

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, Ebenezer Street
Grade:-	II*
Date of Notification:-	30.03.87
National Grid Reference:-	6565093690
O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-	69 SE
CADW Reference No.:-	11574
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Notes:-

Dominant building in narrow side street off High Street and close to the railway station.

Dated 1862, possibly designed by the Reverend Thomas Thomas. Formerly the Ebenezer Chapel of the Welsh Independents.

Fine three bay neo-classical façade with steep open pediment to gable (possibly influenced by C R Cockerell's designs). Snecked rubble facings, painted stone dressings, slate roof with ventilator. Giant vermiculated arch supported by broken entablature on angle pilasters with egg and dart capitals; linking impost and cill bands. Recessed centre with inscribed tablet over stepped triple light with architraves and tracery, balustrated apron over entablature to tetrastyle Doric portico in antis. Bipartite windows with detailing as before to side bays.

Two storey hall gable of 1894 adjoins to left, similar style with three lights over four lights with three lights over four lights with centre pilaster and doorway breaching cill band. Attached house with scrolled entrance to Mission Hall at rear (not of special interest).

Spacious rectangular interior to chapel with boarded and ribbed ceiling, rich acanthus foliage to twin roses, groined coving over street window. Excellent, continuous gallery swept down below Gothic organ case at north end; classical pulpit in front, pilasters, modillion cornice, gold stencilling etc, and sinuous balustraded handrails to platform with volute brackets to reading desk. Tapering cast iron columns with acanthus leaves and egg and dart capitals under gallery. Good panelled box pews and Greek wall tablets.

Reference:-

Shown set back from street on "Swansea Local Board of Health Map" (1852)

A Jones "Welsh Chapels" (National Museum 1984) page 58

Inscribed tablet: "Ebenezer: Erected 1803 Enlarged 1826: Rebuilt 1862".