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Graveyards: A History of Living with the Dead

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Friday, January 23, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**Further Reading on Graveyard History, recommended by
speaker & author Roger Luckhurst:**

- Catharine Arnold, *Necropolis: London and its Dead* (2006).
- Carolyn Campbell, *City of Immortals: Père Lachaise Cemetery, Paris* (2019).
- Edwin Chadwick *A Supplementary Report on the Results of a Special Inquiry into the Practice of Interment in Towns* (1843) – available in full online
- James Stevens Curl, *The Victorian Celebration of Death* (2000).
- Drew Gilpin Faust, *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* (2008).
- Andrea E. Frohne, *The African Burial Ground in New York City: Memory, Spirituality, and Space* (2015)
- Isabella Holmes, *The London Burial Grounds: Notes on their History from the Earliest Times to the Present Day* (1896) – available online and as print on demand book from the British Library
- Thomas W. Laqueur, *The Work of the Dead: A Cultural History of Mortal Remains* (2015).
- Jessica Mitford, *The American Way of Death Revisited* (originally 1963, revised 1998).
- Parisot, Eric et al. (eds), *Graveyard Gothic* (2024) – academic collection of 17 essays
- *Report from the Select Committee on Improvement of the Health of Towns (Effect of Interment of Bodies in Towns)* (1842) – available in full online
- Trudy Irene Scee, *The Garden Cemeteries of New England* (2019)
- Peter Thorsheim, ‘The Corpse in the Garden: Burial, Health and the Environment in Nineteenth-Century London’, *Environmental History* 16: 1 (2011), 38-68.
- George Walker, *Gatherings from Graveyards, Particularly Those of London, with a Concise History of the Modes of Interment Among Different Nations* (1839) – digitized version available via Wellcome Trust library catalog
- George Walker, *On the Past and Present State of Intramural Burying Places, with Practical Suggestions for the Establishment of National Extramural Cemeteries* (1851).