

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# Outdated Medical Terms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://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njmorris/general_info/disease.htm)

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

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