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

PLACE OF DEATH  
County Ripley  
Township Dorphan  
or  
Village  
or  
City

Registration District No. 950  
Primary Registration District No. 5985

File No. 2 22354  
Registered No. 266

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

FULL NAME Synthia A. Aldridge

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX female COLOR OR RACE white SINGLE widow  
MARRIED  
WIDOWED  
OR DIVORCED  
(Write the word)

DATE OF BIRTH Sept 14 1840  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE 76 yrs. — mos. — ds. If LESS than 1 day, — hrs. or — min.?

OCCUPATION  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work House wife  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) 8-5

BIRTHPLACE  
(City or town, State or foreign country) Tenn

PARENTS  
NAME OF FATHER Henry Smith  
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Tenn  
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sledge  
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Tenn

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) J. R. Aldridge  
(ADDRESS) Bennett Mo.

Filed 6/24-1916 E. B. Johnson  
REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH April 19 1916  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from April 16, 1916, to April 19, 1916, that I last saw her alive on April 17, 1916, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 42 m. The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

Paralysis  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

Contributory (SECONDARY) Heart  
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) J. R. Aldridge M. D.  
4-19-1916 (Address) Dorphan Mo.

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.

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

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Lower Buffalo Co. Can DATE OF BURIAL April 19 1916

UNDETAKE J. R. Aldridge ADDRESS Dorphan Mo.

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health  
Association]

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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*; *Bronchopneumonia* ("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 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.)

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CONTRIBUTORY  
(Secondary)

(Signed)

..... 1916, (Address)

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DATE OF BURIAL

20 UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS

Original file, date....., 19.....

All information called for must be written on this Supplementary Certificate.

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