## 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 for 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) Saleman, (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 labarer, Laborer Coal mine, etc. Women at home, who see 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 effildren, not gainfully employed, as At sollool or At home. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as Servant, Cook, Housemaid, esc. I he occupation has been changed or given up on accound of the piscase 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 primare affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: Gerebrospinal fever (the only definite synonym is "Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis"); Diphtheria (avoid use of "Croup"). Typhoid fever (never report "Typhoid pneumonia"). Lobar pneumonia; Bronchopheumonia ("Prieumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, peritonaeum, etc., Carcinoma, Sar

coma, etc., of \_\_\_\_\_ (name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms) Measles; Whooping cough; Chronic valuelar heart disease; Chronic inferstitial 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 reports mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such , as "Asthenia," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy?" "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Coility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage,"\_"Inanition," "Marasmys" "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," itc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the case. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childhigh or miscarriage, as "Puerperal septichgemia," "Puerperal peritonitis," etc. State cause for Inich surgical operation was undertaken. For violent peaths state means of injury and qualify as accidental, suicidal, or homicidal, or as probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: Accidents wining; Struck by railway train—accident; Report wound of head-honicide; Poisoned by carbolic and probably suicide. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., sepsis letanus) 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.)

