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PLACE OF DEATH

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

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

County Linn Registration District No. 002 File No. _____
 Township _____ Primary Registration District No. 4305 Registered No. 10
 or _____
 Village _____
 or _____
 City Marceline St.: _____ Ward) [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number]
 FULL NAME Gene Sears

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX F COLOR OR RACE W SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word)
 DATE OF BIRTH _____, 19____ (Month) (Day) (Year)
 AGE _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work _____
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) _____
 NAME OF FATHER _____
 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) _____
 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____
 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) _____
 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) _____
 (ADDRESS) _____
 Filed _____ 191____ REGISTRAR _____

DATE OF DEATH 3/29, 1915 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from _____, 19____, that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 19____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Ruptured Stomach
Gonorrheal Stricture
Death from shock, possibly due to hemorrhage
 (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
 Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
 (Signed) N. W. B. Batur M. D. 3/29 1915 (Address) Marceline Mo
 *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 _____ DATE OF BURIAL _____ 191____
 UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

SUPPLEMENTARY Satisfactory Information Supplied

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CAUTION: This certificate should be properly classified. See EXACTLY, PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE.

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