## NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DEATH INDEX

## **DETAILED RECORD FORMAT**

## **KEY TO FORMAT**

A = Alpha format only N = Numeric format only A/N = Alpha Numeric MM = Month DD = Day YYYY = Year

229 Character file

Description/ Field Name	Field Size	Format	Critical?	Comment	
Year of Death	4	N	Yes	Four digits mandatory	
State File Number	6	N	Yes	Include leading zeros	
Decedent First Name	40	А	Yes		
Decedent Middle Name	40	Α	Yes		
Decedent Last Name	40	Α	Yes		
Decedent Age	3	N	Yes	Include leading zeros	
Decedent Age Unit	3	А	YES	"YRS" for Years, "DAY" for Days, "Mon" for Months, "HRS" for Hours, "MIN" for Minutes, "UNK" for Unknown	
Decedent Gender	1	А	YES	"M" for Male, "F" for Female, "U" for Undetermined, " " for Missing	
Date of Death	8	N	YES	MMDDYYYY	
Residence Code	4	N	YES	A 4-digit County District/locality code that defines place of residence of the decedent.  * The NYS Gazetteer which is also on the METRIX will serve as a useful reference	

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				document to aid researchers in locating death certificates for deaths that occurred in New York State specific counties, towns, cities and villages. A state code listing has been provided for residents of other states and regions that died within New York State jurisdiction. The first 2 digits of the residence code identify the county and the remaining digits will further identify entities within the county. Information in the death indexes have been manually coded and keyed over many years; therefore the Department of Health cannot guarantee 100% accuracy.	