

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County New Madrid
Township Come
City (No.)

Registration District No. U 03
Primary Registration District No. 5-804

File No. 15697
Registered No.
St. Ward)

2. FULL NAME

Barton Luther Laster

(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

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) May 14 19 25

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from May 14 19 25 to May 14 19 25 that I last saw him in dist on May 14 19 25, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1105 P. m.

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) April 7 - 1881

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
43 1 7

Carbolic acid Poisoning administered by his own hand 163-0

9. 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)

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) ✓
(duration) 0 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Bollinger Co Mo.
(STATE OR COUNTRY)

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED
IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: ✓

10. NAME OF FATHER Monroe Laster

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF ✓

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

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mandy Lacy

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? examine at Inquest

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

(Signed) J. B. Pearce, M.D.
, 19 (Address) acting coroner
Parma Mo

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14. INFORMANT Flora Laster - Wife
(Address) Malden Mo.

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Malden Mo. DATE OF BURIAL 5/17 19 25

15. FILED 5/15 19 25 W. C. Bleckman REGISTRAR

20. UNDERTAKER W. L. Craig ADDRESS Malden

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of

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

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. FILE NO. June 25 1925 R. A. Blackwell
 REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from _____ 19____ to _____ 19____ that I last saw him _____ alive on _____ 19____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Carbolic acid poisoning administered by his own hand
suicide

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____
 (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____
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DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE OF _____

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? _____

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? _____

(Signed) _____, M. D.
 , 19 (Address) _____

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20. UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

SUPPLEMENTARY

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ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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