

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Jefferson Registration District No. 421 File No. _____
 Township _____ Primary Registration District No. 4249 Registered No. 10
 City Foster (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

Melba Grace Starks

(a) Residence. No. Foster, Mo St. _____ Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Single

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF _____

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan. 16, 1915

7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hr. or _____ min.
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8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Child -
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 (c) Name of employer _____

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Poplar Bluff, Mo.
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER Willie Starks
 11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Monroe Co., Mo
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)
 12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Violet Young
 13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Valley Park, Mo
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT Willie Starks
 (Address) Foster, Mo

15. FILED Feb. 11, 1922 J. E. Rutledge
 REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Feb. 2 1922

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Feb. 1, 1922, to Feb. 2, 1922 that I last saw her alive on Feb. 2, 1922, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3:40 P. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Burn over body and limbs - accidental -
181

(duration) yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY)

(duration) yrs. mos. ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH, _____

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? DATE OF _____

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? _____

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?

(Signed) J. E. Rutledge, M. D.

Feb. 2, 1922 (Address) Foster, Mo

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL

19

20. UNDERTAKER

ADDRESS

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*, *Composer*, *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, 8 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 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," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicemia," "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.)

NOTE.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phlebitis, pyemia, septicemia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
BY PHYSICIAN.

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County JeffersonTownship 421

or

Village 4249

or

City Festus (No. _____ St.; _____ Ward)DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State of _____

Registered No. 5300
10[If death occurred in
a hospital or institution,
give its NAME instead
of street and number.]2 FULL NAME Melba Grace Starks

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX W 4 COLOR OR RACE W 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (If write the word)6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 16, 1911
(Month) (Day) (Year)7 AGE 7 yrs. 16 mos. 16 ds. If LESS than 1 day, --- hrs. OR --- min. ?8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. child
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) "9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Poplar Bluff, Mo.10 NAME OF FATHER Willie Starks11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Monroe, Co. Mo.12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Violet Young13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Valley Park, Mo.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) Willie Stark(Address) Festus, Mo.15 Filed Feb. 11, 1922 J. E. Rutledge

REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Feb 2, 1922
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 191____, to _____, 191____,

and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Brain over body and
emphysema (accident), from
burying clothing, caught from
oil stove

Contributory (SECONDARY) _____

(Signed) J. E. Rutledge, M. D.2/2, 1922 (Address) Festus, Mo.

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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 Festus, Mo.DATE OF BURIAL Feb. 3, 192220 UNDERTAKER Geo. BeckADDRESS Festus, Mo.

Important - See instructions on back of certificate.

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