

The Cultural and Historical Value of the Old Cemeteries in Craiova

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Abstract

It is known that the old custom of our Orthodox faith was for the dead to be buried in churches (when they were founders) or in the churchyard, so there were no cemeteries. It is known that the custom of burying the dead in another place separate from the church was brought to us by foreigners who also had special places for burials outside the city in Craiova. For the Orthodox, only through the sanitary law of 1864, it was decided to create cemeteries outside the city, thus removing them from the churchyard, so that Prince Alexandru Ioan Cuza, through the rural law of the same year, decided to give land for cemeteries. It is believed that this law was implemented around 1870-1871, given that tombs dating back to 1864 are still found in the courtyard of the city's churches.