

What's My Lineage?

Connecting you with your ancestors

Dropsy, Quinsy or Consumption: What Was Wrong with My Ancestor?

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What disease did my ancestor have?

- Death records
- Obituary
- Funeral Home/Cemetery records
- Coroner
- Hospital records
- Military records
- Census
- Photographs

What was that disease?

- International List of Causes of Death
- International Classification of Disease
 - www.wolfbane.com/icd/index.html
- Archaic Medical Terms
 - www.ldpierce.com/forms3pdf/illnessdisease.pdf
 - www.lhaasdav.com/learningcenter/diseasesold.html
 - ww.archaicmedicalterms.com

Why do we need to know?

- Clues to further research
- Details about our ancestor's lives
- Hereditary illness

Epidemics

A widespread occurrence of an infectious disease in a community at a particular time

Multiple deaths at the same time

Cemetery/Burial records

Newspaper

Local Histories

Online sources

www.bjhughes.org/epidemic.html

https://en.wikipedia.org/List_of_epidemics

Further Reading:

Cause of death as a genealogical clue - <http://vita-breviis.org/2014/09/cause-of-death-genealogical-clue/>

Morgan, George G: "The International Classification of Diseases: A Key for Deciphering Death Certificates" *Internet Genealogy* Aug/Sept 2016 p18-21.

It's Epidemic! <http://genealogybeyondthebmd.blogspot.ca/2014/11/its-epidemic.html>