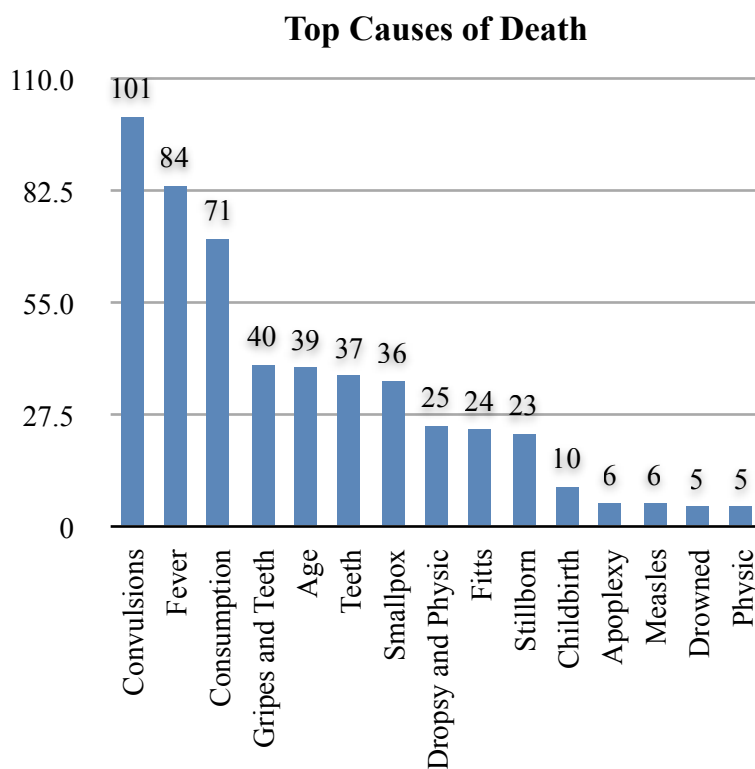


# Causes of Death, Southwark Quaker Meeting Records

These are the causes of death of the people whose burial records I transcribed from the Southwark Monthly Meeting in Surrey, England. I recorded a total of 719 deaths, of which 566 had causes stated. The chart below shows the top 15 causes.

I was interested in studying this because so many of my own ancestors died of consumption. It turned out that consumption was only the third highest cause of death. The first two are more symptoms of death, and could have been associated with another disease. But consumption was still the leading disease in this sample, followed by smallpox and measles. Sadly, infant death was high, as shown by the figures for Gripes and Teeth, Teeth, and Stillborn. Teeth refers to the process of teething in young children.

Cause	Number
Convulsions	101
Fever	84
Consumption	71
Gripes and Teeth	40
Age	39
Teeth	37
Smallpox	36
Dropsy and Physic	25
Fitts	24
Stillborn	23
Childbirth	10
Apoplexy	6
Measles	6
Drowned	5
Physic	5
Inward Fever	4
Inward Fitts	4
Hectic Fever	3
Gout in the Stomach	2
Imposthume	2
Inflamed lungs	2
Rickets	2
Rising of the Lights	2
Stoppage of the Stomach	2
Surfit	2
The Stone	2
Abortive birth	1
Black Jaundice	1
Bowels	1
Breeding Teeth	1
Cancer on her Tongue	1
Colic	1
Decline	1
Evill	1
Flux	1
Infection	1
Inward Convulsions	1
Kings Evil	1
Malignant Fever	1



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Cause	Number
Malignant Fever, Child Birth	1
Mortification	1
Physic and Dropsy	1
Pistol Shot	1
Pleurisy	1
Pluralistic Disorder	1
Purple Fever	1
Scarlet Fever	1
Scurvey	1
Spotted Fever	1
Swelling of the Throat	1
Throat Gullion	1
Thrush in the Mouth	1
Total Recorded	566