

Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

(Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.)

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... at the relative
... be known. The
... person, irrespec-
... as a single word or
... ent, e. g., *Farmer* or
... *Architect*, *Locomo-*
... *Stationary Fireman*,
... socially in industrial em-
... o know (a) the kind of
... and also (b) the nature of the business or in-
... dustry, 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) *Auto-*
... *mobile 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 house-
... hold 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 be-
... ginning of illness. If retired from business, that
... fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired, 6*
... *yrs.)*. For persons who have no occupation what-
... ever, 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*; *Broncho-*
pneumonia ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite);
Tuberculosis of lungs, *meninges*, *peritoneum*, etc.,
Carcinoma, *Sarcoma*, etc., of _____ (name ori-
gin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor"
for malignant neoplasm); *Measles* (disease causing death),
Chronic valvular heart disease; *Chronic interstitial*
nephritis, etc. The contributory (secondary or in-
tercurrent) affection need not be stated unless im-
portant. 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," "In-
anition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Ure-
mia," "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 de-
termine definitely. Examples: *Accidental drown-*
ing; *struck by railway train—accident*; *Revolver wound*
of head—homicide; *Poisoned by carbolic acid—prob-*
ably 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 unde-
sirable 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, 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.