

Dr. Josiah Convers (1704-1774) of Watertown

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1739 February 13 (Tuesday). Dr. Convers, by Dr. Gotts message to him as he was at Sudbury, came up to visit my wife. Afterwards came Dr. Gott. They find her very low, her Blood exceeding Weak, her swelling in her Legg increased and advanc'd into her Body, her Urine has been to a great Degree Suppress'd ever since this Second Legg was Seiz'd with the Pain. Her medicines are Chalbiats¹ mix'd with Castor, and Ocul. Cancror with Sal. Nitr. Her bathing with spirits of wine continued but her Pultis ceases, her Teas of Horse Radish, Fennel and Parseley Roots, and we now lay on a Blister.

1739 February 26 (Monday). The Doctor [Gott] came to see my wife. I rode down to Cambridge on occasion of sister Lydia Champneys illness. Very bad riding by the Hollowness of the Earth by the Frost. Met with Dr. Convers at Mr. Harringtons Tavern at Waltham. Found sister Lydia better. Her Face, Chin and Throat had been very much tumified [?] and enflam'd and lanc'd, and she was in great Extremity for some Days last week, but is much more comfortable.

1751 June 1 (Saturday). At five in the morning set out from Boston. Broke fast at Mr. Dix's in Watertown. Visited Mr. Williams of Waltham who is very low. Pray'd with him. N.B. Mr. Cotton of Newton and Dr. Convers there.

¹A chalybeate medicine was impregnated with or flavored with iron.