

Gordon Mausoleum, Putney Vale

An impressive Egyptianate mausoleum. Battered walls rising from a base podium and surmounted by an over-sailing cavetto cornice. Central square-headed doorway (approached by three steps) having flanking columns in antis with palm leaf capitals. Bronze single-leaf door embellished with lotus and cobra motifs. Ope to rear having plain glass.

Architect(s)

Not known

Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Year Created

1910

Style

Egyptian Revival

History

The mausoleum was built for Colonel Alexander Gordon interred 15th September 1910 (sole interment). Col. Gordon (the title is thought to have been given as a courtesy or nickname) was co-owner of the Niles [sic] Tool Works of Hamilton Ohio, USA. Regarded as one of the largest machine tool manufacturers of its day Niles provided tools for, among others, the American government contracts. Col. Gordon is known to have travelled extensively through his work and in his book entitled 'Egypt in England', Chris Elliott suggests that inspiration for the mausoleum may be explained by his travel in Egypt. Col. Gordon died at his sons residence in Putney, London (it is unclear whether Col. Gordon was visiting or living there at the time) and was interred at Putney Vale Cemetery.

Condition

Fair. Some stonework at front of pedestal breaking away, otherwise structurally sound. (2002).

Sources

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Location

Putney Vale Cemetery (Plot BS),
Kingston Road,
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