

Download Bring Out Your Dead : The Great Plague Of Yellow Fever In Philadelphia In 1793

"The horrors were heart rendering." Samuel Breck was a Philadelphia merchant newly arrived to the city: "I had scarcely become settled in Philadelphia when in July, 1793, the yellow fever broke out, and, spreading rapidly in August, obliged all the citizens who could remove to seek safety in the country. During the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 in Philadelphia, 5,000 or more people were listed in the official register of deaths between August 1 and November 9. The vast majority of them died of yellow fever, making the epidemic in the city of 50,000 people one of the most severe in United States history. By the end of September, 20,000 people had fled the city. Yellow Fever in New York City, 1791-1799. By Bob Arnebeck. a paper presented at the 26th Conference on New York State History, June 9-11, 2005, Syracuse, NY. In practice. The quarantining of people often raises questions of civil rights, especially in cases of long confinement or segregation from society, such as that of Mary Mallon (aka Typhoid Mary), a typhoid fever carrier who was arrested and quarantined in 1907 and later spent the last 24 years and 7 months her life in medical isolation at Riverside Hospital on North Brother Island.