

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. Compositor, 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 neoplasma); Measles; Whooping chugh; 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 "Astheria," "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, buicidal, or homicidal, or as probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: Accidental drowning; struck by railway train-accident; Revolver wound of headhomicide; Poisoned by carbolic acid—tprobably 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, phiebitis, 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.

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BY PHISICIAN.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE E. T. McGaugh, M. D., Special Agent, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS Jefferson City, Mo. WASHINGTON Dear Sir: It is essential that death certificates be complete in every particular in order that proper classification may be made. You are therefore requested to make every effort to obtain the following information, indicated by check marks, lacking from the death certificate. Duffin R. Caldwell Who died at Residence: No.___ (If nonresident, city or town) Léngth of residence in city or town where death occurred: Years Months Days Sex M Color or race Single, married, widowed or divorced: Date of birth _____ Age: Yéars 74 Months 6 Days 15 -Occupation: (a) Trade, profession, or (b) Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, particular kind of work done, as spinner, saw mill, bank, etc.

sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: Month_____ Birthplace (State or country)_ Birthplace of father (State or country)_____ Birthplace of mother (State or country) Principal cause of death: Other contributory causes of importance atherona a othe arteries in general ___Was there an autopsy?____ If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide?______Date of injury______, 19_____ There 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 Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?___ If so, specify_ Name of physician Address of physician Signature of Registrar X Company Date filed
This information is sought for statistical purposes only and in order that the

official report may be complete and correct. Please reply promptly using the en-

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Very truly yours,

E. T. M. Haugh. M.D.

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