



Transcript

Table of drops

Executions, table of drops (April 1892)

The length of the drop may usually be calculated by dividing 840 foot-pounds by the weight of the culprit and his clothing in pounds, which will give the length of the drop in feet, but no drop should exceed 8 feet. Thus a person weighing 140 pounds in his clothing will require a drop of 840 divided by 140 = 6 feet. The following table is calculated on this basis up to the weight of 20 pounds:-

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Weight of the prisoner in his clothes	Length of the drop		Weight of the prisoner in his clothes	Length of the drop	
lbs	feet	inches	lbs	feet	inches
105 and under	8.	0	142	5.	11
106	7.	11	144	5.	10
107	7.	10	146	5.	9
108	7.	9	148	5.	8
109	7.	8	150	5.	7
110	7.	7	152	5.	6
112	7.	6	155	5.	5
113	7.	5	157	5.	4
114	7.	4	160	5.	3
115	7.	3	162	5.	2
117	7.	2	165	5.	1
118	7.	1	168	5.	0
120	7.	0	170	4.	11
121	6.	11	173	4.	10
123	6.	10	177	4.	9
124	6.	9	180	4.	8
126	6.	8	183	4.	7
127	6.	7	186	4.	6
129	6.	6	189	4.	5
130	6.	5	193	4.	4
132	6.	4	197	4.	3
134	6.	3	201	4.	2
136	6.	2	205	4.	1
138			210	4.	0
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When from any special reason, such as diseased condition of neck of the culprit, the Governor and medical officers think that there should be a departure from this table, they may inform the Executioner, and advise him as to the length of the drop which should be given in that particular case.