

Naval Officersâ€™™ Mausoleum (1)

The mausoleum is one storey high and built over a groin-vaulted vault of three bays. The building has been much altered; the roof was replaced sometime in the 19th century (it is now of slate), the central arched opening in the north front has been made into a door, and the ones to either side changed into windows. Only the vault remains much as it always was.

40 Maze Hill (in a private garden)
Greenwich
Royal Borough of Greenwich
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England

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Architects

Probably a clerk in the office of Nicholas Hawksmoor

Year Built

1713

Style

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Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Condition

Fair, the roof is badly overgrown but the walls and vault appear quite sound (2002).

History

The mausoleum, which stood in the first burial ground of the Royal Hospital for Seamen, was built for the interment of naval officers and members of their families. At that time, as shown on a plan published in the London Magazine in 1749, the Hospital burial ground was located just within Greenwich Park. The mausoleum is depicted as a building with three gables, the central one higher than those to either side. The construction of the mausoleum was probably overseen by Nicholas Hawksmoor who was the clerk of works to Greenwich Hospital at this date. The bricklayer was Richard Billingshurst and the mason Edward Strong. By the mid 18th century the Hospital had ceased to use the burial ground and, some seventy years later, houses were built on the site. The mausoleum has survived, though without its gables, and is now used as a garden shed.

Sources

Mrs. Basil Holmes, *The London Burial Grounds* (1896) 178, 313.
Roger Bowdler, *Report for English Heritage* (1993)

Photos



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 51.4792630783, 0.007447438