

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

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**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

County Jackson  
Township 1st  
City Keosauqua

Registration District No. 399  
Primary Registration District No. 1002

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered No. 2030  
St. \_\_\_\_\_ Word \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

(a) Residence No. George Thomas Gurnea 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 M. 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) widowed

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 9-20-1865

7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
<u>61</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	

**8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**

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

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE OR COUNTRY) Missouri

10. NAME OF FATHER Thos. Gurnea

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ann Hall

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

14. INFORMANT (Address) Mrs. Frank Holdrege  
Keosauqua, Mo.

15. FILED 7/31/25 M.M. Crowley Registrar

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 7-30-1925

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:4 P.M.

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

Acute Peritonitis  
12:01 A  
12:00 P  
12:09 (duration) yrs. mos. ds.  
CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Ruptured Spleen  
Bladder (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? Yes  
WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Autopsy  
(Signed) Chas. B. Johnson, M. D.  
7-30-1925 (Address) Keosauqua

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in death 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 Cremation DATE OF BURIAL 7-31 1925

20. UNDERTAKER Mrs. C.L. Ford ADDRESS City

Supplied. This should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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**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 neoplasm); *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," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Dobility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicemia," "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.)

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City Kansas City (No. ....) St. .... Ward)

2. FULL NAME

George Thomas Gumm

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

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THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

acute Peritonitis  
Cholecystitis  
Ruptured Gall bladder

(duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(duration) yrs. mos. ds.

18. DISEASE CONTRACTED

19. PLACE OF DEATH

20. PRECEDE DEATH

21. AUTOPSY

22. FIRMED DIAGNOSIS

(Address)

23. DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state

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20. UNDERTAKER

DATE OF BURIAL

ADDRESS

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

REGISTRY: Every item of information should be carefully classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. AGE, SEX, and CAUSE OF DEATH should be classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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

PARENTS

Please state cause of ruptured gall-bladder. Was it gall stones? NO Just rupture. Nelson Please don't tear off

1925

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