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 ; : : 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: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.

SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:

PROTECTION STATUS: (under National Heritage Resources Act, 1999)

General protection:	Section 34(1) structure/s	
Formal protection:	provincial heritage site	
	national heritage site	
	provisional protection	
	heritage area	
	listed in provincial heritage resources register	

Relevant Gazette Notice:

Gazette description:

FORMER PROTECTION STATUS: (under National Monuments Act, 1969)

NOTES:

DEEDS INFORMATION:

Original ownership:

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

HISTORY:

GENERAL NOTES:

Estimated cost of building
Estimated cost of drainage
Accommodation approved
Valuation at completion
Occupied

PREVIOUS TENANT/S:

CURRENT TENANT/S:

SOURCES:

Unpublished Sources

Johannesburg Building, Space & Urban Feature Classification, 1998: Inner City - Metropolitan Planning, Johannesburg Metropolitan Council (Cool Factory).

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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