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

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1 PLACE OF DEATH

Atchison
Missouri

Registration District No. 19

File No.

Primary Registration District No. 5025

Registered No.

(NO. St. Ward)

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of No. and number.]

FULL NAME Laveta May Gerdes

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

4 COLOR OR RACE White
5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OF DIVORCED (Write the word) Single

16 DATE OF DEATH December 29, 1920
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH April 21, 1918
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Dec 22, 1920 to Dec 29, 1920, that I last saw her alive on Dec 29, 1920 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6:30 p.m.

7 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. 8 or min.?
2 yrs. 8 mos. 8 ds.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Scarlet Fever and Paralysis of Bowels
17 1/2 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

8 OCCUPATION, profession, or kind of work at Home
9 Nature of industry or establishment in which employed (or employer)

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) 8
(Signed) O. M. Chamberlain M. D.
12 - 29, 1920 (Address) Rock Port, Mo

10 PLACE OF BIRTH Atchison Co Mo

11 NAME OF FATHER Geo Gerdes

12 PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER Atchison Mo

13 NAME OF MOTHER Bonnie Lynn Davis

14 PLACE OF BIRTH OF MOTHER Whiteville Mo

*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.
18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)
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.

15 TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
Geo Gerdes
Langdon Mo

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Hunter Cemetery
20 UNDERTAKER W. Helmer
1917 Mary J. Chamberlain Registrar

DATE OF BURIAL Dec 31, 1920
ADDRESS

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*, *Compositor*, *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*; *Broncho-pneumonia* ("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.)