

Lamothe Mausoleum

Neo-classical mausoleum on a rectangular ground plan situated at the highest point of the churchyard having commanding views over the northern plain and dense woodland to the south and east. Cement-rendered on a presumably rubble-stone carcass having rendered base plinth and pronounced cornice. Low gabled attic course to the north, west and south elevations. Slightly projecting pediment to east elevation over now-sealed opening surmounted by the Lamothe coat of arms executed in cut stone. Inset tablets to the north, south and west elevations, having four to north and south (the latter still blank) and two to the west. A low kerb separates it from the churchyard; iron railings now missing

Lezayre Churchyard
Lezayre
Isle of Man

Architects

Year Built
1845

Style
Neo-Classical

Listing

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Condition

Some vegetation on the roof, and crack at left (south) of pediment, but otherwise good. The churchyard is well-maintained.

History

The Lamothe (formerly La Mothe) family descend from a French surgeon brought to the Isle of Man from a captured privateer in the 1760's. He married well and his descendants included lawyers, judges, doctors and a bishop. In 1844 one of his sons, Frederick John Dominique La Mothe, an advocate in Ramsey, bought a plot of ground adjoining Lezayre churchyard and on it built the mausoleum, which was complete by the time it was consecrated by the Bishop of Sodor and Man on 12th March 1845. Inscriptions on the external panels refer to La Mothe, his wife and fifteen other members of the family, the latest Frederick Malcolm Lamothe, a Manx judge & dagger; 1947.

Sources

Photos



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 54.31800345813335, -4.426835059204007