

Premature Burial

presented by Nancy L. Eckerman

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at the Indiana Medical History Museum

Antoine Wiertz, The Premature Burial, 1854

Did Edgar Allen Poe create the 19th century hysteria about premature burial?

Did science and medicine?

Why did Germans build hospitals for the dead?

You may have seen drawings of or heard about the bells sometimes being attached to coffins, just in case someone was confined before they were really dead. Join us as Nancy L. Eckerman explores the origins of the once common fear of premature burial and some of the possible sociological and medical reasons for the 19th century's obsession with that possibility.

Nancy L. Eckerman is the history of medicine librarian at the Ruth Lilly Medical Library at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is also the author of *Indiana in the Civil War: Doctors, Hospitals, and Medical Care* and has spoken widely in the state and at several national conferences.

This program is free and open to the public but does require an RSVP due to limited seating. For more information or to RSVP, please email education@imhm.org or call (317) 635-7329.

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