

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County St. Louis
Township Central Registration District No. 786 File No. 18143
Village Maplewood Primary Registration District No. 4467 Registered No. 218
City Maplewood (NO. 7350 Maple St.: _____ Ward) _____

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

2 FULL NAME Anna M. Gaston

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

16 DATE OF DEATH May 15, 1918
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Sept 6, 1857
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I held an inquest attended deceased from _____, 191____, to _____, 191____,

7 AGE 60 yrs. 8 mos. 9 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. or ____ min.?

that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 191____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at Not known.

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
suicide by hanging
165
84
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9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Sparta Ill

(Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
CONTRIBUTORY melancholia (Secondary),
(Duration) about 3 yrs yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

10 NAME OF FATHER Robert Brown

8 (Signed) R. B. Denny coroner
May 17 1918 (Address) 1014 Cedar Mo

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) unknown

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Margaret Muir

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State, or foreign country) Scotland

*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)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Margaret B. Wood
(Address) 7350 Maplewood

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 _____

15 Filed May 17 1918 H. G. M. Clark
Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Sparta Ill DATE OF BURIAL May 17, 1918

20 UNDERTAKER Parson Linder ADDRESS Maplewood

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

STATE OF MISSOURI, WITH CHANGING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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, peritoneum*, 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.)