

Payne Mausoleum, S Yorks

A Classical mausoleum, built in ashlar with chamfered quoins and a stepped pyramidal roof. All four sides are identical, each having a centrally placed quoined recess with a semicircular head. The building is surrounded by a low wall from which the iron railings have been removed. The park boundary wall is stepped up at this point so that it gives the impression of forming a plinth to the monument and draws attention to its importance.

Newhill Park
Cemetery Road
Wath-upon-Deane
South Yorkshire
S63 7RD
England

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Architects

Not known

Year Built

1834

Style

Neo-Classical

Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Condition

Fair. The stone is very weathered and the railings are gone, but the building is sturdy and the roof intact with only a few weeds growing out of it (2003).

History

The Paynes were a Quaker family who owned land in the vicinity of Wath and attended the Quaker Meeting House in Barnsley. Although Newhill Hall, the Georgian mansion they built for themselves in 1785, was demolished in the 1950s, the grounds which surrounded the house still survive as a public park. It was here that in 1834 that John Payne built his mausoleum on a knoll overlooking the eastern boundary wall. He was evidently a cultured man for, in 1810, he was one of the 'notables' who helped Thomas Trebeck, the vicar of Wath, to establish a reading room at the Star public house. He may have been chosen the position of his mausoleum, overlooking a road, to imitate the way in which tombs of the Ancient World were placed next to public highways.

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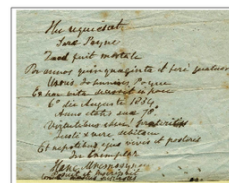
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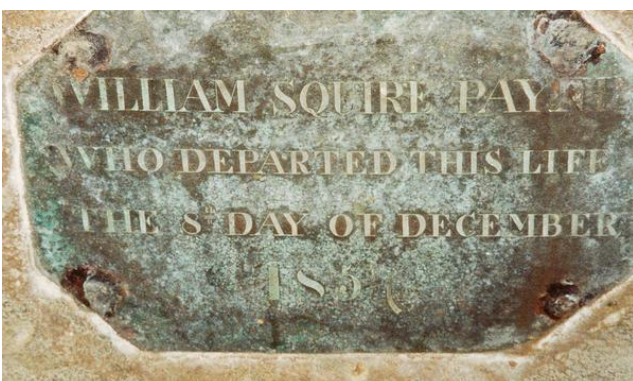
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SARAH PAYNE OBITUARY by JOHN PAYNE



TRANSLATION
Let Sarah Payne rest here
That which was mortal of the wife of John Payne
for fifty and almost four years
She departed from this life in peace on the
6th day of August 1834
in the 78th. years of her life
Justly and truly esteemed alas for her outstanding merits
and an example to her relations living and to come



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 53.49707620045525, -1.3514711587597654