

## Medical Research and Dissection

**Image:** View of the medieval cellar, Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield.

**Image from:** Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield

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In the house he undertook serious scientific and medical research. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1762, the *Birmingham Aris's Gazette* published the following advertisement:

*"The body of the Malefactor, who is order'd to be executed at Lichfield on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, will be afterwards conveyed to the house of Dr Darwin, who will begin a Course of Anatomical Lectures, at Four o'clock on Tuesday evening, and continue them every day as long as the Body can be preserved; and shall be glad to be favoured with the Company of any who profess medicine or Surgery, or whom the love of Science may induce."*

It is not known exactly where in the house the dissection took place, but possibly it was in the cellar.