

Nobes Mausoleum

The mausoleum is now little more than a heap of stones, but a drawing made in 1853 shows that it originally had a barrel-shaped vault and simple cornice.

Tomb Farm
Upper Basildon
Ashampstead
Berkshire
RG8 8SD
England

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Architects

Not known

Year Built

1692

Style

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Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Condition

Ruinous (2002).

History

Thomas Nobes (1619-1699) lived at what is now called Tomb Farm and is said to have been a wheelwright as well as a farmer. It is possible that being a Quaker rather than a member of the Church of England prompted him to build the mausoleum. The date of 1692 is carved over the doorway, and both he and his wife, Joane (d.1704) were interred here. Nobes' neighbours may have regarded his burial in unconsecrated ground as a godless act since local folklore has it that his ghost, riding on a white horse, still haunts the area. According to a nineteenth century local historian, the lead was stripped from the roof and the tomb vandalised in the late eighteenth century. The building is now a ruin.

Sources

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Photos



Location

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