

Old Time Illnesses

Ablepsy Blindness

Ague Malarial Fever

American plague Yellow fever

Anasarca Generalized massive edema

Aphonia Laryngitis

Aphtha The infant disease "thrush"

Apoplexy Paralysis due to stroke

Asphyxia/Asphixia Cyanotic and lack of oxygen

Atrophy Wasting away or diminishing in size.

Bad Blood Syphilis

Bilious fever Typhoid, malaria, hepatitis or elevated temperature and bileemesis

Biliousness Jaundice associated with liver disease

Black plague Bubonic plague

Black fever Acute infection with high temperature and dark red skin lesions and high mortality rate

Black pox Black Small pox

Black vomit Vomiting old black blood due to ulcers or yellow fever

Blackwater fever Dark urine associated with high temperature

Bladder in throat Diphtheria (Seen on death certificates)

Blood poisoning Bacterial infection; septicemia

Bloody flux Bloody stools

Bloody sweat Sweating sickness

Bone shave Sciatica

Brain fever Meningitis

Breakbone Dengue fever

Bright's disease Chronic inflammatory disease of kidneys

Bronze John Yellow fever

Bule Boil, tumor or swelling

Cachexy Malnutrition

Cacogastric Upset stomach

Cacospysy Irregular pulse

Caduceus Subject to falling sickness or epilepsy

Camp fever Typhus; aka Camp diarrhea

Canine madness Rabies, hydrophobia

Canker Ulceration of mouth or lips or herpes simplex

Catalepsy Seizures/trances

Catarrhal Nose and throat discharge from cold or allergy

Cerebritis Inflammation of cerebrum or lead poisoning

Chilblain Swelling of extremities caused by exposure to cold

Child bed fever Infection following birth of a child

Chin cough Whooping cough

Chlorosis Iron deficiency anemia

Cholera Acute severe contagious diarrhoea with intestinal lining sloughing

Cholera morbus Characterized by nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, elevated temperature, etc.
Could be appendicitis

Cholecystitis Inflammation of the gall bladder

Cholelithiasis Gall stones

Chorea Disease characterized by convulsions, contortions and dancing

Cold plague Ague which is characterized by chills

Colic An abdominal cramping

Congestive chills Malaria

Consumption Tuberculosis

Congestion Any collection of fluid in an organ, like the lungs

Congestive chills Malaria with diarrhea

Congestive fever Malaria

Corruption Infection

Coryza A cold

Costiveness Constipation

Cramp colic Appendicitis

Crop sickness Overextended stomach

Croup Laryngitis, diphtheria, or strep throat

Cyanosis Dark skin color from lack of oxygen in blood

Cynanche Diseases of throat

Cystitis Inflammation of the bladder

Day fever Fever lasting one day; sweating sickness

Debility Lack of movement or staying in bed

Decrepitude Feebleness due to old age

Delirium tremens Hallucination due to alcoholism

Dengue Infectious fever endemic to East Africa

Dentition Cutting of teeth

Deplumation Tumor of the eyelids which causes hair loss

Diary fever A fever that lasts one day

Diphtheria Contagious disease of the throat

Distemper Usually animal disease with malaise, discharge from nose and throat, anorexia

Dock fever Yellow fever

Dropsy Edema (swelling), often caused by kidney or heart disease

Dropsy of the Brain Encephalitis

Dry Bellyache Lead poisoning

Dyscrasy An abnormal body condition

Dysentery Inflammation of colon with frequent passage of mucous and blood

Dysorexy Reduced appetite

Dyspepsia Indigestion and heartburn. Heart attack symptoms

Dysury Difficulty in urination

Eclampsy Symptoms of epilepsy or convulsions during labor

Ecstasy A form of catalepsy

Edema Nephrosis; swelling of tissues

Edema of lungs Congestive heart failure, a form of dropsy

Eel thing Erysipelas

Elephantiasis A form of leprosy

Encephalitis Swelling of brain; aka sleeping sickness

Enteric fever Typhoid fever

Enterocolitis Inflammation of the intestines Enteritis Inflammations of the bowels

Epitaxis Nose bleed

Erysipelas Contagious skin disease, due to Streptococci with vesicular bulbous lesions

Extravasted blood Rupture of a blood vessel

Falling sickness Epilepsy

Fatty Liver Cirrhosis of liver

Fits Sudden attack or seizure of muscle activity

Flux An excessive flow or discharge of fluid like hemorrhage or diarrhea

Flux of humour Circulation

French pox Syphilis

Gathering A collection of pus

Glandular fever Mononucleosis

Great pox Syphilis

Green fever/sickness Anemia

Grippe/grip Influenza like symptoms

Grocer's itch Skin disease caused by mites in sugar or flour

Heart sickness Condition caused by loss of salt from body

Heat stroke Body temperature elevates because of surrounding environment temperature and body does not perspire to reduce temperature. Coma and death result if not reversed

Hectical complaint Recurrent fever

Hematemesis Vomiting blood

Hematuria Bloody urine

Hemiplegy Paralysis of one side of body

Hip gout Osteomyelitis

Horrors Delirium tremens

Hydrocephalus Enlarged head, water on the brain

Hydropericardium Heart dropsy

Hydrophobia Rabies

Hydrothroax Dropsy in chest

Hypertrophic Enlargement of organ, like the heart

Impetigo Contagious skin disease characterized by pustules

Inanition Physical condition resulting from lack of food

Infantile paralysis Polio

Intestinal colic Abdominal pain due to bad diet

Jail fever Typhus

Jaundice Condition caused by blockage of intestines

King's evil Tuberculosis of neck and lymph glands

Kruchhusten Whooping cough

Lagrippe Influenza

Lockjaw Tetanus or infectious disease affecting the muscles of the neck and jaw. Untreated, it is fatal in 8 days

