

Byng Mausoleum

A rusticated-classical mausoleum of almost Ledoux-like refinement standing in the grounds of Wrotham Park. Square on plan with a shallow dome, blocked Doric columns inset at the corners and a heavy cornice surmounted by four urns. The inscription over the entrance says: 'And in the Garden a Sepulchre'(John 19, 42). To the rear is a datestone with 'S' under a coronet. The iron gates were added in 1918.

Wrotham Park
Potters Bar
Hertfordshire
EN5 4SB
England

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Architects

Not known

Year Built

1880

Style

Neo-Classical

Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Condition

Good (2001)

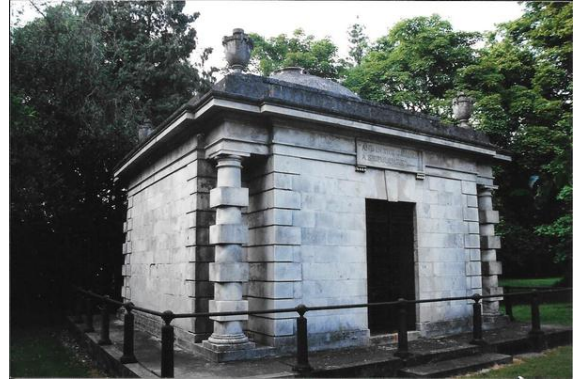
History

The Rt Hon John Byng, 1st Earl of Strafford (1772-1860) was one of the most distinguished commanders in the Peninsular War. He was elevated to the peerage in 1835 and created Viscount Enfield and Earl of Strafford in 1847. The mausoleum at Wrotham Park was built by his eldest son, George Stevens Byng, 2nd Earl of Strafford (1806-86) in 1880. At this date the 2nd Earl and three of his sons, George Henry Charles, Baron Strafford of Harmondsworth, the Rt Hon Henry William John Byng and the Hon and Rev Thomas Edmund Cecil Byng, sought the Bishop of London's permission to use the building for burials. The petition was granted, and it was decreed that the mausoleum should 'remain separated dedicated and consecrated for ever' as a 'place of sepulture' for the Earl and his descendents.

Sources

Burke's Peerage;Deed, MS 19224/267, Guildhall Library, London.

Photos



Location

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