

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Barton  
 Township Lamar  
 or  
 Village  
 or  
 City Lamar (NO. 1 St. 1 Ward)

Registration District No. 5008 File No. 35190  
 Primary Registration District No. 40 Registered No. 54

2 FULL NAME Thomas Anderson Kendrick Means (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Married  
 (Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH 6 28 1939  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 60 yrs. 5 mos. 22 ds. If LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min.?

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

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

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER Meheemiah Means

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

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Holmes

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

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Dec 20, 1919  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 1919 to 1919, that I last saw him alive on 1919, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Came to his death by cutting his own throat with razor  
16 1/2 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
 (Signed) John W. Lamm M.D. (Address) Lamar Mo  
Dec 20, 1919

\*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 if not at place of death?  
 Former or usual residence.....

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lake Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Dec 21, 1919

20 UNDERTAKER W. H. Humphrey ADDRESS Lamar Mo

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
 (Informant) B. T. Means  
 (Address) Lamar Mo

15 Filed Dec - 20, 1919 W. H. Humphrey Registrar

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# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health  
Association.]

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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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 Township Lamar Primary Registration District No. 5658 Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

Thomas Anderson Hendricks Means

(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. da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec. 20 1919

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

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, that I last saw him \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_.

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) June 26-1859

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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

Yes suicide

**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

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

**CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY)**

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

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) \_\_\_\_\_, M. D.

, 19 (Address)

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10. NAME OF FATHER

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

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

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

19

20. UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS

14. INFORMANT (Address)

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

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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 gives any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, crypticlas, 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.