Long sickness Tuberculosis

Lues disease Syphilis

Lues venera Venereal disease

Lumbago Back pain

Lung fever Pneumonia

Lung sickness Tuberculosis

Lying in Time of delivery of infant

Malignant sore throat Diphtheria

Mania Insanity

Marasmus Progressive wasting away of body, like malnutrition

Membranous Croup Diphtheria

Meningitis Inflammations of brain or spinal cord

Metritis Inflammation of uterus or purulent vaginal discharge

Miasma Poisonous vapors thought to infect the air

Milk fever Disease from drinking contaminated milk

Milk leg Post partum thrombophlebitis

Milk sickness Disease from milk of cattle which had eaten poisonous weeds

Mormal Gangrene

Morphew Scurvy blisters on the body

Mortification Gangrene of necrotic tissue

Myelitis Inflammation of the spine

Myocarditis Inflammation of heart muscles

Necrosis Mortification of bones or tissue

Nephrosis Kidney degeneration

Nepritis Inflammation of kidneys

Nervous prostration Extreme exhaustion from inability to control physical and mental activities

Neuralgia Described as discomfort, such as "Headache" was neuralgia in head

Nostalgia Homesickness

Palsy Paralysis or uncontrolled movement of controlled muscles. It was listed as "Cause of death"

Paroxysm Convulsion

Pemphigus Skin disease of watery blisters

Pericarditis Inflammation of heart

Peripneumonia Inflammation of lungs

Peritonitis Inflammation of abdominal area

Petechial Fever Fever characterized by skin spotting

Phthiriasis Lice infestation

Phthisis Chronic wasting away or a name for tuberculosis

Plague An acute febrile highly infectious disease with a high fatality rate

Pleurisy Any pain in the chest area with each breath

Podagra Gout

PolioPotter's asthma Fibroid pthisis

Pott's disease Tuberculosis of spine

Puerperal exhaustion Death due to child birth

Puerperal fever Elevated temperature after giving birth to an infant

Puking fever Milk sickness

Putrid fever Diphtheria.

Quinsy Tonsillitis.

Remitting fever Malaria

Rheumatism Any disorder associated with pain in joints

Rickets Disease of skeletal system

Rose cold Hay fever or nasal symptoms of an allergy

Rotanny fever (Child's disease) ???

Rubeola German measles

Sanguineous crust Scab

Scarlatina Scarlet fever

Scarlet fever A disease characterized by red rash

Scarlet rash Roseola

Sciatica Rheumatism in the hips

Scirrhous Cancerous tumors

Scotomy Dizziness, nausea and dimness of sight

Scrivener's palsy Writer's cramp

Screws Rheumatism

Scrofula Tuberculosis of neck lymph glands. Progresses slowly with abscesses and pustulas develop.

Young person's disease

Scrupox Skin disease, impetigo

Scurvy Lack of vitamin C. Symptoms of weakness, spongy gums and hemorrhages under skin

Septicemia Blood poisoning

Shakes Delirium tremens

Shaking Chills, ague

Shingles Viral disease with skin blisters

Ship fever Typhus

Siriasis Inflammation of the brain due to sun exposure

Sloes Milk sickness

Small pox Contagious disease with fever and blisters

Softening of brain Result of stroke or hemorrhage in the brain, with an end result of the tissue softening in that area

Sore throat distemper Diphtheria or quinsy

Spanish influenza Epidemic influenza

Spasms Sudden involuntary contraction of muscle or group of muscles, like a convulsion

Spina bifida Deformity of spine

Spotted fever Either typhus or meningitis

Sprue Tropical disease characterized by intestinal disorders and sore throat

St. Anthony's fire Also erysipelas, but named so because of affected skin areas are bright red in appearance

St. Vitus dance Ceaseless occurrence of rapid complex jerking movements performed involuntarily

Stomatitis Inflammation of the mouth

Stranger's fever Yellow fever

Strangery Rupture

Sudor anglicus Sweating sickness

Summer complaint Diarrhea, usually in infants caused by spoiled milk

Sunstroke Uncontrolled elevation of body temperature due to environment heat. Lack of sodium in the body is a predisposing cause

Swamp sickness Could be malaria, typhoid or encephalitis

Sweating sickness Infectious and fatal disease common to UK in 15th century

Tetanus Infectious fever characterized by high fever, headache and dizziness

Thrombosis Blood clot inside blood vessel

Thrush Childhood disease characterized by spots on mouth, lips and throat

Tick fever Rocky mountain spotted fever

Toxemia Eclampsia

Trench mouth Painful ulcers found along gum line, Caused by poor nutrition and poor hygiene

Tussis convulsiva Whooping cough

Typhus Infectious fever characterized high fever, headache, and dizziness

Variola Smallpox

Venesection Bleeding

Viper's dance St. Vitus Dance

Water on brain Enlarged head

White swelling Tuberculosis of the bone

Winter fever Pneumonia

Womb fever Infection of the uterus.

Worm fit Convulsions associated with teething, worms, elevated temperature or diarrhea

Yellowjacket Yellow fever.