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1 PLACE OF DEATH

BOROUGH OF

S/S Manhattan

at Sea.

No.

Character of premises,  
whether tenement, private,  
hotel, hospital or other place, etc.

Ship Hospital

STATE OF NEW YORK

Department of Health of The City of New York  
BUREAU OF RECORDS

## STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

14-H 25-2608-31-B.P.

Registered No.

2 FULL NAME Francis Flitigan

3 SEX

M

4 COLOR OR RACE

W

5 SINGLE  
MARRIED,  
WIDOWED,  
OR DIVORCED  
(Write the word)

?

15 DATE OF DEATH

June 7, 1937  
(Month) (Day) (Year)5A. WIFE } OF  
HUSBAND }6 DATE OF BIRTH Apr 29, 1901  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE

35 yrs. 8 mos. 9 ds.

If LESS than  
1 day,.....hrs.  
or.....min.?

8 OCCUPATION

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

Steward

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

9 BIRTHPLACE

(State or country)

Scotland

(9) How long in  
(A) U. S. (if of for-  
eign birth)(9) How long resi-  
(B) dent in City  
of New York

PARENTS OF DECEASED

10 NAME OF  
FATHER

?

11 BIRTHPLACE  
OF FATHER  
(State or country)

?

12 MAIDEN NAME  
OF MOTHER

?

13 BIRTHPLACE  
OF MOTHER  
(State or country)

?

14 Special INFORMATION required in deaths in hospitals and institu-  
tions and in deaths of non-residents and recent residents.

Usual Residence

Scotland

16 I hereby certify that the foregoing particulars  
(Nos. 1 to 14 inclusive) are correct as near as the  
same can be ascertained, and I further certify that  
I attended the deceased from June 5, 1937  
to June 6, 1937, that I last saw  
alive on the 6 day of June 1937  
that death occurred on the date stated above at ? M.,  
and that the cause of death was as follows:

Death caused by hanging,  
suicide, while of unbalanced  
mind. Insanity.

duration.....yrs.....mos.....ds.

Contributory  
(Secondary)

duration.....yrs.....mos.....ds.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

Signature Frank Stewart M. D.

Address S/S Manhattan

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17 PLACE OF BURIAL

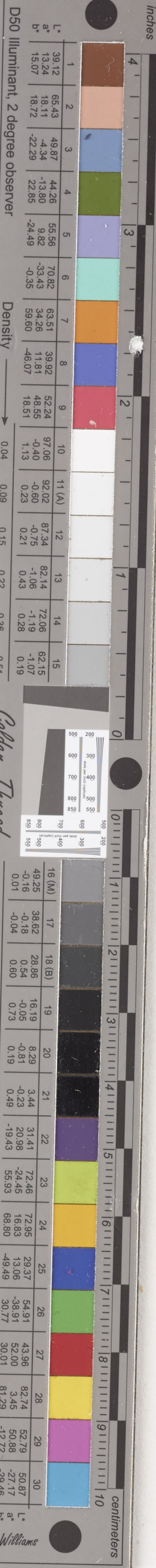
at sea

18 UNDERTAKER

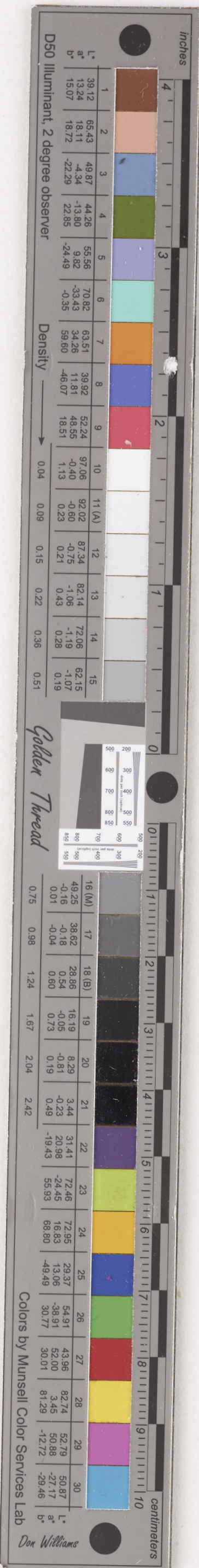
DATE OF BURIAL

June 8, 1937

ADDRESS

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING  
NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE WILL BE RECEIVED





## TO PHYSICIANS

1. The attending physician must furnish a certificate to the Department of Health within 36 hours after death, and where death has resulted from infectious or contagious disease a certificate must be furnished by him **forthwith** (Sanitary Code, Sections 33 and 90).

