

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

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**1. PLACE OF DEATH**  
 County St. Louis Registration District No. 288 File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Registration District No. 447 Registered No. 33  
 City Webster Groves (No. 46 Marshall Place) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME** Sophia Albert Lewis

(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 39 yrs. mos. da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

**3. SEX** Female

**4. COLOR OR RACE** White

**5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED** Widow

**5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF** Sylvester C Lewis

**6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR)** Mar 25 1845

**7. AGE**

YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
80	no	20	—

**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work At Home

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

(c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

**16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR)** April 14 1925

**17.** I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from March 5 1925, to April 14 1925, that I last saw h. or alive on April 13 1925, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6:15 a. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
Hepatitis Chronic Interstitial

**CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY)** Tuberc. - Right Intestine  
fracture (duration) yrs. 1 mos. 20

**18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED** Webster Groves  
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH 46 Marshall Place  
 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? Yes DATE OF Sept 7/25

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signed) John Hemminger, M. D.  
 (Address) W. 1st St. & Pine

\*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** Oak Hill DATE OF BURIAL April 15 1925

**20. UNDERTAKER** Parker Undert Co Webster Groves  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN)** Belmont Plantation  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Columbia Miss

**10. NAME OF FATHER** Wm Walker Neilson

**11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Ireland

**12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER** Sousia Albert

**13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN)** Philadelphia  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Penn

**14. INFORMANT** J. C. Lewis  
 (Address) 46 Marshall Place Webster Groves

**15. FILED** 4/15 1925 REGISTRAR R. L. Wilson

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 City Webster Groves (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

Sophia Aled Lewis

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

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

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THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

chronic nephritis  
caused from fall in her room  
 (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) fracture of femur  
 (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? \_\_\_\_\_

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(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_, M. D.  
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**ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.**

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

**SUPPLEMENTARY**

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