

BUREAU OF RECORDS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

1937 MAY 26
UNITED STATES LINES
AMERICAN MERCHANT LINES

INTERNATIONAL MERCANTILE MARINE CO.

~~ROOSEVELT STEAMSHIP COMPANY, INC.~~

GENERAL AGENTS

ONE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE
VICE PRESIDENT

May 25, 1937

Dr. John T. Walsh, Ass't Registrar
Department of Health
City of New York
125 Worth Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 28th, we have had the
Captain of the S.S. "President Harding" countersign the death certifi-
cate of Mrs. Ellen Baker who died on board the steamer while at sea,
on March 22, 1937.

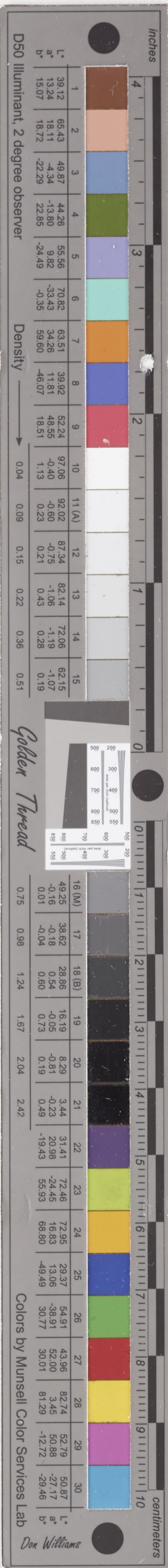
We understand that Dr. Herman Rhoad, Surgeon of the
steamer, has appeared at your office regarding his registration as a
duly licensed physician.

Yours truly,

A. J. McCARTHY
VICE PRESIDENT.

Per: *Jim. Tooley*

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UNITED STATES LINES PANAMA PACIFIC LINE AMERICAN MERCHANT LINES
BALTIMORE MAIL LINE AMERICAN PIONEER LINE

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PIERS 58, 59, 60, 61, 62
NORTH RIVER
NEW YORK

GENERAL AGENTS
STATES STEAMSHIP COMPANY
PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

July 27, 1937

Dr. J.T. Walsh
Assistant Registrar
City of New York
Department of Health
125 Worth Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 19th, 1937,
we wish to advise you that at the time of Ellen Baker's
death the S.S. PRESIDENT HARDING was enroute to New
York, Latitude 47°20' North Longitude 31°7' West. Miss
Baker was a Third Class Passenger.

Yours very truly,

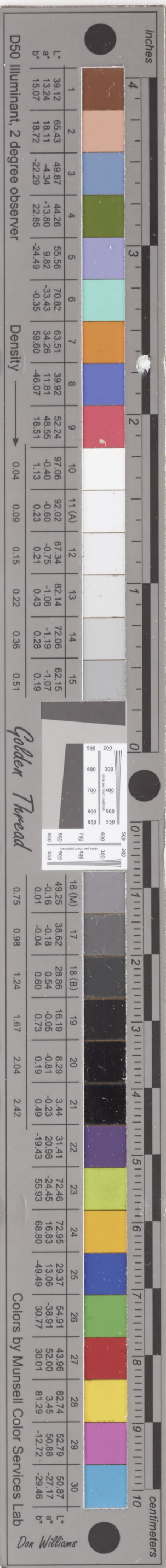
OPERATING DEPARTMENT
S.F. CUMINGS, MARINE SUPT.

PER:

W.D. Lindsay

W.D. LINDSAY

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TO PATHOLOGISTS

To assist the Department of Health in the proper classification of this death by cause, please add to your statement of findings a note concerning any of the clinical diagnoses, which were not confirmed at autopsy.

TO PHYSICIANS

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Childbirth,
Convulsions,

Hemorrhage,
Gangrene,
Gastritis,
Erysipelas,

Meningitis,
Metritis,
Miscarriage,
Peritonitis,

Phlebitis,
Pyæmia,
Septicaemia,
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.)

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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*, *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*.

TO UNDERTAKERS

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I hereby certify that I have been employed, without any solicitation on my part or that of any other person, as undertaker herein by.....

of.....who is the.....
(relationship)

and the nearest surviving relative or next of kin of the deceased. This statement is made to obtain a permit for the burial or cremation of the remains of the deceased.

(Signature).....

