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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Grundy

Township Freemont Mo

Village Freemont Mo

City Freemont Mo

Registration District No. 330

File No. 5542

Primary Registration District No. 3017

Registered No. 27

(NO. 603 E. 8th Court) (Ward)

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

2 FULL NAME Francis Biggerstaff

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Infant  
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Dec 4 1916  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 24 If LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min.?

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

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

PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER B. C. Biggerstaff  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Journey Mo  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Cora Collier  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Freemont Mo

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Mrs. Cora B. Biggerstaff  
(Address) Freemont Mo

15 Filed Mar 1917 F. A. Duffy  
Registrar

1 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Feb 27 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Feb 27 1917, to Feb 27 1917, that I last saw him alive on Feb 27 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 345 P.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: Marasmus

(Duration) 3 yrs. — mos. — da.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) — yrs. — mos. — da.  
(Signed) D. R. Root M. D.  
2/28 1917 (Address) Freemont Mo

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths 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 at place of death?  
Former or usual residence —

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Masonic Cem DATE OF BURIAL Feb 28 1917

20 UNDERTAKER R. A. Newby ADDRESS Freemont Mo

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health  
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**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 septicaemia," "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.)

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or  
Village Wenton  
or  
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(Write the word)

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9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

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15 Filed Apr 10 1917 E. A. Duffy Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Feb 27 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_, that I last saw him alive on \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: suicide  
I saw this babe one time  
at 12 noon  
only - (12 noon 2/27). I have given all  
the information I have since it was  
dying when I saw it.

CONTRIBUTORY Don't know  
(Secondary) (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

(Signed) O. R. Reedy M. D.  
2-28-17, (Address) Trenton, Mo.

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Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_  
Former or usual residence \_\_\_\_\_

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_

20 UNDERTAKER \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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