Pearse Mausoleum

A Classical mausoleum in the Grecian style surmounted by a sarcophagus. Square, with inset Doric columns at the corners, incised key ornament, and bronze plaques commemorating the members of the family interred there.

Architect(s)
William Pilkington

Listing
Grade II (England and Wales)

Year Created
1812

Style
Greek Revival

History
John Pearse (d.1836) was a director of the Bank of England and MP for Devizes between 1818 and 1832. He bought the Chilton Lodge estate in 1796, demolished the old house, and had a new one built by William Pilkington in about 1800. The family mausoleum was designed by the same architect and was certainly built prior to 1814. The dates of death of the members of the family recorded on the memorial plaques run from 1812 to 1888.

Condition
Overgrown with ivy and said to be at risk (1999).

Sources
BoE: Wilts (1975), 116-7;
H Colvin, Biographical Dictionary of British Architects (1995) 756;
VCH: Wilts (1999), 16, 97, 106.

Location
Churchyard of St Mary,
Chilton Foliat,
Wiltshire.
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