

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

1871

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 County Miller Registration District No. 561 File No. ....  
 Township Eldon Primary Registration District No. 4930 Registered No. ....  
 City Eldon (No. ....) St. .... Ward) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

2. FULL NAME Charlotte T. Stephens

(a) Residence. No. .... 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 Married  
(write the word)

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) May 22, 1844

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.  
78 7 17

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work at home  
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) .....  
 (c) Name of employer .....

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Ind  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

10. NAME OF FATHER Joseph M. Crang

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Ind  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Not Known

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Not Known  
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT Jacob Stephens  
 (Address)

15. FILED ..... 19..... REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) June 8 19 23

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Jan 1, 1919, to Jan 8, 1923, and that I last saw h. .... alive on Jan 8, 1923 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11 A.M.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
Passive congestion of Lungs  
hypertrophy and dilatation  
of heart  
 (duration) ..... yrs. .... mos. .... ds.

CONTRIBUTORY Pneumonia Heart  
 (SECONDARY) (duration) 4 yrs. .... mos. .... ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED  
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH.....

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF.....

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? clinical  
 (Signed) E. C. Shelton, M. D.  
 , 19 (Address) Eldon 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 Eldon Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL 1/9 1920

20. UNDERTAKER W. J. Phillips ADDRESS Eldon

PARENTS

# Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

(Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health  
Association.)

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ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS  
BY PHYSICIAN.

1 PLACE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUSCounty Miller561  
4330 STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Township \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_

Village \_\_\_\_\_

Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_

City Eldon (No. \_\_\_\_\_)

St.; Ward \_\_\_\_\_

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

2 FULL NAME Charlota P. Stephens

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE W 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) M16 DATE OF DEATH Jan 3, 1923  
(Month) (Day) (Year)6 DATE OF BIRTH May 22, 1844  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_,

7 AGE 78 yrs. 7 mos. 17 ds. If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_ min. ?

that I last saw h\_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_ m.

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

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

(Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

10 NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

Contributory (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (Duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_, M. D.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_ (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

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14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

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 \_\_\_\_\_

(Informant) \_\_\_\_\_

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BURIAL \_\_\_\_\_, 191\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

15 Filed 1/4 1923 J. H. Temple

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