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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 impertant, so that the relative healthfulness of various Jursuits 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 Fifeman, 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 inot 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 busk ness, 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; Broncho; pneumonia ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite), Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, periloneum, etc. Carcinoma, Sarcoma, etc., of (name origin: "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor". for malignant neoplasma); 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.; Bronchopneumonia (secondary), 10 ds. Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "Anemia" (merely symptomatio), "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 peritonitie," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. VIOLENT DEATHS State MEANS OF INJURY and qualify 88 ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OF HOMICIDAL, OF 85 probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: Accidental drowning; struck by railway train—accident; Revolver wound of head homicide, Poisoned by carbolic acid—probably suicide. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., sepsis, tetanus), may be stated Ander the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

Nors.—Individual officer may add to above list of undesirable terms and regise to accord certificates containing them. Thus the form invise 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, celluititis childbirth, convulsions, hemorphage, gangrene, gastritis, grydpelfs, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phenicis prefile, septicemia, tetanus," But general adoption of the minipum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.