

## Death Registry, 1783 to 1845 (50 years)

Consumption	166	22%	Tuberculosis, early descriptions include “bloody flux”, from blood in diarrhea
Infant Death	129	17	
Putrid Fever/Typhus Fever (1804)	61 (14/47)	8	Characterized by ulcerated/putrid sore throat;
Palsy	42	6	paralysis, esp. that which is accompanied by involuntary tremors.
Dropsy	38	5	Edema/swelling, often associated with heart or kidney disease; Dropsy of brain - encephalitis
Drowned	36	5	At sea, off Saybrook Ferry
Dysentery	25	3	Water polluted with human or animal waste
Lung Fever	23	3	Pneumonia, also “winter fever”
Canker Rash/Scarlet Fever	23 (8/15)	3	After 1834, Putrid Fever was known as Scarlet Fever
Gradual Decline/Old Age	22	3	
Fever	13	2	
Fit	13	2	
Liver Complaint	13	2	
Apoplexy	11	1 ½	Often sudden loss of consciousness and death, aneurysms, heart attacks and strokes often described as “apoplexy”; Also paralysis due to stroke
Cancer	10	1 ½	Story of Nabby Adams in Boston
Bowel Complaint	9	1	One by “bowel eruption”; related to Crohn’s Disease?
Yellow Fever	8	1	All aboard ships, also known as “Bronze John”
Paralytic illness	7	1	Polio? FDR was said to suffer from “paralytic illness”
Nervous Fever	6	1	Low form fever characterized by great disturbance of nervous system, delirium, stupor, disordered sensibility
Rattles	6	1	
Lethargy	6	1	
Pleurisy	5	½	Inflammation of the lining of the lungs/chest
Cholera Morbus	5	½	Prolific diarrhea and vomiting, from ingesting food/water contaminated by feces of infected person
Lock Jaw	5	½	Tetanus, bacterial infection
Whooping Cough	5	< ½	
Small Pox	4	< ½	
Cold	4	< ½	
Suicide	3	< ½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1791, 18 yr old John Lord accidentally killed by gun; six months later 19 yr old Richard Lord committed suicide</li> <li>Hannah Lord, age 26, wife of William Lord</li> </ul>
Child Bed Fever	3	< ½	Septicemia from unclean conditions upon birth of baby or miscarriage; the “Doctor’s Plague”
Bilious Cholic	3	< ½	Pain related to gallbladder
Croup	3	< ½	Diphtheria or strep throat infection
Mortification	3		Gangrene of necrotic tissue
Asthma	3	< ½	

