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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Phelps
Township Rolla
City Rolla (No. _____)

Registration District No. 677
Primary Registration District No. 4403

File No. _____
Registered No. 32
St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

(a) Residence, No. Salem, Mo. St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ yrs. mos. 4 ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. mos. _____ ds. (If nonresident, give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX F 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) married

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR)

7. AGE YEARS 43 MONTHS _____ DAYS _____ If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)

11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation

12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mo

13. NAME Estella Northcutt

14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mo

15. MAIDEN NAME Estella Kinder

16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Mo

17. INFORMANT (ADDRESS) Curtis Northcutt

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL PLACE Salem Mo DATE 4-5 1932

19. UNDERTAKER (ADDRESS) James J. Luttenberger Salem Mo

20. FILED April 5, 1932 Jos. F. Ayers Registrar

1 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) 4-4 1932

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 4-4 1932, to 4-4 1932

I last saw her alive on 4-4 1932 Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 2 P.M.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:

Appendicitis
21B

Date of onset

Other contributory causes of importance:

none

Name of operation Appendectomy Date of 4-4-1932

What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following:

Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 19 _____

Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.

Manner of injury _____

Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?

If so, specify _____

(Signed) A. Sydney McFarland M. D.
(Address) Rolla Mo

A. B.—Every year, the Missouri State Board of Health publishes a report on the cause of death of every person who dies in the state. This report is very important.

April 29, 1932

Dr. A. Sidney McFarland
Rolla, Missouri

Dear Doctor:

We have the death certificate of Mrs. Stella Northcutt who died in your hospital on April 4, 1932.

Without any reference to the controversy which has arisen, you are respectfully requested to make out a new death certificate which will be complete, as the present certificate does not conform to the requirements of the statutes. There are a number of discrepancies and omissions. For instance, the date of birth is not given and the date when she arrived at the hospital and when she died has been marked over so that it is not clear. Also, you have given the cause of death as appendicitis, and your statement to Dr. Stewart and myself that general peritonitis was the cause of death should appear on the certificate instead of appendicitis.

Will you be kind enough to take care of this matter at your earliest convenience.

By direction of Dr. James Stewart, Secretary.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Russell, M.D.
Assistant Epidemiologist

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A. SIDNEY McFARLAND

SURGEON

ROLLA. - MO.

June 22, 1932

President State Board Health
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Sir:- I am anxious to know if there was an autopsy of Mrs. Artie Northcutt of Salem, as that would be the only means of knowing there was a recently removed appendix or not.

Respectfully,

A. S. McFarland

June 23, 1932

Dr. A. Sidney McFarland
Rolla, Missouri

Dear Doctor McFarland:

Your letter of June 22, asking whether there had been an autopsy on the body of Mrs. Artie Northcutt, Salem, Missouri, is received.

We wish to inform you that this office has had no information relative to the matter. We have heard nothing of the case since our visit to your office.

On April 29, I wrote you requesting a corrected death certificate in this case, as up to this time the State Board of Health has not accepted your death certificate for the reason that it is incomplete and does not conform to the requirements of the statutes, there being a number of discrepancies and omissions.

We will thank you to comply with this request at your earliest convenience so that the records in this office may be complete.

By direction of Dr. James Stewart, State Registrar.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Russell, M.D.
Assistant Epidemiologist

A. SIDNEY McFARLAND

SURGEON
ROLLA, - MO.

June 25, 1932

Hon. State Board of Health
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Sirs;- I wish to comply completely with all requirements of a death certificate and in the case of Mrs. Northcutt I removed her appendix, which had bursted, and she died as a result of the attending inflammation which makes appendicitis the true cause of death. If this were not true all the files you have there of this kind that I have sent you before as appendicitis the cause of death will have to be corrected.

Please send me the incorrect death certificate and point out all the discrepancies and I will gladly correct them

In your letter of 23rd you state that there has been no autopsy of Mrs. Northcutt and would like to know why this has not been done. Please state fully. When there is an autopsy I want to know when so that I can be represented there.

Very truly yours,

A. S. McFarland