

Quinzy, Quinzie, Quincy, Quinsy

Quinsy - *OED*: Originally: inflammation or swelling of the throat or part of the throat, *esp.* tonsillitis; an instance of this. Formerly also occas. in *pl.* In later use: *spec.* peritonsillar abscess; an instance of this.

1737 November 8 (Tuesday). Called at Captain Williams, and at Mr. Ebenezer Beeman's on our way home. P.M. Funeral of one of Mrs. Seth Rice's Daughters who dyed by a Quinsy.

1738 January 2 (Monday). Was at the Funeral of the Young Child of Mr. Thomas Bruce.

1738 January 3 (Tuesday). Was at the Funeral of a Child¹ of Mr. Josiah Russell, of about 5 years old, an hopefull, desirable Child -- The Third that has dyed of late by the Quincy, and the 10th that has dyed in 10 weeks.

1756 June 22 (Tuesday). Was called Suddenly to Deacon Bonds to see his daughter *Eliz.* (a Child in her 5th Year) very ill of Canker, Quinzy and Fever. I dined there. Prayed twice. She Expired about 2 p.m.

1759 June 15 (Friday). Dr. *Crosby* acquaints me that Mr. Tainters Child has the Quinzy and desires me to go and see it. It is with great Difficulty -- yet I went -- dined there

1770 September 13 (Thursday). At about 8 o'Clock in the Evening received a Letter from my son Alexander informing me of his Childs being very bad of a Quinzie.

1777 January 8 (Wednesday). P.M. I attended the funeral of Mr. *Nehemiah Maynards* Child which dyed of Canker Quinzy, in its 3d year. The name *Elizabeth*.

1777 March 3 (Monday). Mr. *Joseph Green* came to acquaint me with the Death of his sons eldest Child, by a *Quincy*, and desires me to attend the Funeral tomorrow.

1777 March 4 (Tuesday). It was Stormy, and the wind and Snow vehement, yet I was carryed in the sleigh to Mr. *Greens*, the House of Mourning, and prayed. *Breck* accompanied me and drove.

¹The death of neither child is recorded in *Westborough Vital Records*.