



## Heathcote Mausoleum

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A neo-classical mausoleum, possibly attributed as the work of the architect William Robinson (1720-1775), built on a square ground plan having domed roof. Brick walls, laid in English bond, having base plinth, corner pilasters and crowning timber cornice (painted). Square-headed 'Gibbsian' doorway to north wall having a rusticated stone surround. Semi-circular ventilation ope over doorway with corresponding ope to the south. Blind round-headed window to east elevation having an oval funerary monument to Samuel Heathcote. Shallow dome rising from the four corners, weathered in lead.

Interior consists of a broad passage with 35 loculi on each side. A total of 38 loculi are occupied, each of which carry inscriptions. Rendered and limewashed internal walls.

Some have attributed the design of the Heathcote mausoleum as the work of William Robinson (1720-1775) citing this to be a development of the 1757 Simeon mausoleum in the grounds of Aston Hall, Staffordshire, and the neighbouring Jervis mausoleum of c.1757 in the churchyard at Stone, Staffordshire, both of which were designed by Robinson.

### Architect(s)

possibly attributed to William Robinson

### Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

### Year Created

1771

### Style

Neo-Classical

### History

Sir Thomas Heathcote, 2nd Bt of Hursley (1721-1787), whose family had made their money from trade during the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, built the mausoleum in the churchyard at Hursley because he considered the family vault under the church no longer adequate.

In 1771, when the mausoleum was complete, the coffins of earlier members of the family were moved there from the existing family vault. Thirty eight members of the family now occupy loculi to either side of the mausoleum. Each coffin has been placed into the loculi so that the foot end is aligned to the east. Hence those on the left (east) side were placed in feet first, and those on the right (west) side were placed head first. A memorial to the Rev Thomas Heathcote (d.1811) and his wife Letitia (d.1802) is located to the centre of the floor.

However, not every member of the family wanted to be buried there; an oval tablet set within a blind window to the external east elevation commemorates Samuel Heathcote (d.1797), the brother of Sir Thomas, who left specific instructions that he be buried, double depth, in the churchyard as he felt it would be "more snug laying than to be pushed into one of those pigeon holes of that horrid place".

Further deposits of members of the Heathcote family within the mausoleum took place in 1901, 1908, 1916 and 1925.

The MMT took the building into guardianship in 1997.

The thirty-eight deposits in the mausoleum are as follows (those in *italics* having been moved from the vault beneath Hursley church to the mausoleum in 1771):-

#### Left (East) side

Jenetta Heathcote daughter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet 1737 - 1809

Helena Mary Heathcote 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet 1853-1925

Rev'd Samuel Heathcote 3<sup>rd</sup> son of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet 1773-1846

Sir Thomas Freeman Heathcote 4<sup>th</sup> Baronet 1769-1825

Gilbert Heathcote 4<sup>th</sup> son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet 1732-1800

Katherine Heathcote (nee Pickering) first wife of the Rev'd Samuel Heathcote 1781-1815

Dame Elizabeth Freeman Heathcote wife of the 4<sup>th</sup> Baronet 1778 - 1808  
 George Heathcote 3<sup>rd</sup> son of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet 1749-1789  
 Selina Frances Heathcote 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet 1842-1916  
 Thomas Heathcote eldest son of the Rev'd Samuel Heathcote 1806-1808  
*Henry Heathcote 6<sup>th</sup> son of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet 1766-1767*  
 Revd Evelyn Dawsonne Heathcote 5<sup>th</sup> son of the 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet 1844-1908  
 Dame Selina Heathcote (nee Shirley) 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of the 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet 1814-1901  
 Katherine Heathcote 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of Rev'd Samuel Heathcote 1805-1826  
 Frances Sarah Heathcote eldest daughter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet 1770-1781  
 Dame Anne Heathcote (nee Tollett) wife of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet 1734-1799  
 Sir William Heathcote 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet 1801-1881  
 Rev'd William Heathcote 2<sup>nd</sup> son of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet 1772-1802  
 Dame Frances Heathcote (nee Thorpe) wife of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet 1742-1816  
 Sir Thomas Heathcote 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet 1722 - 1787  
 Alathea Bigg Wither sister-in-law of the Rev'd William Heathcote 1777 - 1847  
 Hon. Caroline Frances Heathcote (nee Perceval) 1<sup>st</sup> wife of the 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet 1798 - 1835  
 Elizabeth (nee Wither) widow of Rev'd William Heathcote mother of 5<sup>th</sup> Baronet 1775 - 1855  
 Sir William Heathcote 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet 1746-1819  
*Dame Elizabeth Heathcote (nee Hinton) 1<sup>st</sup> wife of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet 1726-1749*

#### Right (West side)

Ann Lovell granddaughter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet 1800-1871  
 Harriet Lovell granddaughter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet 1799-1820  
*George Heathcote 5<sup>th</sup> son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet 1735-1735 and Rt Hon Lady Elizabeth Heathcote (nee Parker) wife of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet 1700-1746*  
 Harriet Hersent Lovell 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet 1775-1850  
*Sir William Heathcote 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet 1692-1751*  
 Langford Lovell son in law of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronet 1775 - 1852  
*Rev'd William Heathcote 2<sup>nd</sup> son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet 1723-1748*  
*William Dawsonne uncle of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet 1660-1727*  
 Anne Sophia 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet 1757-1821  
 Vice-Admiral F W Drake husband of Elizabeth 1724-1787  
 Sophia de Salis daughter of Vice-Admiral Drake 1771-1803  
 Elizabeth Drake 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet 1730-1797  
*Samuel Pineau tutor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet d. 1744*

#### Condition

In 2005 to 2006 the Mausolea and Monuments Trust carried out conservation works to the external envelop (grant assisted by Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council). No works were carried out to the interior of the structure.

#### Sources

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#### Location

Churchyard of All Saints,  
 Hursley,  
 Hampshire.

