

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Cleburne Registration District No. 96 File No. _____
 Township Mexico Primary Registration District No. 3002 Registered No. 195
 City Mexico (No. Amanda Hospital) St. 1 Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

Mrs Virginia Deckerford
 (a) Residence. No. Meridian, Miss. St. 1 Ward _____ (If nonresident give city or town and State)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 1 yrs. 1 mos. — da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? — yrs. — mos. — da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word) Widowed

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

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Aug 16 - 1849

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.
75 4 3

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

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) Ala

10. NAME OF FATHER J. Newman

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

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary Phillips

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

14. INFORMANT Lee Shaeffer (Address) Meridian Miss

15. FILED Dec 19 1943 REGISTERED Nancy Searing

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 12-19-23

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Nov 19 to Dec 19 1923 that I last saw him alive on Nov 18 1923 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:24 a.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Multiple carcinoma of all internal organs

about (duration) 3 yrs. — mos. — da.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 4 carcinoma fluid in cavity
2 1/2 gallon (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ da.

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

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? yes DATE OF Dec 14-23

WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? yes

WHAT TEST CONFIRMS DIAGNOSIS? operation
 (Signed) Paul E. Coel, M. D.
Dec 19, 1923 (Address) Mexico 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 Meridian Miss DATE OF BURIAL Dec 21 - 1923

20. UNDERTAKER M. S. Ruck Wood Co ADDRESS Meridian Miss

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 *Nona*.

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 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.)

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County Cladain Registration District No. 26 File No. 35388
 Township..... Primary Registration District No. 2002 Registered No. 135
 City Mexico (No.....) St. Ward.....

2. FULL NAME

Miss Virginia Shackelford

(a) Residence. No..... St. Ward.....
 (Usual place of abode)

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

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

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

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14. INFORMANT (Address)

15. FILED Dec 20 1924 Willace Searing REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Dec. 19 1923

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from..... to..... that I last saw h..... to..... death occurred, on the date stated above, et.....

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Multiple Carcinoma all internal organs, metastatic status, metastatic (duration) 3 yrs. mos. da.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Excessive fluid in cavity 22 gallons (duration) yrs. mos. da.

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) Paul E. Carl M. D.

Dec 10, 1924 (Address) Mexico Mo

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