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

PLACE OF DEATH

County Jackson

Township _____ or Village _____ or City Kansas city (NO. 1408 June St.; _____ Ward)

Registration District No. 399 11 File No. 19500

Primary Registration District No. 1002 Registered No. 1902

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

FULL NAME Mathew Witherspoon

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX M | COLOR OR RACE Col | SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Single

DATE OF BIRTH May (Month) 10 (Day), 1893 (Year)

AGE 21 yrs. 1 mos. 5 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

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

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Tennessee

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER Unknown Witherspoon
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Tenn
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Not known
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Tenn

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) William Shannon

(ADDRESS) 2410 N. 6th St. Kcks

Filed JUN 22 1914, 191__ W. S. Wheeler REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH June (Month) 16 (Day), 1914 (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from June 12, 1914, to June 14, 1914, that I last saw him alive on June 14, 1914, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1 A. m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Dyphtheria 09

10 (Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.

Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) ___ yrs. ___ mos. ___ ds.

(Signed) T. C. Nuthand M. D.

June 19, 1914 (Address) 921 Independence

*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.

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 _____

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Maple Hill | DATE OF BURIAL June 22, 1914

UNDERTAKER Watkins Bros. | ADDRESS 1729 Sydia Ave

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PERSONAL 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, peritonaeum*, 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 *septichaemia*," "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.).