

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Miller  
Township Glauze  
or Bunnely  
City (NO. .... St.; ..... Ward)

Registration District No. 1164 File No. 20  
Primary Registration District No. 5761A Registered No. 20

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2 FULL NAME Mrs Melvina Duncan

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX female 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED married  
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH June 6 1866  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 56 yrs. 3 mos. 17 ds. 8 IF LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min.?

9 OCCUPATION  
a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work housework  
b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) ?

10 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Illinois

11 NAME OF FATHER Peter Shelton

12 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER not known  
(City or town, State or foreign country)

13 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Roda Shelton

14 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER not known  
(City or town, State or foreign country)

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
(Informant) Herman Witt  
(Address) Bunnely mo.

5 Filed Nov. 20 1916 J. L. Connor M.D.  
Registrar

2 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Nov 11 1916  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from Nov 9 1916 to Nov 11 1916; that I last saw her alive on Nov 11 1916 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:00 a.m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
nephritis, myocarditis

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93D (Duration) yrs. mos. 10 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) R. Thompson M. D.  
Nov 11 1916 (Address) Bunnely mo.

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

18 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

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Mount Union DATE OF BURIAL Nov 12 1916

20 UNDERTAKER Central Union Bur ADDRESS Bunnely 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

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Melva Duncan

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12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER  
 (City or town, State or foreign country)

16 DATE OF DEATH 11-11-1916  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 191 to 191, that I last saw him alive, on 191, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Chronic phthisis  
Myocarditis

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) 1/20  
 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) /// 1916 (Address)

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SUPPLEMENTARY  
 Information supplied

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
 (Informant)  
 (Address)

15 Filed: 11/30 1916  
 Registrar X

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL  
 20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS

Original file, date NOV 1916

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

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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