

JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: FRENCH HOUSE

Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of the building, corner Marshall and Ferreira Streets. Note the sign on the Ferreira Street façade, advertising the new apartments. (CJMB)

Previous/alternative name/s : French Bank of Southern Africa Ltd.

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LOCATION: Street : Marshall, Ferreira and Anderson
 Street number : 50 Marshall
 : (50, 52, 54 Marshall; 4, 6 Ferreira; 13 14, 17 Anderson)
 Stand Number : 1084
 Previous Stand Number:
 Block number : CI
 Suburb : Marshallstown
 GIS reference :

ZONING: Current use/s :
 Previous use/s :

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

Height :
Levels above street level :
Levels below street level :
On-site parking :

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls:

Roof:

Windows:

SITE FEATURES:

ALTERATIONS:

The interior of the building is currently being converted to apartment. (CJMB)

INTEGRITY:

From an inspection of the exterior of the building, the integrity of the original design and materials used in the construction of the facades appears to be high. (CJMB)

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Date on plans :
Approval of plans :
Completion date : c. 1954

BUILDING STYLE:

Art Deco - Monolithic

Workmanship of Merit, Contributes to Area’s Character: “Part of the Mining House Precinct. Well built and finished.”
(Johannesburg Building, Space & Urban Feature Classification, 1998: Inner City).

BUILDING TYPE:

Originally designed as an office block; currently being converted to a residential building. (CJMB)

ENVIRONMENT:

CONDITION:

This building is currently vacant and being converted to apartment units. (CJMB)

URGENT ACTION:

The owners should be requested not to remove the brass lettering of the name of the building, as was done with the *Union Corporation Building* CH-2). The lettering is part of the layered history of the building. (CJMB)

ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Historic Value:

- Associated with historic person, group or organisation
- Associated with historic event or activity

Architectural/Aesthetic value:

- Important example of building type
- Important example of a style or period
- Fine details, workmanship or aesthetics
- Work of a major architect or builder

Social/Spiritual/Linguistic value:

- Associated with social, spiritual, linguistic, economic or political activity
- Illustrates an historical period

Scientific/Technological value:

- Example of industrial, technical or engineering development/achievement
- New, rare or experimental building techniques

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