who died at: St. Joseph, Mo. on Jan. 24, 1927

Residence: No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_  
(If nonresident, city or town)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred: Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Color or race: \_\_\_\_\_ Single, married, widowed or divorced: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: (a) Trade \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Industry: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Birthplace of father (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace of mother (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

CAUSE OF DEATH: Acute Nephritis

Contributory: Uremia, Jan 3-1927 - operation for Dermoid Tumor Rt. Ovary, Chronic Appendicitis and on January 18-1927 Blood Transfusion for General weakness and Secondary Anemia?

Where was disease contracted? \_\_\_\_\_

Did operation precede death? yes Date of \_\_\_\_\_

Was there an autopsy? \_\_\_\_\_ What test confirmed diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_

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