MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Revised United States Standards 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 healthfulnesstof 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, Compositor, Architect, Locomotive engineer, Civil engineer, Stationary fireman, atc. 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 factony: The material worked on may form part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Fore-. man," "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 baid Housekeepers who receive a definite salary), may be entered as Housewife, Housework or At home, and children, notigainfully employed, as Atrachool 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 the Croup"); Tuphoid fever (never report

"Tyr hoid pneumonia"); Lobar pneumonia; Bronchopnoumonia ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, periloneum, etc., Carcinoma, Sarcoma, etc., of (name orlgin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant noeplasms); 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.; Bronchopneamonia (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! "PURRPERAL! septicemia," "PUERPERAL peritonitis," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For VIOLENT: DEATHS: state-means: op: injust and qualify. 88 ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OF HOMICIDAL, OF BS probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: Accidental drowning; struck by railway train-accident; Revolver wound of headhomicide; Poisoned by carbolic acid probably suicide. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., sepsis, telanus) 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.)

Norm.—Individual biffices may add to above liss of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Octificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases; without explanation as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsibus, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phlebitis, pyemia; sopticenia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.