

**JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY**

**HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM**

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**NAME OF PLACE: GENERAL HOUSE**



Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of the main façade of the building.

Previous/alternative name/s :  
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**LOCATION:** Street : Marshall, Harrison and Anderson  
Street number : 12 Harrison  
: (94 Marshall; 12, 14 Harrison; 57, 59, 61 Anderson)  
Stand Number : 1101  
Previous Stand Number:  
Block number : CF  
Suburb : Marshallstown  
GIS reference :

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

**DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:**

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

**CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:**

Walls: reinforced concrete frame construction, facebrick  
Roof: flat, concrete  
Windows: steel casements

**SITE FEATURES:**

**ALTERATIONS:**

**INTEGRITY:**

**INSCRIPTION:**

**ARCHITECT:**

**BUILDER:**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE:**

Date on plans :  
Approval of plans :  
Completion date :

**BUILDING STYLE:**

Jhb Modular Regionalism. 1960s.

Architectural Merit: "A finely detailed modular building typical of Johannesburg." (Johannesburg Building, Space & Urban Feature Classification, 1998: Inner City).

**BUILDING TYPE:**

Office building

**ENVIRONMENT:**

The successful merging of the design of this building and that of the neighbouring *Gresham Building* (CF-2) is remarkable, with the choice of brick work to the facades of these two buildings, being the same. This contributes to a visual appreciation of the two buildings as a group.

**CONDITION:**

The building stands derelict and neglected. The effect of changes (some of which, however, appear to be reversible, e.g. bricked-up sections) to the shop front of the building, has been to compromise the aesthetic qualities of the design of the main façade of the building. The removal of polished granite panels, adorning the façade at street level, is a concern. So also is the problem of broken windows.

**URGENT ACTION:**

Although not protected under the current heritage legislation (i.e. the building is not older than 60 years), the building has architectural merit, and the problem of its neglected condition, should therefore receive attention.



- 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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