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

JAN 25 1927

PLACE OF DEATH

County Merced  
Township Ravenna  
or  
Village \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
City \_\_\_\_\_ (NO. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_)

Registration District No. 556 File No. 225  
Primary Registration District No. 5754 Registered No. 20

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

FULL NAME John L. Shepherd

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX male COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single  
(If write the word)  
DATE OF BIRTH June 21, 1852  
(Month) (Day) (Year)  
AGE 72 yrs. 1 mos. 8 ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_ min.?

DATE OF DEATH July 29, 1924  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from May 3, 1923, to July 29, 1924  
that I last saw him alive on July 28, 1924  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3A m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Cardiac Dropsy  
Valvular Heart Disease  
Mitral Valve

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

BIRTHPLACE  
(City or town, State or foreign country) Green Castle, Indiana

PARENTS  
NAME OF FATHER Joe Shepard  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Town not known Kentucky  
(City or town, State or foreign country)  
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Bettie's Shepard  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Town not known Kentucky  
(City or town, State or foreign country)

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Albert Shepard  
(ADDRESS) Lucerne, Mo.

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(Duration) 7 yrs. 2 mos. ds.  
Contributory Valvular Heart lesion  
(Secondary)  
(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.  
(Name) W. M. Smith M. D.  
July 29, 1924 (Address) Kovonia Mo

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.  
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 Wayne Co Iowa

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Clas. Iowa DATE OF BURIAL July 30, 1924  
UNDERTAKER W. Moore ADDRESS Merced, Mo

CAUTION: INFORMATION RELATIVE TO DEATH IN PLAIN TO BE FULLY SUPPLIED. AGE SHOULD BE STATED EXACTLY. OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT.

**Statement of occupation.**—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be sufficient, e. g., *Farmer* or *Planter*, *Physician*, *Composer*, *Architect*, *Locomotive engineer*, *Civil engineer*, *Stationary fireman*, etc. But in many cases especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement; it should be used only when needed. As examples: (a) *Spinner*, (b) *Cotton mill*; (a) *Salesman*, (b) *Grocery*; (a) *Foreman*, (b) *Automobile factory*. The material worked on may form part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as *Day laborer*, *Farm laborer*, *Laborer—Coal mine*, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid *Housekeepers* who receive a definite salary), may be entered as *Housewife*, *Housework*, or *At home*, and children, not gainfully employed, as *At school* or *At home*. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as *Servant*, *Cook*, *Housemaid*, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given up on account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business, that fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired, 6 yrs.)*. For persons who have no occupation whatever, write *None*.

**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," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicaemia," "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.)