

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Benton  
Township White  
or  
Village Lincoln  
or  
City (NO. St. Ward)

Registration District No. 60 File No. 35228  
Primary Registration District No. 4035 Registered No. 522

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

2 FULL NAME Anna Gurken

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

6 DATE OF BIRTH May 9, 1854  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 65 yrs. 7 mos. 2 ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

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

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

PARENTS 10 NAME OF FATHER John Meuschke 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Germany 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Agusta Wolf 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Germany

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) J. H. Sauer (Address) Lincoln

15 Filed Dec 3, 1919 E. L. Rhodes Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Oct 20, 1919 to Dec 16, 1919 that I last saw her alive on Dec 14, 1919 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10:45 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Wet Kidney  
W.A.  
(Duration) 0 yrs. 11 mos. 10 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) 0 yrs. 11 mos. 10 ds. (Signed) H. W. Stratton M. D. Dec 17, 1919 (Address) Lincoln

\*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 0 yrs. 11 mos. 10 ds. In the State 0 yrs. 11 mos. 10 ds. Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? Former or usual residence

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Greenwood DATE OF BURIAL Dec 18, 1919

20 UNDERTAKER J. B. Colbert ADDRESS Lincoln, Mo.

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

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

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**2. FULL NAME**

Anna Gurken

(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. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec. 16 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 \_\_\_\_\_ live on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_)

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) May 9 - 1854

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work \_\_\_\_\_  
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 (c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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) \_\_\_\_\_

10. NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. INFORMANT (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

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

15. FILED Jan 3, 1920 E. L. Rhoads REGISTRAR

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

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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

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, 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.