

## 1 PLACE OF DEATH

County NodawayTownship IndependenceVillage IndependenceCity IndependenceMISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATHRegistration District No. 626File No. 42182Primary Registration District No. 5828Registered No. 34(NO.          St.          Ward         )

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

2 FULL NAME Geraldine Odella Wells

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX female 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) A6 DATE OF BIRTH December 22 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)7 AGE 2 yrs. 2 mos.          ds. If LESS than 1 day,          hrs. or          min.?8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work none (b) General nature of industry business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) none9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) Missouri10 NAME OF FATHER Geo. Wells11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Missouri12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ethel Stoner13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) Missouri

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Geo. Wells(Address) Sheridan15 Filed         , 1917

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## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Dec. 25th 1917  
(Month) (Day) (Year)17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased ~~from~~ on 12-24-17 only, to         , 1917, that I last saw her alive on 12-24-17, 1917, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4 A.M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

Due to a premature birth159 131  
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)         (Signed) J. G. Johnson M. D.  
(Duration)          yrs.          mos.          ds.  
(Address)         , 1917

\*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 New Hope DATE OF BURIAL 12/26, 191720 UNDERTAKER N. Long ADDRESS Sheridan 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, peritonaeum*, 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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 or  
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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)

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(Informant) .....

(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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