

[For Nervous Complaints] William Booth

Date: 1789/02/13

Compiler

William Booth

Other

Dr. George Drummond

Publication Format

Manuscript

Type

Medicine

Ingredients

essence of peppermint

water

best water

Places

Shelburne

Nova Scotia

Source: William Booth Diary

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Description

These instructions appear in diary entries that span several months of treatments for Booth's wife, Hannah (Proudfoot) Booth. She died 22 February 1789. In letters dated 23 February 1789, Booth attributed her death to a "nervous fever" (William Booth, *Remarks and Rough Memorandums: Captain William Booth, Corps of Royal Engineers, Shelburne, Nova Scotia 1787, 1789*, edited by Eleanor Robertson Smith, Shelburne County Archives and Genealogical Society, 2008, pp. 35-36).

Transcription

Feb^r 13th: Thick Atmosphere and snow,

falling moderately ---

Thaw in the afternoon ---

Dr. Drummond brought some Essence

of Peppermint 3 Drops of which would make

a large Glass - 'tis to be mixt wth the best water

and a little sugar - good for nervous complaints

and has recommended it to M^{rs} Booth ---

Lent the doctor 1st Vol: Watson's Chemical

Essays.

For Nervous Complaints recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/534>