

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Jackson Registration District No. 395 File No. _____
 Township Wm. Bar Primary Registration District No. 555/A Registered No. _____
 City Wheat Grain Valley (No. Near Grain Valley) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

Ardis M. Melton
 (a) Residence. No. Near Grain Valley St. Ward _____ (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 ♀ 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Married
 5A. If MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF Spencer Melton

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec 5 - 1911

7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>		

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

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Carbon
 (STATE OR COUNTRY) Ark.

10. NAME OF FATHER Wm. E. White

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Minnie M. Jones

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Ark.
 (STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT Wm. E. White
 (Address) 1319 Lopping

15. FILED 12/10 1931 F. W. Smith REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov 8 - 1931
 17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Oct 4 1931, to Oct 8 1931, that I last saw h. alive on Oct 8 1931, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4 P. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Acute Intestinal Obstruction
12 hrs (duration) yrs. mos. 4 ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____ (duration) yrs. mos. ds.

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

0 DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? no DATE OF _____
 WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? no

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS
 (Signed) Wm. B. Johnston, M. D.
 , 19 31 (Address) Grain Valley 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 Wm. Washington Cem DATE OF BURIAL Nov 8 19 31

20. UNDERTAKER Rose Henderson ADDRESS 154 Jackson
St. Louis Mo

WHITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK--THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

REC 28 1324

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, 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 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.

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ALL INFORMATION CALLED
FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON
THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

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Township Juniata Primary Registration District No. 5551a
City (No. St. Ward)

File No.
Registered No.

2. FULL NAME

Ardice M. Melton
(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 <u>M</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>W</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>M</u>
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR)		
7. AGE	YEARS	MONTHS
		DAYS
		If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.	
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.	
	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)	11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation
12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)		
MOTHER	13. NAME	
	14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)	
	15. MAIDEN NAME	
FATHER	16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)	
	17. INFORMANT (ADDRESS)	
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL PLACE DATE 19		
19. UNDERTAKER (ADDRESS)		
20. FILED <u>7/10</u> 19 <u>32</u> <u>F. P. Little</u> Registrar.		

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) Nov 8 - 1931

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, to _____, 19____
I last saw him alive on _____, 19____. Death is said to have occurred on the day stated above, at _____ m.
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:
acute intestinal obstruction
cause unknown
Other contributory causes of importance J.P. D.B.

Name of operation _____ Date of _____
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 19____
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.
Manner of injury _____
Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? _____
If so, specify _____ (Signed) _____, M. D.
(Address) _____

SUPPLEMENTARY

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

WRITE FULLY IN

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