

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

July

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County Andrew Registration District No. 26 File No. _____
 Township _____ Primary Registration District No. 3042 Registered No. 54
 City Mexico (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Mrs. Susan Laws
 (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 8 yrs. — mos. — 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 Thomas A. Laws

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan. 18 - 1852

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
71 8 4

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work House wife
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 (c) Name of employer _____

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

10. NAME OF FATHER James Helms

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER unknown

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

14. INFORMANT Thos A Laws
 (Address) Mexico Mo

15. FILED Apr 23 1923 Theresa Dearing
 REGISTRAR

2- MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Apr. 22 1923

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Apr. 1, 1923, to Apr. 22, 1923 that I last saw h. live on Apr. 22, 1923, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 9/30 A. M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Endocarditis
Rheumatic (duration) 5 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? no DATE OF _____
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no
 WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Chemical
 (Signed) Thomas J. Kelly M. D.
Apr 23, 1923 (Address) Mexico 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 DATE OF BURIAL
Mexico Mo Apr 23 1923

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS
McKesters Bros Mexico Mo

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.

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, peritonium*, etc., *Carcinoma, Sarcoma*, etc., of..... (name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasma); *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.)

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 give 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.

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Audrain ²⁶

Township _____

Village _____

City Mexico (No. _____ St.; _____ Ward)DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State of _____

Registered No. _____

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

2 FULL NAME Mrs Susan Lewis

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE W 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) M6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 18, 1852
(Month) (Day) (Year)7 AGE 71 yrs. 3 mos. 4 ds. If LESS than 1 day, --- hrs. or --- min. ?8 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country)

10 NAME OF FATHER

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country)

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

(Informant) _____

(Address) _____

15 Filed July 6, 1923 Nella Lewis
REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH April 22, 1923
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from _____, 191____, to _____, 191____,

that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 191____,

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Endocarditis (Chronic)90 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

Contributory (SECONDARY)

2 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.(Signed) Frank J. Galloway, M.D.6/20, 1923 (Address) Mexico Mo

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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

DATE OF BURIAL _____, 191____

20 UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS _____

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