

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

2796

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County..... Registration District No. 791
 Township..... Primary Registration District No. 1003
 City St. Louis (No. 5814 Garfield Ave) Registered No. 462
 St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME Lawrence Sidney Godson

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male
 4. COLOR OR RACE White
 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) married
 5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF Freda Godson
 6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 17 1891
 7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
35 11 21
 8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Fireman
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 (c) Name of employer Chevrolet Auto

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

10. NAME OF FATHER J. B. Godson
 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Stematis Mo.
 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ellen Stroupe
 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Stematis Mo.

14. INFORMANT Freda Godson
 (Address) 5814 Garfield Ave

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan. 13, 1926
 17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Oct. 7, 1925, to Jan. 13, 1926, that I last saw him alive on Jan. 13, 1926, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:30 A.M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Arterio Sclerosis, De-compensated,
90A
 (duration) yrs. 2 mos. 6 da.
 CONTRIBUTORY General Anæmia
 (SECONDARY) (duration) yrs. 1 mo. da.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, Place of death

19. DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? No. DATE OF _____
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No.

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Clinical & Laboratory
 (Signed) Luke B. Thurston, M. D.
1-13-1926 (Address) 3718 Jennings St.

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths 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 Valhalla
 DATE OF BURIAL Jan 16 1926

20. UNDERTAKER Thos. H. Biderwieser
 ADDRESS 1930 N. Louisiana

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RECORD

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

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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON
THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Registration District No. 791 File No.
 Township Primary Registration District No. Registered No. 402
 City ST. LOUIS (No.) St. Ward

2. FULL NAME

Lawrence Sidney Dodson
 (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

3. SEX M 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (circle the word) M

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec. 17 - 1891

7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
<u>1</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26</u>	

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

(c) Name of employer

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

PARENTS

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)

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CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) (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?.....

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?.....

(Signed)....., M. D.
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WITH UNFADING INK--THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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