

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Ralls  
Township Jasper  
Village \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

912  
453  
Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_ File No. 6126-13  
Primary Registration District No. 5960R Registered No. 8

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

2 FULL NAME Eddie Glenn Farnsworth

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX male 4 COLOR OR RACE w 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Single  
6 DATE OF BIRTH Aug 26 1898 (Month) (Day) (Year)  
7 AGE 22 yrs. 6 mos. 18 ds. If LESS than 1 day... hrs. or... min.?  
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farming  
(b) General nature of industry business or establishment in which employed (or employer)

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

PARENTS  
10 NAME OF FATHER Ernest Farnsworth  
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Mo  
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Bordie Turner  
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Mo

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) E. Farnsworth  
(Address) Wardville Mo

15 Filed June 1 1918 Registrar W. H. Hall

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Feb 14 1918 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Feb 8th, 1918, to Feb 13, 1918, that I last saw him alive on Feb 13, 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3.4 m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Spinal Meningitis  
79A  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. 7 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
(Signed) J. O. Russell M. D.  
7/13, 1918 (Address) Wardville Mo

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, date (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 Wardville DATE OF BURIAL 2 15 1918

20 UNDERTAKER W. H. Hall ADDRESS Wardville Mo

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**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

County Ralls Registration District No. 912 File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township Jasper Primary Registration District No. 560-13 Registered No. 8  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

Eddie Glenn Farnsworth  
 (a) Residence No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

3. SEX M 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED S  
 (write the word)

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Feb - 14 1918

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Feb 8th to Feb 13, 1918,  
 that I last saw him alive on Feb 13, 1918, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 2:00 p.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Acute Meningitis  
 (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. 6 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED  
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, \_\_\_\_\_

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS

(Signed) J. D. Driff, M. D.

, 19 (Address) Vandoria

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) the NATURE and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. Use reverse side for additional space.

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF \_\_\_\_\_

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hr. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

10. NAME OF FATHER Edgar Farnsworth

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Harriet mo

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

14. INFORMANT (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

15. FILED \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRAR \_\_\_\_\_

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL

Hays Ave Mo 2/14 1918

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

W. S. Waters Vandoria Mo

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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NOTE.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth/convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phlebitis, pyemia, septicemia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS  
BY PHYSICIAN.