

Reflections on Life and Death in 19th Century Indiana

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What do you do with a body?

Cemeteries and documents permit us to reconstruct the facts of life (and death) for pioneer families and their descendents. Franklin County, Indiana, for example, was settled by a very fertile, mobile population from the eastern states combined with a wave of German immigrants. The result is a rural society with low population growth that enables us to observe how social modernization interacted with birth, disease, and death.



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