



The Death of Richman

The drawing above depicts the death in 1753 of George William Richman, noted Professor of Experimental Philosophy and member of the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Petersburg. An early experimenter with electricity, his too-close examination of the unique and highly powerful ball lightning cost him his life one evening and injured an observer, the Court Engraver.

Why do I send you this macabre illustration?

To enlist your aid in dispelling rumors of the professional demise of the present-day Professor Richman. Though he has departed the faculty of Brown University, he remains very much alive and engaged in the practice of Forensic Engineering.

Your assistance in helping others see the light will be greatly appreciated.