



Osborn Mausoleum

The Osborn Chapel, which fills the angle between the north wall of the chancel and the east wall of the north aisle, is built in coursed rubble and has a three-light window under a square drip-mould in the east wall. In contrast to the church and chapel, the porch which shelters the steps leading down to the burial vault takes the form of a small classical building. The materials are red and blue brick, with stone used for details such as the canopy over the door and the vermiculated plaques to either side of it. The east, south and west walls of the vault under the church are lined with loculi.

Architect(s)

Not known

Listing

Grade II* (England and Wales)

Year Created

1649

History

The funerary chapel of the Osborn family is attached to the north side of the chancel. It was built in 1649 and contains the twin monuments of Sir Peter and Sir John Osborn, carved in 1655 by John Stone. The remains of these two persons lie in the vault below. The small building which projects from the north wall of the Osborn Chapel, described in the Buildings of England as a 'mausoleum', is really no more than a porch and shelters a flight of steps leading down to the vault beneath the chapel. What seems to have happened here, as in the case of the Ailesbury mausoleum at Maulden, is that in the 18th century the family felt the need to tidy up their burial vault and enclose the coffins in loculi and, at the same time, provide a grander entrance to the vault.

Condition

Good (July 2002)

Sources

BoE: Beds (1968), 62-3;

VCH: *Beds* (1908), 2, 269.



Location

Church of All Saints,
Campton,
Bedfordshire.
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