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Dear Country Life,

I read--belatedly--Gavin Stamp's piece on The Dulwich Picture Gallery in your issue of 2 March. A year or so ago I finally visited the Gallery after being nearby many times at Dulwich College for events associated with Sir Ernest Shackleton. I must have missed the mausoleum, but when I read that "No other art gallery or museum in Britain contains the bodies of its founders..." I immediately thought of the Annmary Brown Memorial on the campus of Brown University in Providence RI. It's a small but fascinating gallery, and at the far end, one will find a mausoleum in which the founders--General and Mrs Rush C. Hawkins--lie eternally. Each year, on the 9th of March--Annmary Brown's birthday--fresh flowers are placed on the slabs above their graves, and are left there until the next anniversary arrives. Among the interesting things displayed is her extensive collection of lead soldiers, many being of British regiments. It's well worth a visit for those who find themselves in this appealing city.

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PS: I'd be happy to e-mail higher resolution versions of the photos below should you want them.
I also include some links below for further information.

<http://library.brown.edu/about/amb/>

http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Medieval_Studies/brown/

http://www.brown.edu/Administration/News_Bureau/Databases/Encyclopedia/search.php?serial=A0370

http://www.flickr.com/photos/dippy_duck/2491076772/

