

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Putnam
 Precinct _____
(Write name, not number)
 or
 Inc. Town _____
 or
 City _____

District No. _____
 Precinct No. _____
 City or Town No. _____
 No. _____ St., _____ Ward

State File No. _____
 Registered No. _____

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.

2. FULL NAME George Walker

(a) Residence: No. 1216 St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX _____ 4. COLOR OR RACE _____ 5. Single, married, widowed or divorced (write the word) _____

5a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of _____

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) _____

7. AGE Years _____ Months _____ Days _____ If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. _____

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. _____

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____

11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____

18. NAME George Walker

14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____

15. MAIDEN NAME _____

16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) _____ (State or country) _____

17. INFORMANT _____ (Address) _____

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place _____ Date _____ 19____

19. UNDERTAKER _____ (Address) _____

20. FILED _____ 19____

Local Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Dec 14, 1937

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 19____, to _____ 19____
 I last saw h. _____ alive on _____ 19____, death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at _____ m.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:

Date of onset

Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:

Name of operation _____ Date of _____
 What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

23. 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? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
 Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Manner of injury _____
 Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? _____

If so, specify _____

(Signed) _____ M.D.

(Address) _____

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. 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. See instructions on back of certificate.

UNITED STATES STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Statement of occupation.—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. Make some entry in this section for every person aged 10 years or over. If the occupation had been given up or changed on account of the disease causing death, report the occupation prior to illness. If the deceased had retired from business, report the occupation prior to retirement. Children not gainfully employed may be returned as *at school* or *at home*. For a woman whose only occupation was that of home housework, write *housework* in answer to Question 8 and *own home* in answer to Question 9. For a person engaged in domestic service for wages, however, designate the occupation by the appropriate terms, as *housekeeper—private family*, *cook—hotel*, etc. For a person who had no occupation whatever write *none*.

To be complete, an occupation return must state:

- 8.—The trade, profession, or particular kind of work done.
- 9.—The industry or business in which the work was done.
- 10.—The month and year the deceased last worked at the occupation.
- 11.—The number of years the deceased followed the occupation.

In stating the occupation, avoid the use of such indefinite terms as "employee," "worker," "operative," etc. Find out the particular kind of work done and return that, as *spinner*, *weaver*, etc.

In stating the industry or business, avoid the use of such general terms as "store," "factory," "mill," etc. State the particular kind of store, factory, mill, etc., as *grocery store*, *soap factory*, *cotton mill*, etc.

Distinguish carefully the different kinds of engineers by stating the full descriptive titles, as *civil engineer*, *mechanical engineer*, *mining engineer*, *stationary engineer*, etc. Avoid the term "laborer" when a more precise statement of the occupation can be secured. Do not use the word "mechanic," but give the exact occupation, as *carpenter*, *painter*, *machinist*, etc. Distinguish carefully between *retail merchants* and *wholesale merchants*. A person who sells goods should be called a *salesman* and not a *clerk*.

Statement of cause of death.—Cause of death means the disease, injury, or complication which causes death, *not* the mode of dying, *e. g.*, heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc. As principal cause name the disease or injury causing death. As related causes, name earlier morbid conditions, if any, related to the principal cause and any important complication of the principal cause. Under contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause, name other important diseases or injuries. Examples:

Example I		Example II	
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:	Date of onset	The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:	Date of onset
<i>Arteriosclerosis</i>	<i>1915</i>	<i>Attack of epilepsy</i>	<i>1 week ago</i>
<i>Chronic interstitial nephritis</i>	<i>1921</i>	<i>Run over by street car</i>	<i>1 week ago</i>
<i>Cerebral hemorrhage</i>	<i>July 5, 1927</i>	<i>Peritonitis</i>	<i>3 days ago</i>
Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:		Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:	
<i>Fracture of arm</i>		<i>Influenza</i>	<i>6 weeks ago</i>
<i>Automobile accident</i>	<i>May 3, 1927</i>		

In a group of causes containing the principal cause and related causes, the causes should be given in the order of onset, so that in a group of three causes the principal cause may appear in either first, second, or third position. The principal cause in each of the above examples happens to be the second cause given.