

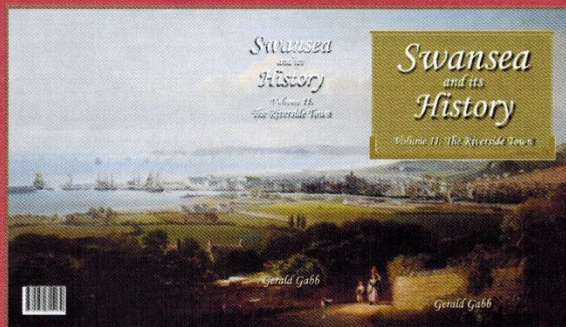
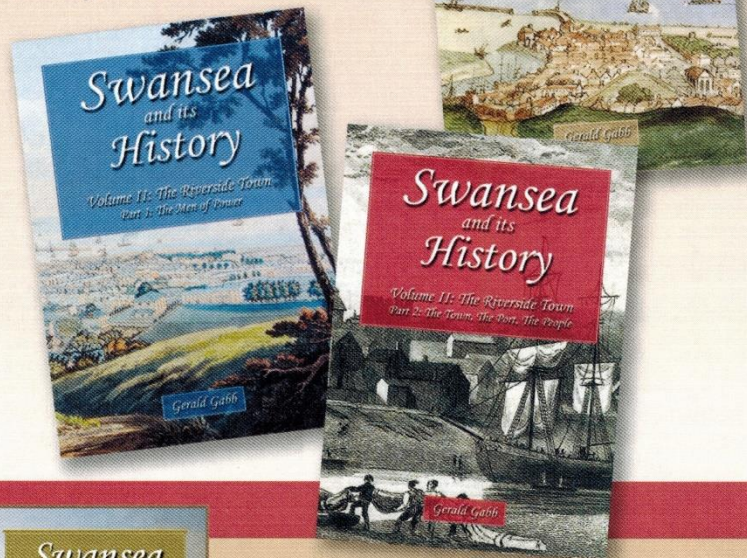
SWANSEA & its HISTORY, II the Riverside Town

by Gerald Gabb

It will cost £110 and I fully realise this is more than anybody usually spends on a book.

To explain. There are three large format books, not one, and they are contained in a slipcase. All carry reproductions of attractive Swansea images, as shown here. They add up to 1,635 pages. There are 2,237 illustrations, full colour throughout. But this is far more than a picture book - it is the fruit of twelve years research at Kew,

Aberystwyth and Cardiff, as well locally, - probably a million words in all and definitely the most substantial Swansea history book so far.



A limited edition? well, I guarantee there will be no reprint! If the books sell out I will be at break even, or a little better. If there is profit it will go to Oxfam, via their excellent Castle Street bookshop.

I hope I have aroused your curiosity. By the time you read this I will have given pre-publication talks in Dunvant, Mumbles, Clydach, Sketty, Brynhyfryd, Tycoch, Townhill and Landore. The formal launch

will be at Swansea Museum on 18th and 19th May - for details of that and a lot of other talks and events, see the enclosed listing. At all these I will, of course, want to sell copies, but I am very happy for people to just come

for the talks, which I will try to make thoughtful, lively and varied, and just have a look at the volumes, or chat - several of the events are generously timed to allow just that.

So what's in the book ?
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The painting below by George Orleans Delamotte is from the National Library at Aberystwyth. Rich, new, relevant material has been unearthed there, and for example, at the National Archives (Kew), the Glamorgan Archives (Leckwith), West Glamorgan Archives, the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery and Swansea Museum. You will find serious studies of the port and its trade, the market, the churches, the role of so-called gentleman tourists, of Gabriel Powell (1710-88), of the town itself - its developing "racial" mix, its streets - and the surrounding area. The nature of the surviving sources and the achievements of earlier historians are also examined.



Apart from at an event, how can I obtain a copy ?

PICK UP / DELIVERY Within a reasonable radius I am very willing to deliver...or you can call at the house, 38 Woodland Avenue, West Cross SA3 5LY - to arrange either: 01792/613262 or g.gabb@ntlworld.com - do get in touch !

SHOPS Try Swansea Museum, open 10-4.30 Tuesday to Sunday...Cover to Cover, Newton Road Mumbles...Waterstones, Oxford Street, Swansea, **all of whom have been very supportive.** Norton Stores (formerly Ian Boyd's) will have copies, as will College Street Books, Ammanford and Seaways Bookshop in Fishguard. The National Waterfront Museum may also be stockists.

Payment

At the time of writing it is hoped that a card reader may be in use, but, to be safe, please bring cash, or, that old fashioned item, a cheque-book.

Hoping to see you, and, if possible, please come & make yourself known. GG