

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Huchanan
Township.....
City St. Joseph (No.)

Registration District No. 85
Primary Registration District No. 001
St. Joseph's Hospital

File No. 204
Registered No. 29
St. Ward)

2. FULL NAME Guy T. Alexander

(a) Residence. No. St. Ward. Whitesville, Mo
(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

3. SEX Male 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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Oct. 22, 1876.

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
47 2 10

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer

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

(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) San Marcos
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Texas

10. NAME OF FATHER O. C. Alexander

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unknown

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

14. INFORMANT Mrs. Guy T. Alexander
(Address) Whitesville, Mo.

15. FILED JAN 9 1924 Ezra Harrison REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) January 9th 1924

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Jan 5, 1924, to Jan 9, 1924 that I last saw him alive on Jan 9, 1924, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3:00 A. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

General Septicemia
from infected wound
of leg (duration) yrs. mos. da. 19 da.
CONTRIBUTORY Septic wound of hand
(SECONDARY) Septic cellulitis (duration) yrs. mos. da.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: Whitesville Mo

2 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? Yes DATE OF Jan 7-24

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?

(Signed) W. J. Schmidt, M. D.
Jan 9, 1924 (Address) St Joseph Mo

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19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL
Whitesville, Mo

DATE OF BURIAL
January 10, 24

20. UNDERTAKER

Pleasant-McNeill

ADDRESS
1708 Francis

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(Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.)

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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
BY PHYSICIAN.

W. F. SCHMID, M. D.
EIGHTH AND FRANCIS STS., SCHMID BUILDING
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

March 10, 1924

Board of Health,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I am unable to give you the information you wish. You might write Dr. Myers, Savannah, Mo., who attended him. All the history I could get from him in his condition was that he had infection resulting from a scratch or puncture in his hand. I am sorry I cannot give you this information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. F. Schmid". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours truly,".

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County Buchanan Registration District No. 85 File No. _____
 Township _____ Primary Registration District No. 1001 Registered No. 29
 City St. Joseph (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

(a) Residence No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode) _____ (If nonresident give city or town and State) Whitesville Mo

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

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Oct 22 - 1876

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| 7. AGE | YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS | IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min. |
|--------|-------|--------|------|--|

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 (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

PARENTS

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) _____

14. INFORMANT _____
 (Address) _____

15. FILED 3/11/20 Equ Harrison
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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 listed above, at _____ m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS

General septicemia from inflicted wound of hand
punctured wound of hand
 CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) septic cellulitis
 (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, _____
 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH, _____ DATE OF _____
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20. UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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