

[Cure of Cancer] Dr. William James Almon

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Ingredients

narrow leaved dock root

dock root

soft water

water

liquor

tea

port wine

honey

Places

Halifax

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Poughkeepsie

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America

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Description

A recipe from Cornelius Cuyler, Pastor of the Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie, New York specifying dock root used in the treatment of cancerous ulcers, p. 265.

Transcription

Cure of Cancer

Narrow leaved
dock root, used
as a Cure for the
Cancer_ certified
By [Corn. C. Cuyler](#)
Pastor of the
Reformed Church
at Poughkeepsie
State NYork
1815.

Take narrow leaved Dock root, boil it in soft water, wash the ulcer with the strong decoction warm as it can be borne, fill the cavity with ~~liquor~~ the liquor for two minutes then scrape the hulk of the root, bruise it fine, put it on gauze, and lay it over part of the ulcer, dip a linnin Cloth in the decoction and put that over the gauze; repeat this three times in twenty four hours; and at each time let the Patient take a wine glass full of the tea made of the Root with one third of a glass of Port wine sweetened with honey

Annotations

[Corn. C. Cuyler](#)

Cornelius Cuyler served as pastor to the Reformed Church at Poughkeepsie from 1809 to 1833.

Cure of Cancer recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/196>