

Otway Mausoleum

Single-story Greek-revival mausoleum occupying the corner of a 50ft long triangular plot, the remainder of which is occupied by a part-subterranean vault. Rusticated limestone walls to both mausoleum & vault (battered to mausoleum) having pediment and frieze embellished with wreaths. Square-headed doorway to mausoleum having a battered and shouldered architrave with cast-iron double-leaf door. Cast-iron railings to vault having uprights in the form of upturned canons. Interior having mosaic floor formerly lit by skylights (sealed over following a spate of vandalism in the 1960s). Slate coffin shelves in tiers.

Highgate West Cemetery
Swain's Lane
London
N6 6PJ

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Architects

Not known

Year Built

1854

Style

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Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Condition

Good (2015)

History

General Sir Loftus Otway (1774-1854) was a cavalry officer in the Peninsular Wars, defending Portugal against the Napoleonic forces. Though the general died in 1854 he wasn't interred within the mausoleum until 1856 suggesting the structure was not complete until this date. The Otway line has now died out, but the last of his descendants bequeathed money to a children's charity on condition that it would maintain the mausoleum.

Sources

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Online Links

[Highgate Cemetery website](#)

Photos



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 51.5627471928, -0.147583905