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

PLACE OF DEATH
County New Madrid
Township Big Prairie
or
Village Matthews
or
City _____ (NO. _____ St.: _____ Ward _____)

Registration District No. 345 File No. 86776
Primary Registration District No. 5850 Registered No. 21

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

FULL NAME Wandeling Couch

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX Boy COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Infant
(Write the word)
DATE OF BIRTH Oct 31st, 1912
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 1 yrs. 6 mos. 9 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ___ hrs. or ___ min.?

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Infant
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Infant

BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Sikeston Mo

PARENTS
NAME OF FATHER Robert Couch
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Ky
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Stella Robertson
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Ark

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Robert Couch
(ADDRESS) Matthews Mo

Filed May 5 1914. J. M. Miller REGISTRAR
S. C. Winchester

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH May 7, 1914
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from _____, 191____ to _____, 191____, that I last saw h_____ alive on _____, 191____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Strangulation w/
To Swallowin
Coal Oil 1657
179X (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
Contributory _____ (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

(Signed) J. F. Waters M. D.
May 8th 1914 (Address) Matthews Mo

*State (1) the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)
At place of death 1 yrs. 6 mos. 9 ds. In the State 1 yrs. 6 mos. 9 ds.
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? Place of death
Former or usual residence Place of death

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Sikeston Mo DATE OF BURIAL 5/8 1914

UNDERTAKER C. S. Harrell ADDRESS Sikeston Mo

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Association]

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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, peritonaeum*, etc., *Carcinoma*, *Sarcoma*, etc. of (name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms); *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," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicaemia," "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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PLACE OF DEATH New Mad.
 County Big Prairie Registration District No. 345 File No. _____
 Township _____ or Village _____ Primary Registration District No. 5800 Registered No. 91
 City _____ (NO. _____) St.: _____ Ward _____
 FULL NAME Handolin Pouch [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number]

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX B COLOR OR RACE W SINGLE 1 MARRIED 1 WIDOWED 1 OR DIVORCED 1
 DATE OF BIRTH _____ (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year)
 AGE _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. If LESS than _____ day, _____ hrs _____ min.
 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work _____
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) _____
 PARENTS: NAME OF FATHER _____ BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) _____ MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____ BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) _____

DATE OF DEATH 5 / 7 / 1914
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from _____, 191____, to _____, 191____, that I last saw h _____, 191____, and that death occurred, on the date stated above at _____ m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Strangulation due to swallowing Coal Oil.
(Accidental)
 (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
 Contributory (Secondary) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
 (Signature) J. Y. Waters 5/8/14 (Address) Matheus St.

Satisfactory Information Supplied.
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 (Informant) _____
 (ADDRESS) _____
 Filed 7-7 1914 J. C. Winters
 REGISTRAR

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 At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____
 Former or usual residence _____
 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL _____ DATE OF BURIAL _____ 191____
 UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____
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