

Rashleigh Mausoleum

A great bell-shaped structure formed by two interlocking granite arches surmounted by a cross. The floor beneath this 'crown' contains two grave slabs, one in memory of Rashleigh himself and the other referring to his daughter, Edith.

South of Readymoney Cove
Fowey
Cornwall
England

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Architects

Not known

Year Built

1865

Style

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Listing

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Condition

Good. The rusticated granite structure is very solid (2002).

History

William Rashleigh (1817-71) came from a long line of Cornwall merchants whose seat was Menabilly, a mansion close to Fowey. William, however, chose to live at Point Neptune, the house he built for himself at the entrance to Readymoney Cove. He was MP for East Cornwall from 1841 to 47, married the Hon Caroline Stuart in 1843, and went out as a volunteer in HMS Leopard during the Crimean War. The extraordinary mausoleum he built for himself and his family stands on the site of the ancient Chapel of St Catherine, on the opposite side of the cove to his house, above St Catherine's Castle. William's daughter, Edith Frances Stopford Sackville (1849-1905) is also buried there.

Sources

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Photos



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 50.329018909668626, -4.645726518097948