Nicholas Mausoleum

A fine mausoleum designed in the Classical style embellished with much decorative carving.

Architect(s)
Garrett & Haysom, monumental masons

Listing
Grade II (England and Wales)

Year Created
1902

Style
Neo-Classical

History
The mausoleum was built by Mrs Araline Nicholas, daughter of the Southampton outfitter William Gamlen. Her only son, William Richard Nicholas had died at their home in Philimore Gardens, Kensington, and had been buried in the cemetery in 1901 in a plot near that of his father of the same name. His mother applied to the council for permission to construct a mausoleum, and for her son's remains to be exhumed and reinterred in the new resting place. This proposal was approved, provided the coffin was placed below ground level.

Mrs Araline Nicholas herself was buried in the mausoleum when she died in 1910. Her only other child, a daughter also called Araline, had finally married in 1928, at the age of 58, William Allen of Bournemouth. She died a few months after her marriage, and hers was the third and last burial in the mausoleum.

Condition
Generally fair, though some of the lettering and one of the carved heads is badly eroded.

Sources
Southampton Old Cemetery burial registers
Southampton Borough Cemetery Committee minutes
Order books of local masons, Garrett and Hayson, Southampton City Archives

Location
Southampton Old Cemetery,
Cemetery Road,
Southampton,
Hampshire
SO15 7NN