

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

Cedar
Linn

County

Township

Village

City

Registration District No.

165

File No.

40298-W

Primary Registration District No.

5231

Registered No.

56 11

(NO. St. Ward)

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

2 FULL NAME

Melva Ince Stephens

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX *Female* 4 COLOR OR RACE *white* 5 SINGLE MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED *Single*
(Write the word)

16 DATE OF DEATH *Dec 16*, 191*6*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH *Mar - 17*, 191*3*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from *1913* to *1916*, that I last saw him *alive on* *1916*, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at *11 A.* m.

7 AGE *3* yrs. *9* mos. *ds.* If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

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

Burned
181 (accidental)
18 1/2 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) *Cedar Co*

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

10 NAME OF FATHER *J. C. Stephens*

(Signed) *J. A. ... M. D.*

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) *Southern City Mo*

191 (Address) *Stockton Mo*

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Lula M. Peach*

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

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) *Cedar Co Mo*

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents) At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) *J. C. Stephens*

Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?

(Address) *Stockton Mo*

Former or usual residence

15 *File* *1916* *E. Smith*
Registrar

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL *Younger Cem* DATE OF BURIAL *Dec 17*, 191*6*

20 UNDERTAKER *E. Smith & Son* ADDRESS *Stockton Mo*

Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

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

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*. The material worked on may form part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as *Day laborer*, *Farm laborer*, *Laborer—Coal mine*, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid *Housekeepers* who receive a definite salary), may be entered as *Housewife*, *Housework*, or *At home*, and children, not gainfully employed, as *At school* or *At home*. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as *Servant*, *Cook*, *Housemaid*, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given up on account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business, that fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired, 6 yrs.)* For persons who have no occupation whatever, write *None*.

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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REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW

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3 SEX <u>L</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>W</u>	5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) <u>S</u>
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PARENTS	10 NAME OF FATHER	
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country)	
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country)		

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Dec 16 1916
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 1916 to 1916, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1916 m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Burned (accidental) fell into kettle of hot soap (Duration) 167 yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) 167
 (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

(Signed) _____ M. D.
 _____ 1916 (Address)

*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)
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Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?
 Former or usual residence.

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(Informant) _____
 (Address) _____
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19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL STATE OF BURIAL
 _____ 1916

20 UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____

Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHOTODUPLICATIONS should be made of this certificate. Exact statement of OCCUPATION should be given in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms.

Satisfactory Information Supplied.
 SUPPLEMENTARY
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