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Baptist Church (former)

Identifier: 7247

Location: 5 Hill St, Kapunda

Local Government: Kapunda - Light District

State: SA

Statement of Significance: The massive structure is major townscape element in town of Kapunda. Of intrinsic architectural merit, it is part of an important group of Victorian business houses, public buildings and dwellings which retain their original detailing.

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--- **Description:** This structure was largely financed by George Fife Angas as a Baptist Church. The foundation stone was laid 24 May 1866 by C H Goode MP and the builder was James Tyrie. It is a stone building with twin towers, iron roof and a dry and substantial full basement, reached by a curving stair from the rear lobby. The main floor sloped in the early stages but has since been levelled. The structure is well detailed and well built, with random bluestone walling which contrasts with fine chisel faced square sandstone dressings to attenuated semi-circular headed windows to side elevations, squared windows to principal facade, cornice work, strings and quoins. A reminder of Greek revival style buildings of early nineteenth century it is relieved somewhat by semi-circular arcaded belvederes and Corinthian columns to either side of the pair of semi-circular hooded main entrances. The interior is simple and dominated by the former sanctuary arch with filigree work to moulds over the apsidal end. The building was renovated in 1949 by the Education Department for use as a technical school and in 1967-70 for use as a museum. The basement is now used for exhibition of heavy museum pieces, eg, printing presses from the nearby office of the old Barossa and Light Herald.

