

JFK Death Certificate

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From (Ship or Station) **The White House, Washington, D.C.** IF UNIDENTIFIED INDICATE BY USING "X" AND CONSECUTIVE NUMBER HERE

1. NAME **President John Fitzgerald Kennedy** 2. SEX  MALE  FEMALE 3. RACE  CAUCASIAN  NEGROID  OTHER (Specify)

4. STATUS **President of the United States** 5. LENGTH OF SERVICE (Years and months) **2 years 11 months** 6. AVIATION  YES  NO

REGULAR ACTIVE  RESERVE ACTIVE  RETIRED  DEPENDENT  WAP  OTHER (Specify)


7. FILE OR SERVICE NO. **NA** 8. RANK/RATE **NA** 9. CORPS **NA** 10. BRANCH OF SERVICE **NA** 11. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State or Country) **Brookline, Massachusetts**

12. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) **May 29, 1917** 13. AGE (Years, months) (Days, if under 1 year) **46 years 6 months** 14. RELIGION **Catholic**

15. COLOR OF EYES **Blue** 16. COLOR OF HAIR **Auburn** 17. COMPLEXION **Ruddy** 18. HEIGHT **72"** 19. WEIGHT **172**

20. MARKS AND SCARS (Noted in health record)  
**4" scar 2nd, 3rd and 4th lumbar spine**  
**4" scar upper left leg, well healed**

21. FINGERPRINT - STATE WHICH FINGER (Right index preferred)



22. NEXT OF KIN OR FRIEND (Relation, name and address)  
**Mrs. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, The White House, Washington, D.C.**

23. ADMITTED TO SICK LIST FROM (If on active duty, last duty station before current admission to sick list)  
**The White House, Washington, D.C.**

24. DATE ADMITTED TO SICK LIST (Month, day, year)  
**November 22, 1963**

25. PLACE OF DEATH  
**Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas**

26. TIME OF DEATH (Month, day, year, hour)  
**November 22, 1963 1:00p.m.**

27. CAUSE OF DEATH

1. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH. (This does not mean the mode of dying, e.g. heart failure, asphyxia, etc. It means the disease, injury or complication which caused death.) (a)  
**Gunshot wound, skull**

2. ANTECEDENT CAUSES. (Morbid conditions, if any giving rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last)

3. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS. (Conditions contributing to death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.)

APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH  
**30 minutes**

28. DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

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61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80

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30. SUMMARY OF FACTS RELATING TO DEATH:

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, while riding in the motorcade in Dallas, Tex on November 22, 1963, and at approximately 12:30 p.m., was struck in the head an assassin's bullet and a second wound occurred in the posterior back at about the level of the third thoracic vertebra. The wound was shattering in type causing a fragmentation of the skull and evulsion of three particles of the skull at time of the impact, with resulting maceration of the right hemisphere of the brain. The President was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital, and was immediately under the care of a team of physicians at the hospital under the direction of a neurosurgeon, Dr. Kemp Clark. I arrived at the hospital approximately five minutes after the President and immediately went to the emergency room. It was evident that the wound was of such severity that it was bound to be fatal. Breathing was noted at the time of arrival at the hospital by several members of the Secret Service. Emergency measures were employed immediately including intravenous fluid and blood. The President was pronounced dead at 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Clark and was verified by me.

Source: H. W. Wenzel's Sub. Index  
Files, W. H. Wenzel  
Burkley autopsy 03  
"Dr. Burkley"

31. DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

To the White House, Washington, D.C.

32.

DATE SIGNED November 23, 1963

SIGNATURE

George Gregory Burkley  
Physician to the President  
RADM (MC)  
(Rank)

33.

APPROVED: COURT OF INQUIRY OR BOARD OF INVESTIGATION

(Will or will not)

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DATE SIGNED

SIGNATURE

(Commanding Officer)

(Rank)

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