

THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

Western Samoa.—No. 6, 1920.

AN ORDINANCE

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Constitution Order, 1920 :

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1920.

2. There shall be registered by the Registrar to be appointed in that behalf by the Administrator (hereinafter called "the Registrar"), in registers prepared for the purpose, and in such one of the forms set out in the schedule hereto as may be appropriate,—

(a) The birth of every child born alive in Western Samoa ~~either of whose~~ ^{whose} parents is a European as defined in clause four of the Samoa Constitution Order, 1920.

(b) The death of every European dying in Western Samoa.

Registration of Births.

3. It shall be the duty of the occupier of any house in which a birth as described in clause two (a) hereof occurs to give notice of the fact of the birth, the place at and the date on which it occurred, and the names and addresses of the father and mother of the child, to the Registrar. Such notice shall be in writing, delivered or posted by registered letter to the Registrar not later than thirty days after the date of such birth.

4. In addition to the notice required by the last preceding clause, the father or mother of any such child, or, in case of death, absence, or inability of the father and the mother, each person present at the birth, shall within thirty days following the date of the birth personally give to the Registrar such information as shall be required for the registration of such birth, and personally attend at the Registrar's office and sign the register: Provided that if any one of the persons required by this clause to give such information and sign the register shall do so, then no penalty shall be imposed on the other or others for not having done so.

5. A person who is the father of a child with whose mother such person has not intermarried shall not be required to give notice under this Ordinance concerning the birth of such child. The Registrar shall not enter in the register the name of any person as father of any such child unless at the joint request of the mother and of the person acknowledging himself to be the father; and that person shall in such case sign the register together with the mother.

6. Every birth as described in clause two (a) hereof which has occurred since the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and has not been registered shall be registered as provided in clause four hereof within sixty days from the date hereof, and the provisions of that clause shall apply in the case of any such birth as if such birth had occurred at the date hereof.

Registration of Deaths.

7. It shall be the duty of the occupier of any house in which a death as described in clause two (b) occurs, and of each person present at the death and of the person interring the body of the deceased, to personally give to the Registrar within sixty days after such death such information as shall be required for the registration of such death, and to personally attend at the Registrar's office and sign the register: Provided that if any one of the persons required by this clause to give such information and sign the register shall do so then no penalty shall be imposed on the other or others for not having done so.

8. Any death as described in clause two (b) hereof which has occurred since the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and has not been registered shall be registered as provided in clause seven hereof within sixty days from the date hereof, and the provisions of that clause shall apply in the case of any such death as if such death had occurred at the date hereof.

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9. The Registrar shall, if called upon to do so, give a copy certified under his hand and seal of the entry of any birth or death registered in the register, and such copy shall be received in any Court in Western Samoa as *prima facie* evidence of the fact of the birth or death to which the same relates.

For every such certified copy, and for every search of the register, there shall be payable to the Registrar the fee of two shillings and sixpence.

10. (1) Any person who, being required by this Ordinance to give any notice or information or to register any birth or death, refuses, or without reasonable cause fails to do so in accordance with the provisions hereof, is guilty of an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

(2) Any person who wilfully makes or causes to be made for the purpose of its being inserted in the register of births or deaths, any false statement touching any of the particulars required to be known and registered under this Ordinance is guilty of an offence punishable by six months' imprisonment or by a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

THE SCHEDULE.

RECORD OF A BIRTH WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF WESTERN SAMOA.

No.	When and where Born.	Name.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father, and where Born.	(1) When and where Married.	(2) Previous Issue of Existing Marriages.	(3) Living — Number, Age, and Sex.	(4) Dead — Number and Sex.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother, and where Born.	Occupation or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When registered.	Signature of Registering Officer.

RECORD OF A DEATH WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF WESTERN SAMOA.

No.	When and where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Where Born.	Nationality.	Occupation or Profession.	Residence at Time of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When registered.	Signature of Registering Officer.

Assented to this 3rd day of November, 1920.

R. W. TATE, Administrator.