Source: Register of the National Estate

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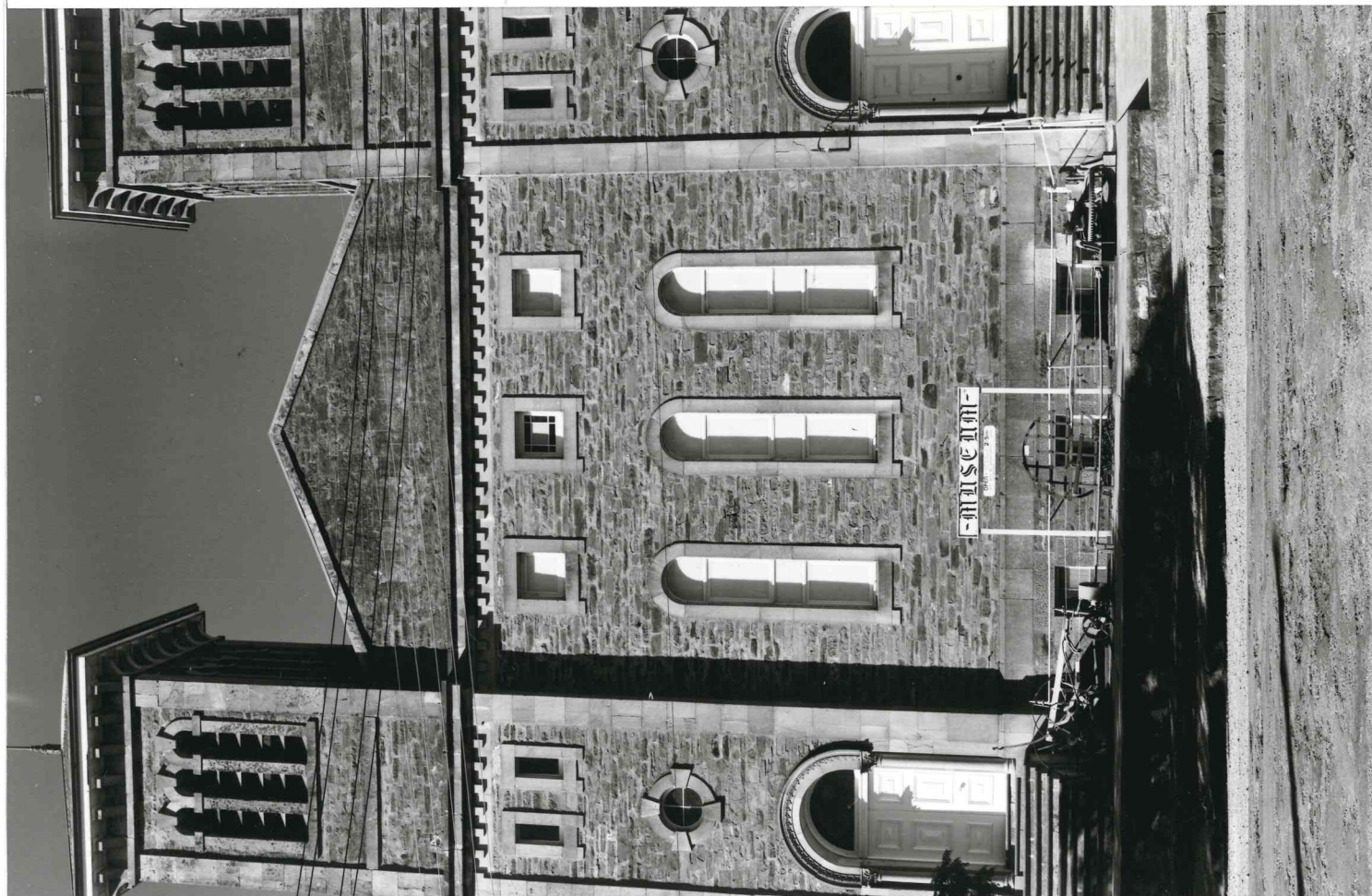
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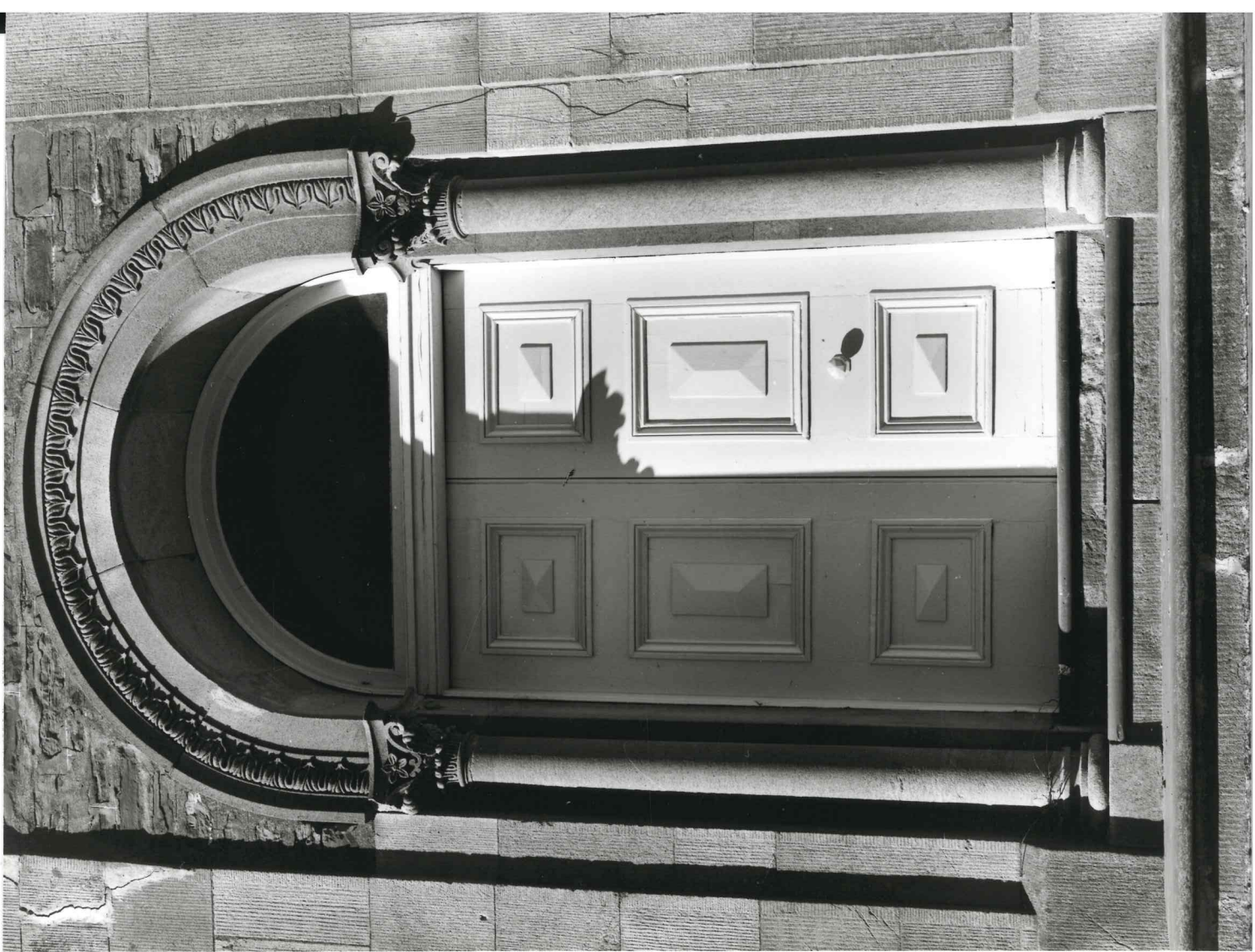
BAPTIST CHURCH - Kapunda.

- Construction began May 1866, completed 1867.
 - It continued as a church until 1948.
 - 1949 taken over by State Education Department for use as a technical college.
 - It lay idle for several years prior to 1967 when it was acquired by the Kapunda D.C.
 - Currently it is used as a museum.
 - a gift of J. H. Angus enabled the Baptists to complete their church on the planned scale.
 - The church originally had a sloping floor.
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FILM 27 HILL ST VIEW, WITH PRINTING OFFICE, KAPUNDA
NO 9 SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL AND FORMER BAPTIST CHURCH 30-1-79





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FORMER BAPTIST CHURCH DOORWAY,
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