2. All physicians practicing in The City of New York (including those in public institutions) must be registered in the Bureau of Records (Sanitary Code, Section 218).

3. If a person dies from **criminal violence** or by a **casualty** or by **suicide**, or **suddenly while in apparent health**, or when **unattended by a physician** or in **prison**, or in any **suspicious or unusual manner**, it shall be the duty of any citizen who may become aware of the death of any such person to report such death forthwith to the office of the chief medical examiner, and to a police officer who shall forthwith notify the officer in charge of the station house in the police precinct in which such person died. Any person who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to report such death or who without written order from a medical examiner shall wilfully touch, remove or disturb the body of any such person, or wilfully touch, remove, or disturb the clothing, or any article upon or near such body, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Inserted by Laws 1915, Chapter 284, Section 2. In effect January 1, 1918.)

4. Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death:

Abortion,	Hemorrhage,	Meningitis,	Phlebitis,
Cellulitis,	Gangrene,	Metritis,	Pyaemia,
Childbirth,	Gastritis,	Miscarriage,	Septicaemia,
Convulsions,	Erysipelas,	Peritonitis,	Tetanus.

(Any one of these may be the result of an injury, and thus be a subject for investigation by a Medical Examiner. If it is not, the certificate should make that fact plain.)

5. No certificate giving "Heart failure," "Dropsy," or other mere symptom as the sole cause of death will be accepted, unless accompanied by a satisfactory written explanation.

6. **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*.

## TO UNDERTAKERS

1. No burial permit can be obtained without a proper certificate.
2. Certificates must be written throughout in black ink.
3. No certificate will be accepted which is **mutilated, illegible, inaccurate, or any portion of which has been erased, interlined, corrected or altered**, as all such changes impair its value as a public record.

I hereby certify that I have been employed as undertaker by \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME)  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of deceased. This statement is made to obtain a permit  
(RELATIONSHIP)  
for the burial or cremation of the remains of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



CITY OF NEW YORK  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
 125 WORTH STREET  
 BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

March 1, 1937

United States Lines  
 Pier 58, North River  
 New York City

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the certificate of death for Francis Flanagan who died January 7, 1937 aboard the S/S MANHATTAN. This certificate arrived at our office this morning.

Your attention is called to the following facts.

- 1st - The date of this suicide is January 7, 1937. An explanation should be filed at this office for the long delay in the report of this death.
- 2nd - No record of the Log of the SS Manhattan signed and attested by the Captain of the said steamship accompanied this certificate of death; or this record of death should be countersigned by the Captain of the Manhattan giving the facts as above.
- 3rd - We fail to find the signature of Dr. Frank Stewart in our Register of Physicians. Will you, therefore, have Dr. Stewart call at this office at his earliest convenience to register as a Ship's Surgeon and for that purpose he must be identified by a letter issued by the officials of the Steamship line. The doctor also must produce his medical diploma.

