

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

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Nodaway  
Township Green  
City Near Seward

Registration District No. 628  
Primary Registration District No. 5830

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered No. 104  
St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

2. FULL NAME

Phelia Carol Ward  
(a) Residence, No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode)

Nodaway County  
(If nonresident give city or town and State)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 45 yrs. 6 mos. 25 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) June - 25 - 1883

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.  
45 6 25

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work None (at home)  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Green Twp  
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Nodaway Co

10. NAME OF FATHER Walter B Ward

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) \_\_\_\_\_  
(STATE OR COUNTRY) Adams Co, Ills

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Hester Ruddle

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) \_\_\_\_\_  
(STATE OR COUNTRY) McDonnell Co, Ills

14. INFORMANT Vernon B Ward  
(Address) Seward, Mo

15. FILED 1/19 28 J. E. Jones  
REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan 19 1928

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 1st 1928, to Jan 19 1928.  
that I last saw him alive on Jan 17 1928, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 12-15 a.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Myocardial degeneration  
with the left bundle branch block  
(Diagnosis made by Research Hosp't  
Kansas City (duration) 7mo OCT 14 - 19 28)

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 90  
(duration) yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

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

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

19. WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed) J. E. P. Smith M. D.  
, 10 (Address) Seward, 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.)

18. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Burr Oak Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Jan 20 1928

20. UNDERTAKER Al Seddo ADDRESS Seward Mo

WRITE PLAIN INK---THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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44-6-24

# 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

applies to each and every person, irrespec-

For many occupations a single word or first line will be sufficient, e. g., *Farmer or Physician, Compositor, Architect, Locomotive Engineer, Stationary Fireman*, etc. In many cases, especially in industrial employ-

ment, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and (b) the nature of the business or industry.

If an additional line is provided for the purpose, it should be used only when needed.

Examples: (a) *Spinner*, (b) *Cotton mill*; (a) *Salesman*, (b) *Automobile factory*.

Material worked on may form part of the statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Dealer," etc., without more

specification, as *Day laborer, Farm laborer, Coal miner*, etc. Women at home, who are

performing the duties of the household only (not paid as employees who receive a definite salary), may be

classified as *Housewife, Housework* or *At home*, and if gainfully employed, as *At school* or *At work*.

It should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service, as *Servant, Cook, Housemaid*, etc.

If the occupation has been changed or given up on the day preceding the beginning of illness, state occupation at the beginning of illness.

If retired from business, it may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired)*.

For persons who have no occupation report *None*.

**Statement of Cause of Death.**—Name, first, last, and middle, of the disease causing death (the primary affection), with date, time and causation, using always the standard 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 neoplasma); *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.

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*Green*  
 City *Notaway* Registration District No. *628* File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Registration District No. *5820* Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME** *Ophelia Carol Ward*  
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**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

<b>3. SEX</b> <i>F</i>	<b>4. COLOR OR RACE</b> <i>W.</i>	<b>5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED</b> (write the word) <i>S.</i>
<b>5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF</b>		
<b>6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR)</b> <i>June 25-1882</i>		
<b>7. AGE</b>	<b>YEARS</b>	<b>MONTHS</b>
<i>44</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>24</i>
<b>8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED</b>		
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**THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY)** \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY**

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