

If you read the old documents carefully then you too may learn the name of an old disease? Just because you don't recognize the name doesn't mean the disease was only recently discovered. Diseases have changed their names just like some of our ancestors have done.



LEARN THE NAMES OF OUR ANCESTOR'S ILLNESSES



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Outdated Medical Terms



APOPLEXY – stroke

ABLEPSIA – blindness

BLACK DEATH - typhus

BLACK LUNG - disease from breathing coal dust

BLOODY FLUX - dysentery

CONSUMPTION – tuberculosis

DROPSY - an abnormal collection of fluid in the tissues and cavities of the body

DROPSY OF THE BRAIN - encephalitis

LUNG FEVER - pneumonia

LUNG SICKNESS – tuberculosis

RHEUMATISM - a painful disease affecting muscles and joints, chiefly the larger joints

RICKETS - a disease of the skeletal system resulting from a deficiency of calcium or vitamin D in the diet, or from lack of sunlight

SCURVY - a disease characterized by great debility, a pale bloated face, and bleeding spongy gums, usually suffered by people living confined or on salted meats without fresh vegetables

SEPTICEMIA - blood poisoning

SHIP'S FEVER - typhus

TYPHUS - an acute infectious fever, characterized by high fever, dizziness, and headache [also Black Death]

WINTER FEVER - pneumonia

YELLOW JACKET - yellow fever

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~lynda77/illness1.htm>

<http://www.disease.pricklytree.co.uk/>

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njmorris/general_info/disease.htm

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sam/disease.html>

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