

# Cooke Mausoleum

Bee skep-shaped mausoleum having central masonry dome partially recessed within cylindrical pit of rubble limestone walling.

St John the Baptist Church of  
Ireland Graveyard  
Â Reynella  
Delvin  
County Westmeath  
Republic of Ireland

## Architects

## Year Built

## Style

c.1835

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## Listing

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## Condition

Overgrown.

The Follies Trust plan to conserve the mausoleum in coming years (2015).

## History

Constructed by Adolphus Cooke (1792-1876) of nearby Cookesborough House, to house the remains of his father, Robert. Adolphus Cooke had a strong belief in reincarnation and designed the mausoleum in the form of a bee skep as he believed his father would be reincarnated as a bee. Adolphus Cooke was himself interred within his father's mausoleum when the rector refused to bury him in a mausoleum which he had constructed in the form of a fox's lair (believing he would be reincarnated as a fox) in the grounds of Cookesborough House.

## Sources

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## Photos



## Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 53.61270183434525, -7.0916981467421225