

Wallace Mausoleum, Downpatrick

Gothic-revival mausoleum built c.1859. Rectangular in plan with gable-fronted principal/east elevation having pointed arches supported on colonnets and adorned with dogtooth moulding. Blind pointed-arches to the north and south elevations. Tudor arch-headed opening to the west elevation with cast-iron double-leaf doors. The mausoleum carries the maker's mark of 'Robinson'.

Downpatrick CofI Graveyard
(St Margarets Holy Trinity Church)
Church Street
Downpatrick
County Down
BT30 6EH
Northern Ireland

Architects

Year Built

Style

1859

Gothic Revival

Listing

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Condition

Weathering of stonework with a significant loss of detail to the north and south elevations (2003).

History

The inscription reads 'Erected in 1859 by Amelia Wallace of Downpatrick over the earthly remains of her father John Wallace of Hollymount who died 14th November 1807 aged 89. And of her mother Susanna Wallace who died 24th September 1808 aged 59 years. The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness Prov, XVI, 31. We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens 2nd Cor, V.1. A second inscription reads 'Here also are interred the children of John and Susanna Wallace viz.: Mary who died in infancy, 1791, Elizabeth Doherty who died 8th April 1817, Cromwell who died 14th July 1829, John who died 5th January 1852, William who died 26th February 1858'. The mausoleum carries the maker's mark of Robinson (Robinson is also known to have built the Haliday Mausoleum at Clifton Street Burying Ground, Belfast). An advertisement in the 1870 Belfast Street Directory records a John Robinson as a 'manufacturer of marble, granite and freestone monuments'.

Sources

RSJ Clarke, Gravestone Inscriptions: County Down. Ulster-Scot Historical Society (1966-1998).
J Beattie, The Mausolea of County Down and Greater Belfast. Unpublished Dissertation, Queens University Belfast (2003).

Photos



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 54.33000834593696, -5.715757364546552