

Causes of Death in Historical Death Records

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Ague -fever&chills	Ague Cake-swollen spleen or liver
Apoplexy-stroke	Ablepsy-blindness
Anasarca-massive edema	Bad Blood-Syphillis
Brain Fever-meningitis	Black death-plague
Black pox-smallpox	Bloody flux-bloody diarrhea
Bilious Fever-recurrent fevers	Bright's Disease-nephritis
Breakbone-Dengue fever	Bronze John-yellow fever
Catarrh-cold/runny nose	Childbed fever-puerperal fever
Cerebritis-inflam of cerebrum, or lead poisoning	
Chin cough-pertussus	Congestive fever-malaria
Chlorosis-anemia	Consumption-TB
Cramp colic-appendicitus	Cholera Morbus-vomiting and cramps
Cholera Infantum-vomiting and diarrhea	Chorea-uncontrolled movement
Costiveness-Constipation	Dock Fever-yellow fever
Commotion-concussion	Dropsy-edema, heart failure
Dropsy of brain-encephalitis	Edema-swelling of tissues/legs
Deleirium Tremens- alcohol withdrawal	Enteritis-inflamm of bowels
Flux-drainage or discharge	Falling sickness-epilepsy
Green sickness-anemia	Great Pox-syphillis
Jail fever-Typhus	Glandular fever-mononucleosis
Jackson's March-epilepsy	Hydrophobia-rabies
Humor-blood	Horrors-Delirium Tremens
Infantile paralysis-polio	Jaundice-yellow skin from liver infection
LaGrippe-influenza	Lues-syphillis
Lung fever—pneumonia	Lung sickness-TB
Marasmus-malnutrition	membranous croup-Diphtheria
Milk Leg-thrombophlebitis	milk fever-fever from contamin. milk-brucellosis
milk sickness-milk of cows which have eaten poisonous weeds	
miasma-disease from bad air	mormal-gangreen
Mortification-infection/gangrene	morphew-scurvy blisters
phthisis pulmonalis-TB	Pott's disease-'TB of the spine
Podagra-gout	Puerperal exhaustion-death in childbirth
pyaemia-blood poisoning/sepsis	Quinsy-tonsillar abscess
Remitting fever-malaria	Screws-rheumatism
Scirrhous-cancerous tumors	Scrum-pox-impetigo
Scrofula-lymph node TB	Spasms-seizures

Ship Fever-Typhus	Sloes-milk sickness
St. Anthony's fire-erysipelas	St. Vitus Dance-Chorea from Rheumatic fever
Stranger's fever-yellow fever	Swamp sickness-malaria, typhoid
Strangery-hernia	Teething-mouth infection
Trismus-tetanus	Tussis convulsiva-whooping cough
Variola-Small pox	Viper's Dance-St. Vitus Dance
White swelling-TB of bone	Yellowjacket-yellow fever
Winter fever-pneumonia	

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