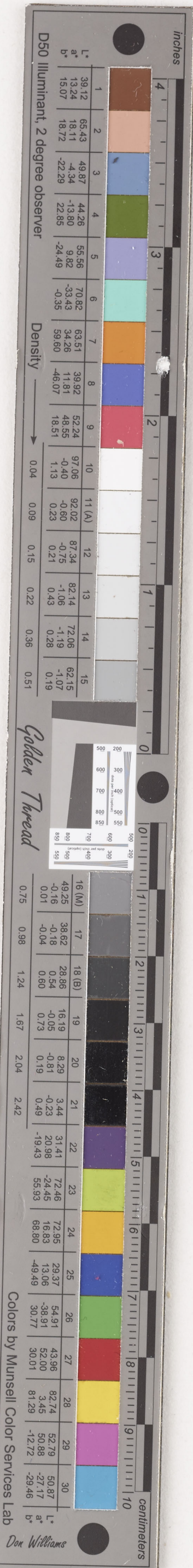
Will you be kind enough to have these conditions carried out as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

*John T. Walsh M.D.*  
 John T. Walsh, M.D.  
 Assistant Registrar

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Facts Concerning the Suicide of Francis Flanigan,  
Steward on board S.S. MANHATTAN, who committed  
suicide on January 7th 1937, by hanging.

The reasons that earlier returns were not made  
to the Department of Health, City of New York,  
concerning this death, are as follows:

1. Deceased was a British subject, buried at sea.
2. All papers, including medical report, captain's log and record, were turned over to the American Consul at Cobh, Ireland.
3. The American Consul informed me that no death certificate was necessary to return to New York.

*Stewart*

(Signed)

Frank Stewart, M. D.  
Surgeon, S. S. Manhattan

*Room to before me  
this 20th day of March 1937  
Thomas G. Rock*

COMMISSIONER OF BEES  
FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
CERT NO. 106 FILED IN N.Y. COUNTY  
6. v. 1938



March 20, 1937

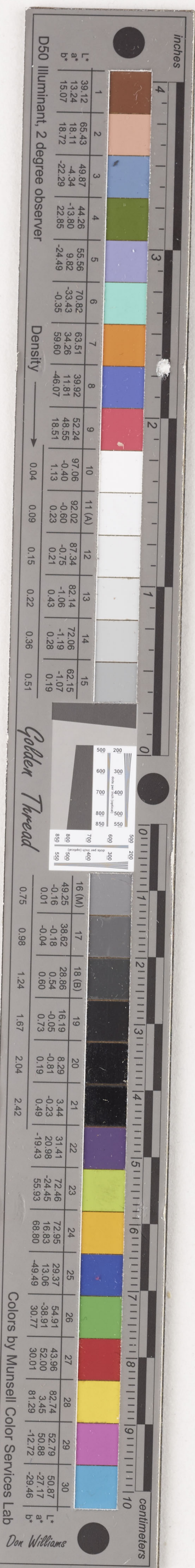
This record of death of Francis Flanigan was duly reported at Cobh, Ireland as per statement of Dr. Frank Stewart, Surgeon of the SS Manhattan.

The papers, therefore were rightly filed inasmuch as the decedent was a British Subject and there was no necessity for filing this certificate of death here. Consequently, no transcripts will be permitted to be made of this record. All transcripts for such death record will have to be made to the Health authorities at Cobh, Ireland.

Francis Flanigan died 1/7/37 at sea aboard SS Manhattan.

*John M. M. M.*  
Assistant Registrar

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March 30, 1937

Mr. J. W. Tooley  
Office of the Vice President  
International Mercantile Marine Co.  
1 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Sir:

With respect to your application for a transcript of the death of Francis Flanigan who was employed as a steward on the S.S. Manhattan of the International Mercantile Marine Company, you are advised that the record of this death which occurred at sea on January 7, 1937 which Dr. Frank Stewart, Surgeon of the S/S Manhattan sent here is a copy only of the original record of said death which was filed by Dr. Stewart at Cobh, Ireland.

The decedent in the case, was a British subject whose death occurred at sea. The first port of call was Cobh, Ireland and was therefore, the proper place for filing the record of this death. Dr. Stewart reports that all the papers necessary to complete this record of death, such as the medical report, the log of the ship giving the facts and signed by the Captain were turned over to the American Counsel at Cobh for permanent filing at the Registrar's office at that place.

Therefore, a copy of the original record of the death must be obtained from the Registrar at Cobh, Irish Free State.

Very truly yours,

Maurice G. Postley,  
Secretary

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