

Asthma: References in Ebenezer Parkmans Diary

1728 February 13 (Tuesday). The Great Dr. Cotton Mather dy'd this morning 4 a.m. after Suffering of an asthma.

1740 August 11 (Monday). My Wife rode with me to Marlborough. I visited Colonel Woods who was much indispos'd by Hydropic and Asthmatic Disorders.

1756 May 16 (Sunday). I preached at Hopkinton a.m. on *Isa. 26.20.21*, p.m. on *Heb. 11.16*, and in the Evening came home; where I received a Letter from Brother *Samuel* certifying of the Death of *Sister Parkman* Friday Morning of an *Asthma*. May God teach my Dear Brother Resignation and Obedience by the things which he suffers! And may we all Learn to die! To be ever ready! For her Departure was Somewhat Sudden, and about 2 o'Clock, to their great Surprize, though she had had a fit or two the Evening before; for they both went to Bed and to sleep comfortable.

1765 October 29 (Tuesday). I went to Mr. Ebenezer Forbush's and carried the London Magazine for October 1764, having an Account of the *Asthma*. Dr. Hawes with me.

1775 January 24 (Tuesday). I visited old *Lieut. Forbush* and dined there. Mr. Ebenezers Wife is confined by an Asthma.

1775 February 3 (Friday). Capt. *Jonas Brigham* send [*sic*] his son Edward for me to Visit his young Daughter *Persis* who is very ill of an *Asthma*. I went -- Sympathized, conversed and prayed with them. May a gracious God prepare the Damsel for His holy will! and Sanctifie the Affliction to all of them!

1780 February 12 (Saturday). P.M. Am called from my study to visit old Mrs. Baker. (Mr. Andrews takes me into a double Sleigh with his wife and with Capt. *Jonas Brigham's* Wife, who are going also to see their Mother.) She was very dangerously ill of an Asthma. Discoursed and prayed with her.

1778 January 19 (Monday). P.M. I visited Capt. *Jonathan Fay*, very ill of an *Asthma*. Discoursed and prayed with him.