

## Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

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

ever, write None. fact may be indicated thus: Farmer (retired, 6 ginning of illness. If retired from business, that definite splary), may be entered as Housewife, Housework or At home, and children, not gainfully employed, as At school or At home. Care should DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at behas been changed or given up on account of the Servant, Cook, Housemaid, etc. If the occupation persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as be taken to report specifically the occupations of definite salary), hold only (not paid Housekeepers who receive a part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., home, who are engaged in the duties of the house-Farm laborer, Laborer—Coal mine, etc. without more precise specification, as Day laborer, mobile factory. The material worked on may form (a) Salesman, (b) Grocery, (a) Foreman, (b) Autoneeded. As examples: (a) Spinner, (b) Cotton mill, for the latter statement; it should be used only when dustry, and therefore an additional line is provided work and also (b) the nature of the business or inployments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of tive Engineer, Civil Engineer, Stationary Fireman, term on the first line will be sufficient, e.g., Farmer or Planter, Physician, Compositor, Architect, Locomotive of age. question applies to each and every person, irrespechealthfulness of various pursuits can be known. Tho occupation is very important, so that the relative But in many cases, especially in industrial em-Statement of Occupation.—Precise statement of For persons who have no occupation what-For many occupations a single word or Women at

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

of skull, and consequences (e. g., sepsis, tetanus), may be stated under the head of "Contributory." American Medical Association.) approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the (Recommendations on statement of cause of death ably suicide. ing; struck by railway train—accident; Revolver wound HOMICIDAL, or as probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: Accidental drown-INJURY and qualify as ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, undertaken. "Puerperal septicemia," "Puerperal peritonitis," mia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "In-anition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Ureas "Asthenia," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such gin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasm); Measles, Whooping cough, be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all 29 ds.; Broncho-pneumonia (secondary), 10ds. Never portant. tercurrent) affection need not be stated unless imnephritis, etc. The contributory (secondary or in-Chronic valvular heart disease; Chronic interstitial Carcinoma, Sarcoma, etc., of pneumonia ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); "Typhoid pneumonia"); Lobar pneumonia, Broncho-Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, peritoneum, etc., head—homicide; Poisoned by carbolic acid-prob-State cause for which surgical operation was Example: Meastes (disease causing death), The nature of the injury, as fracture For VIOLENT DEATHS STATE MEANS OF - (namo ori-2

Nore.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and rofuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Contificates 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.