

ARKANSAS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Statement of Occupation.—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. Make some entry in this section for every person aged 10 years or over. If the deceased had retired from business, report the occupation prior to retirement. Children not gainfully employed may be returned as *at school* or *at home*. For a woman whose only occupation was that of home housework, write *housewife* in answer to Question 8 and *own home* in answer to Question 9. For a person engaged in domestic service for wages, however, designate the occupation by the appropriate term, as *servant—private family*, *Cook—hotel*, etc. For a person who had no occupation whatever, write *none*.

To be complete, an occupation return must state:

8. The trade, profession, or particular kind of work done.
9. The industry or business in which the work was done.
- 10.—The month and year the deceased last worked at the occupation.
- 11.—The number of years the deceased followed the occupation.

In stating the occupation avoid the use of such indefinite terms as "employee," "worker," "operative," etc. Find out the particular kind of work done and return that, as *spinner*, *weaver*, etc.

In stating the industry or business, avoid the use of such general terms as "store," "factory," "mill," etc. State the particular kind of store, factory, mill, etc., as *grocery store*, *soap factory*, *cotton mill*, etc.

Distinguish carefully the different kinds of engineers by stating the full descriptive titles, as *civil engineer*, *mechanical engineer*, *mining engineer*, *stationary engineer*, etc. Avoid the term "laborer" when a more precise statement of the occupation can be secured. Do not use the word "mechanic," but give the exact occupation, as *carpenter*, *painter*, *machinist*, etc. Distinguish carefully between *retail merchants* and *wholesale merchants*. A person who sells goods should be called a *salesman* and not a *clerk*.

Statement of Cause of Death.—Cause of death means the disease, injury, or complication which causes death, *not* the mode of dying, *e. g.*, heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc. As principal cause name the disease or injury causing death. As related causes name earlier morbid conditions, if any, related to the principal cause and any important complication of the principal cause. Under other contributory causes of importance, name other important diseases or injuries. Examples:

EXAMPLE I

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:

Arteriosclerosis

Chronic interstitial nephritis

Cerebral hemorrhage

Other contributory causes of importance:

Gallstones

Date of Onset

1915

1921

July 5, 1927

May 1, 1923

EXAMPLE II

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:

Attack of epilepsy

Run over by street car

Peritonitis

Other contributory causes of importance:

Gastroenteritis

Date of Onset

1 week ago

1 week ago

3 days ago

1 year

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS BY PHYSICIAN
