

Stanley Mausoleum

The mausoleum is a substantial rectangular structure with a low-pitched roof. It is constructed in ashlar in a style which may be loosely described as Neo Jacobean. Above the doorway, which is set in one of the gabled end walls, is a panel carved with the Stanley crest. Perhaps the most unusual external features are the rows of straight-headed windows under the eaves on both sides of the building. The interior contains the white marble sarcophagus of Edward Lyulph Stanley and his wife.

Architect(s)

Paul Phipps of London

Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Year Created

1909

History

The association of the Stanley family with Alderley goes back to the fifteenth century. Edward Lyulph Stanley of Alderley Park, 4th Baron Sheffield (1839-1925), who built the mausoleum, succeeded to the baronetage of Alderley on the death of his brother Henry Edward John in 1903. Although their father, the 2nd Baron, had had a distinguished parliamentary career, it was their mother, Henrietta Maria, who was the more influential. When her husband was patronage secretary, Lord Palmerston described him as "joint-whip with Mrs Stanley". She helped to found the Women's Liberal Unionist Association and was, throughout her life, a tireless worker for women's education. Her son Edward was the Liberal MP for Oldham between 1880 and 1885 and was, for many years, a member of the London School Board. He built the family mausoleum in 1909, the year in which he inherited the barony of Sheffield.

Condition

Good. The building now belongs to the parish council which looks after it carefully and uses it as a store room (2002).

Sources

BoE: Cheshire (1971), 292;
Encyclopaedia Britannica (1911).





Location

Churchyard of St Mary,
Nether Alderley,
Cheshire.
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