

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

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Buchanan

Registration District No. 85

File No. 14209

Township

Primary Registration District No. 1001

Registered No. 507

City St. Joseph

(Name) Ensworth Hospital

St. Ward

2. FULL NAME Mabel C. Houston,

(a) Residence No. 2410 Francis, St. Ward.

(Usual place of abode)

(If nonresident give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 1 yrs. 6 mos. 0 ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White, 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Married,

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Aug. 17th. 1899.

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
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8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife.

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Salina,
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Kansas,

10. NAME OF FATHER F. E. Trower,

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Holton,
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Kansas,

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Hageman,

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

14. INFORMANT Marion J. Houston
(Address) 2410 Francis Street,

15. FILED JUN 4 - 1921 George M. Boteler REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) June 4th. 1921

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from May 24, 1921, to June 3, 1921 that I last examined alive on June 1, 1921, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:30 a.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Acute Nephritis
following childbirth

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Peritonitis

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH?

8 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? DATE OF

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? yes

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? right chest X-rays
(Signed) Chas. H. ..., M. D.

June 4, 1921 (Address) 210 N 7th

*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 Sterling, Kansas, DATE OF BURIAL June 6 - 1921

20. UNDERTAKER Houston-Bryole Und. Co. ADDRESS 224 So. 5th. St.

by J. W. Garber

WRITE PLAINLY WITH CARE. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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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

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 County Buchanan Registration District No. 85 File No. 14
 Township St. Joseph Primary Registration District No. 1001 Registered No. 569
 City St. Joseph No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Mable C. Houston
 (a) Residence No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____ (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.

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14. INFORMANT (Address) _____

15. FILED _____, 19 _____ REGISTRAR _____

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Puerperal
 (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ 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? _____
 X (Signed) Chas Geiger, M. D. _____, 19 _____ (Address)

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ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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