

**BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Holt
 Township Forest
 City (No. 5316) St. _____ Ward _____

Registration District No. 370
 Primary Registration District No. 4216

File No. 21256
 Registered No. 3

2. FULL NAME

George W. Cotton
 (a) Residence No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. 11 mos. 16 da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. _____ mos. _____ da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3. SEX

male

4. COLOR OR RACE

white

5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word)

widowed

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED

HUSBAND OF
 (or) WIFE OF

Cora E. Cotton

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

Feb 29 - 1844

7. AGE

YEARS

MONTHS

DAYS

If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

87

3

25

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

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

retired farmer 1860s

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

same 1860s

(c) Name of employer

no one

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN)

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

Kentucky

10. NAME OF FATHER

James Cotton

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN)

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

Ky

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

unknown

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN)

(STATE OR COUNTRY)

unknown

14. INFORMANT

(Address)

Mr J. S. Gresh Forest City, Mo

15. FILED

6-25, 1931 F. E. Bulllock REGISTRAR

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

June 24 1931

17.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from June 20 1931, to June 24 1931, that I last saw him alive on June 24 1931, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:10 P.M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Shock following intra-capsular fracture hip (femur) - caused by fall in this bed-room

(duration) yrs. _____ mos. 4 da.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY)

arteriosclerosis

(duration) yrs. 7 mos. _____ da.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF BIRTH, _____

1860s

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE OF _____

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?

(Signed) F. E. Bulllock M. D.

6-25, 1931 (Address) Forest City, Mo

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT 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

DATE OF BURIAL

Forest City, Mo June 26 1931

20. UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS

Lester Pettijohn Oregon, Mo

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

JUL 24 1931

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*; *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 "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, colic, 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.