

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Lin Co  
Township  
or  
Village  
or  
City Brookfield Mo

Registration District No. 496 File No.  
Primary Registration District No. 3025 Registered No. 42

(NO. 307 Branmick St Ward)

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

2 FULL NAME Theodore Stevens Shifflett

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX M 4 COLOR OR RACE W 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single  
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Nov - 25 1907  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 9 yrs. 4 mos. 19 ds. If LESS than 1 day... hrs. or... min.?

8 OCCUPATION  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work 9  
(b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) 12

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Lin Co Mo

10 NAME OF FATHER George W. Shifflett  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Lin Co Mo  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Minnie M Shifflett  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Lin Co Mo

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Minnie M Shifflett  
(Address) Brookfield Mo

15 FILED Apr 14 1917 Vivian Barber Deputy Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Apr 13 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from Apr 8 1917 to Apr 13 1917 that I last saw him alive on Apr 13 1917 and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 7:40 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Measles 1st day of Eruption Apr 4/17 Acute  
Pyor. Alu devel about 4th day of Eruption On the  
9th day of Apr Acute Appendicitis developed On the  
11th Septic Rheumatism and from Apr 12 Acute  
Purpura (Septic) Cause of death Measles  
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Septic Peritonitis and Septic Pneumonia

(Signed) R. N. Bowden M. D.  
Apr 13 1917 (Address) Brookfield Mo

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in death 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.....

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lin Co DATE OF BURIAL Apr 15 1917  
Liberty Cemetery

20 UNDERTAKER R. N. Bowden & Son ADDRESS Brookfield Mo

N. B.—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.

# 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, Compositor, 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 neoplasms); *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*," "*Anaemia*" (merely symptomatic), "*Atrophy*," "*Collapse*," "*Coma*," "*Convulsions*," "*Debility*" ("Congenital," "*Senile*," etc.), "*Dropsy*," "*Exhaustion*," "*Heart failure*," "*Haemorrhage*," "*Inanition*," "*Marasmus*," "*Old age*," "*Shock*," "*Uraemia*," "*Weakness*," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "*PUERPERAL septicæmia*," "*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.)