

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

**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

County Henry Registration District No. 355 File No. 20200  
 Township Davis Primary Registration District No. 5497 Registered No. 4  
 City Ladue (No. ....) St. .... Ward)

**2. FULL NAME**

Wilma 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 2 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 Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) single

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 3-2-1923

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, .... hrs. or .... min.  
11 3 27

**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work None  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) .....  
 (c) Name of employer .....

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) WARSON  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mo.

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER William F. Smith

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Eva Knoles

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

14. INFORMANT William F Smith  
 (Address) Ladue Mo

15. FILED 7-10-34 W E Baggerly  
 REGISTRAR

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 6-29-34

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I saw or attended deceased from June 29 1934 until I last saw him on June 29 1934 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3 PM m.

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

accidental drowning

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) .....

**18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED**

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH? no

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF no

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no - request.

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? no

\*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) accidental

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Englewood DATE OF BURIAL 6-30-34

20. UNDERTAKER Fred McKeenan ADDRESS Benton Mo

# 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 *Nons*.

**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 da.; *Bronchopneumonia* (secondary), 10 da. Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthma," "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.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

WASHINGTON

E. T. McLaugh, M. D.,  
Special Agent,  
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

It is essential that death certificates be complete in every particular in order that proper classification may be made. You are therefore requested to make every effort to obtain the following information, indicated by check marks, lacking from the death certificate.

Name: Wilma Smith  
Who died at \_\_\_\_\_ on June 29 - 1934  
Residence: No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_  
(If nonresident, city or town)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred: Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex F Color or race W Single, ~~married~~, ~~widowed~~ or ~~divorced~~: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age: Years 11 Months 3 Days 27

Occupation: (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. (b) Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.

Date deceased last worked at this occupation: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1933 168

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

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

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

Principal cause of death: Accidental Drowning  
Boating - no boat involved.

Other contributory causes of importance \_\_\_\_\_

Name of operation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_

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

If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:

Accident, suicide, or homicide? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of injury \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Where did injury occur? Savage, Henry Co, Mo  
(Specify city or town, county and State)

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

In nearby lake.

Manner of injury \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_

Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, specify \_\_\_\_\_

Name of physician W. J. Jennings, Coroner Henry Co, Mo

Address of physician Clinton Mo

Signature of Registrar W. E. Baggerly MD

This information is sought for statistical purposes only and in order that the official report may be complete and correct. Please reply promptly using the enclosed official envelope which requires no postage.

Reg. Dist. No. 355 Very truly yours,  
E. T. McLaugh M.D.

Primary Reg. Dist. No. 5499 g. H. C.  
Special Agent.

DATE

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