

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County *Cooper*  
Township *Palestine*  
or  
Village  
or  
City

Registration District No. *219*  
Primary Registration District No. *5301*

File No. *20*  
Registered No. *15*

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

2 FULL NAME *Martha Agnes Downing*

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3 SEX *Female*  
4 COLOR OR RACE *White*  
5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) *Married*

16 DATE OF DEATH *June 24 1921*  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6 DATE OF BIRTH *Sept. 12 1844*  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from *June 15 1921*, to *June 23 1921*, that I last saw h. or alive on *June 23 1921*, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at *2 a. m.*

7 AGE *74 yrs. 9 mos. 12 ds.*  
IF LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min.?

The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
*Fracture of Hip*  
*1865 39*  
*199 B 39*  
*23A* (Duration).....yrs.....mos.....ds.

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

CONTRIBUTORY *Tuberculosis*  
(Secondary) (Duration) *15 yrs.*.....mos.....ds.

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) *Ky.*

(Signed) *J. S. Granish* M. D.  
*July 16 1921* (Address) *Pleasant Hill*

10 NAME OF FATHER *Thos Paxton*

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) *Ky.*

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Margaret Orr*

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) *Ky.*

\*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.....

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

(Informant) *M. B. Downing*  
(Address) *Pilot Grove Mo*

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL *Mt Nebo Cemetery* DATE OF BURIAL *June 26 1921*

15 Filed *July 10 1921* *Hattie Pfen* Registrar

20 UNDERTAKER *L. J. Spillers* ADDRESS *Ollerville Mo.*

CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly understood. OCCUPATION is very important.

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County Copper Registration District No. 219 File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Township Palatine Primary Registration District No. 5301 Registered No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ (No. \_\_\_\_\_) St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FULL NAME**

Martha Agnes Downing  
 (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**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

3. SEX M 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) M

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) June 24 19 21

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

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, that I last saw \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at \_\_\_\_\_.

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

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.

Fracture of Hip  
Fracture of neck of Femur from  
a fall (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. mos. ds.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED

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

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

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE OR COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

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

10. NAME OF FATHER

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

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

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? \_\_\_\_\_

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_, M. D.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

14. INFORMANT (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

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

15. FILED July 5 1921 Attie Paxton REGISTRAR

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.**

REGISTRARS SHALL NOT RECEIVE A FEE FOR CERTIFICATES UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETED AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. N. B.—Every item of information submitted must be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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NOTE.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesir- able 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 gives any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemor- rhage, 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.