

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

1704

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Pemissco Registration District No. 653 File No. _____
 Township _____ Primary Registration District No. 4320 Registered No. 1
 City Hayti Mo (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

Polen Davis
 (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

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE Negro 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) married

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Not known

7. AGE 38 YEARS MONTHS _____ DAYS _____ If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

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

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mississippi

10. NAME OF FATHER Dan Davis

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) Virginia

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ella Palmer

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mississippi

14. INFORMANT Ella Davis (Address) 4609 Pine St St Louis Mo

15. FILED Jan 6, 1921 J. W. Johnson REGISTRAR

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan, 6 1921

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Dec 17 1920, to Jan 6 1921 that I last saw him... alive on Jan 5 1921, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:30 a.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Acute nephritis & septicemia

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) gunshot wound Dec 17, 1920 in back penetrating lower lung & sigmoid flex of colon

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____ IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH? _____

19. DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF _____ WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS clinical (Signed) J. A. Elders, M. D. 1/6, 19 (Address) Hayti Mo.

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

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Netherlands DATE OF BURIAL Jan 6 1921

20. UNDERTAKER Geo W Davis ADDRESS Hayti

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, 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," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "~~PUERPERAL~~ *septicemia*," "~~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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 City (Name) St. Ward)

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Bolem Lewis

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PARENTS

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12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

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

14.

INFORMANT (Address)

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CONTRIBUTORS Gun shot wound (SECONDARY) Homicidal

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