

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

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**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

County Buchanan Registration District No. 85  
Township Washington Primary Registration District No. 20001  
City St. Joseph (No. 2726 South 20 th Str)

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered No. 975  
St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME** Lorenzo DeFord

(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 25 yrs. mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan 26 th 19 25

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

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Jan 15 1925, to Jan 26 1925, that I last saw him alive on Jan 25, 1925, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:15 P. m.

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov 14 th 1843

**THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.  
71 2 12

Paralysis agitans  
(duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Common Labor  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Cerebral Hemorrhage  
(duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. mos. 13 ds.

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Not Known  
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Indiana

**18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED**

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, \_\_\_\_\_

10. NAME OF FATHER Robert DeFord

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? No DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No

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

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Chin

(Signed) M. D. Gray M. D.

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sarah Blackburn

1/27, 1925 (Address) 724 1/2 Elmwood at St Joe mo

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

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14. INFORMANT Mrs. Elizabeth DeFord  
(Address) St Joseph Mo.

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Ashland Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Jan 28 19 25

15. FILED 1/27 25 Egan Harrison REGISTRAR

20. UNDERTAKER W. Meierhoffen ADDRESS I302 Faraon Str

By J. Amoler

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified.

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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS  
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ALL INFORMATION CALLED  
FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON  
THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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County..... Registration District No. 85 File No. 248  
 Township..... Primary Registration District No. 1001 Registered No. 98  
 City St. Joseph (No. ....) St. .... Ward)

**2. FULL NAME**

Lorenza De Ford

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

M | W | m

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov 14, 1845

7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	IF LESS than 1 day, <u>hrs.</u> or <u>mins.</u>
<u>X</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>	

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**9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN)**

(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 1/30, 1926 Ezra J. Morrison REGISTRAR

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