GUIDE TO DEATH CERTIFICATES

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT GE HANOVER SQUARE

1910 DEATH in the Sub-district of Mayfair and Knightsbridge in the County of London

Columns:– 1 When and where died	2 Name and surname	3 Sex	4 Age	5 Occupation	6 Cause of death	7 Signature, description and residence of informant	8 When registered	9 Signature of registrar
Sixteenth August 1910 10 South Street Mayfair	Florence Nightingale	Female	90 years	Spinster and Daughter of William Edward Nightingale deceased of Independent Means	Old age Heart failure Certified by T. Garrett Anderson M.D.	E. Shore Nightingale Cousin Tea Trust Holloway Matlock	Sixteenth August 1910	H.S. Hamilton Registrar

1 Where and when died This column should provide date of death and a location or full address. People didn't always die at home. It may have happened in hospital, or in the workhouse, which could fall into a different registration district than the one you're expecting.

2 Age The informant gives the deceased's age at death to the best of their knowledge. This is not always correct.

3 Occupation This will be the last known occupation of the deceased. Females were usually described by their relationship to husband or father – eg 'widow of'.

4 Signature, description and residence of informant Often a spouse or other close relative. If the address is the same as the place of death, then it's likely the deceased died at home. After 1875, the relationship to the deceased was declared.

5 When registered The date the death was registered. This was usually very shortly after the death as a certificate was needed before a burial could take place.

6 Cause of death If the word "certified" appears, it means the cause of death was given by the doctor in medical attendance of the deceased. If there was an inquest, that will also be noted.

7 Name and surname This is the name given to the registrar by the informant. Please note that this will be the name they were using at the time of death, not always the name they were given at birth.

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