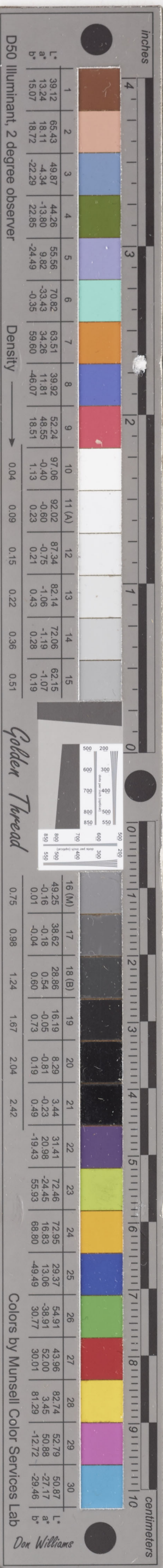
Business Address.....

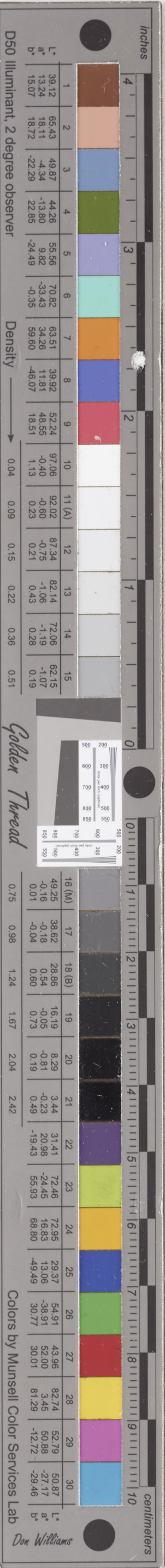
Permit Number (Undertaker's).....

If another undertaker in your employ is to take personal charge of the work in the care, preparation, or other disposition of such dead human body, give his name and State License number.

.....State License No.....

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BORO-DEATH

INSTITUTION

BORO-RESID.

AREA-DISTRICT

SEX

COLOR

CIVIL. COND.

AGE

OCCUPATION

NATIVITY

CAUSE 1

CAUSE 2

OPERATION

TYPE ACCID.

O. T. ACCID.

ATT. AUTOP.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE. MARGIN RESERVED FOR CODING AND BINDING

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH *Lat N 41' 23 Long W 31' 47*

BOROUGH OF *High Seas*

Name of Institution *SS President Harding* Address *US Lines Pier 62 N.R., N.Y.C.*

2 PRINT FULL NAME *ELLEN BAKER*

3 Residence (usual place of abode) No. *1067 E. 4th St.* Borough of *Leath Wash.*

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

4 SEX *Female* 5 COLOR OR RACE *White* 6 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED *Widowed*

6A WIFE } OF *Baker*

7 DATE OF BIRTH OF DECEDENT *March 8 1865*

8 AGE *72* yrs. *14* mos. *14* ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

9 OCCUPATION

A Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as *spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.* *Museum wife*

B Industry or business in which work was done, as *silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc.*

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

D Total time (years) spent in this occupation

10 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) *England*

11 How long in U. S. (if of foreign birth) *39 years* 12 How long resident in City of New York

13 NAME OF FATHER OF DECEDENT *Unknown*

14 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) *England*

15 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF DECEDENT *Unknown*

16 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) *England*

17 INFORMANT

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

18 DATE OF DEATH *March 22 1937*

19 I hereby certify that deceased was admitted to this institution on *March 22 1937*, that I last saw her alive on the *22* day of *March* 19*37*, that she died on the *22* day of *March* 19*37*, about *18:30* o'clock A.M. or P.M.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: *Saceration of father and deep shock*

Other contributory causes of importance: *Senility*

Name of operation Date

What test confirmed diagnosis? Was there an autopsy?

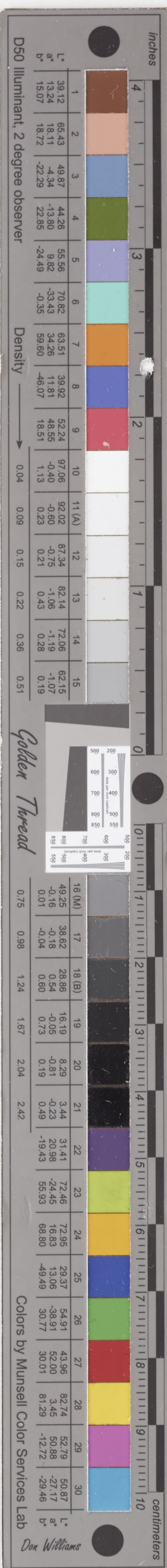
Signature *Herman Rhoad MD* M. D.

20 Pathologist's Report (See Over) *Countersigned*

Signature *J. E. Roberts* M. D.

21 PLACE OF BURIAL *High Seas Lat N 41' 17 Long W 52' 25*

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(NAME AND ADDRESS)

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(RELATIONSHIP)

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