

JUL 29 1926

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

20390

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Repley Registration District No. 700 File No. 7
Township Shirley Primary Registration District No. 5846 Registered No. 742
City _____ No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Earnest J. VanPatten

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX male 4. COLOR OR RACE white 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) single
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF _____
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) aug 14, 1860
7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
76 10 _____
8. 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) _____
(c) Name of employer _____

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Cubing
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Canada

10. NAME OF FATHER William A. VanPatten
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Canada
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ellis
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Cubing, Canada

14. INFORMANT Hattie J. VanPatten
(Address) 5535 Ellis Ave

15. FILED 7/20 1926 Chicago, Ill.
W.B. Johnston REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) June 10th 1926

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Murder by same
unknown person as
person

17 (duration) yrs. mos. da.

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

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED
IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, _____

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE OF _____
WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? _____

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?
(Signed) N.B. Maddell, M. D.
6/24, 1926 (Address) any hospital

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or if 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 Oak Ridge Cem DATE OF BURIAL 6-26-26

20. UNDERTAKER P.F. Brascher ADDRESS Parish

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

Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

(Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.)

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 neoplasma); *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," "Debility" ("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.)

NOTE.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phlebitis, pyemia, septicemia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
BY PHYSICIAN.

1/6/27.

State board of Health
Jefferson City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I am returning the 2 certificates of the Van Pattens, who were found dead, and practically destroyed in June 1926.

As reported previously these 2 old men lived alone, in a very extremely isolated place in the west part of Ripley county, and seldom mixed or mingled with any one, and when they were found dead, one of them was almost totally destroyed, and the other was in a very bad state of putrefaction, and while the coroners jury returned a verdict of their having been murdered, this verdict was merely the opinion of the jury, with absolutely no evidence of violence, that could be ascertained.

Trusting this will be satisfactory for your records, I am

Yours very truly

E. B. Johnston
LR

Name: Earnest J. Van Patten
Who died at: Ripley Co on June 10, 1926,
Residence: No. _____ St. _____
(If nonresident, city or town)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred: Years _____ Months _____ Days _____

Sex: _____ Color or race: _____ Single, married, widowed or divorced: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: Years _____ Months _____ Days _____

Occupation: (a) Trade _____ (b) Industry: _____

Birthplace (State or country) _____

Birthplace of father (State or country) _____

Birthplace of mother (State or country) _____

CAUSE OF DEATH: Murder by some unknown person or persons

Contributory: This jury verdict was only an opinion with nothing tangible to substantiate it.

Where was disease contracted? 205 B

Did operation precede death? No Date of _____

Was there an autopsy? No What test confirmed diagnosis? _____

Name of physician: None

Address of physician: None