

Rainey Mausoleum

Classically inspired mausoleum built c.1771. Square in plan with a stuccoed finish. Base plinth supporting four Tuscan corner columns. Central square-headed inscription plaque flanked by pilasters. Delicately swagged frieze. Pyramidal and urn finials on a curvilinear doomed roof.

Knockbreda CofI Graveyard
Church Road
Knockbreda
Belfast
County Down
BT8 7AN
Northern Ireland

Architects

Year Built

Style

1771

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Listing

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Condition

Conserved by The Follies Trust in 2010.

History

The inscriptions read 'Here are interred the remains of Catherine Rainey, daughter of John Rainey of Greenville, Esq., who departed this life Novr. 20th 1771 aged 24 years. Sacred to the memory of Mary Rainey, the amialbe wife of John Rainey of Greenville, Esqr., who departed this life April 21st 1782 aged 70 years. John Rainey of Greenville, Esqr., died Octr. 9th 1793 aged 76 years. Rainey Maxwell of Drumbo, Esqr. died Decr. 13th 1811 aged 67 years. Mary Goddard wife of James Goddard of Belfast, Esqr., died April 16th 1816 aged 26 years. Matilda Goddard her infant daughter aged 5 months. Harriet Maria Goddard departed this life the 28th day of July 1818 aged 8 years. Dedicated by a grateful and affectionate husband to the memory of Harriet Maria Rainey of Greenville who died 10th August 1790 aged 33 years. William Rainey of Greenville, a Deputy Govr. of Co. Down, died 12th June 1803 aged 58 years. M.S of Elizabeth Goddard, wife of John Goddard of Newry, Esq. who departed this life the 16th day of Febr. 1786 in the 43rd year of her age. Also here lieth the body of Mary, daughter of the said John and Elizabeth Goddard, who died Novr. 17th 1772 in the second year of her age. Arthur Rainey died 20th December 1812 aged 18 years. Martha Rowan, wife of Robert Rowan, Esqr. and daughter of William Rainey of Greenville Esqr. departed this life 28th November 1817 aged 38 years. Major William Henry Rainey of Mount Panther, son of Wm. Rainey of Greenville, died 25th July 1830 aged 50 years. Margaret his wife, daughter of Robert Macan, Carriff, Co. Armagh, died 11th May 1839. Also their children Anna Eliza died 3rd Aug. 1821. Robert Richardson died 4th Nov. 1832 aged 8 years. Also their grandchild Caroline Susannah died 9th of April 1870 aged 18 months. Also Arthur Henry, thier elder son, who died 12th September 1888 aged 28 years. And Arthur Jacob MaCan Rainey, Major General Madras Staff Corps, son of Major Henry Rainey of Mount Panther, born 26th April 1826, died 13th June 1906'. The Rainey Mausoleum is one of a group of three mausolea at knockbreda attributed to Roger Mulholland widely regarded by scholars as the most architecturally unique group of mausolea in Ulster. James Stevens Curl suggests an Anglo-Indian connection citing the tombs of South Park Street Calcutta as possible inspiration for the Knockbreda group.

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Photos



Location

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