

FitzGerald Mausoleum

A rectangular mausoleum built in flint with a pyramidal stone roof and projecting gables to all four sides. The front gable frames the arched doorway while those to the rear and sides are pierced by cross-shaped openings. Iron railings enclose steps leading down to the entrance.

Churchyard of St Michael
Boulge
Suffolk
England

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Architects

W G Habershon

Year Built

1861

Style

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Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Condition

Good. Damaged by a falling tree in 1989 but restored ten years later with the help of grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Suffolk County Council and other benefactors. (2002)

History

The FitzGerald family, a wealthy family that also owned property in Ireland, Lancashire and Staffordshire, bought Boulge Hall in 1835. In 1858 John Purcell Fitzgerald employed the architect William G Habershon to carry out the first phase of a scheme to restore and enlarge the tiny parish church. Habershon was also responsible for the design of the mausoleum built in the early 1860s. The best known member of the family was Edward Fitzgerald (1809-1883), the son of John Purcell, who translated The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam from the Persian. His tomb stands along side the mausoleum apparently because, having not got on with his family during his life, he did not wish to consort with them when dead.

Sources

BoE: Suffolk (1974), 104;
Church Handbook.

Online Links

Suffolk Churches website

Photos



Location

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