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NAME OF PLACE: KITCHEN BUILDING

Left: view of main elevation, Fox Street.

Top: an ensemble of some of the City's most valuable buildings; from left to right – *Victory House*, the *Kitchen Building*, and the *Rand Club*.

Previous/alternative name/s :

LOCATION: Street : Fox
 Street number : 93
 Stand Number : 1173
 Previous Stand Number: 188
 Block number : BD
 Suburb : Marshallstown
 GIS reference :

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

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

Height : 58'0"
 Levels above street level : four
 Levels below street level :
 On-site parking : none

This building was erected after the Jameson Raid in 1896 as a single storey building. It was added to in 1909. Noteworthy elements of the building are the stucco plaster; fluted pilasters; keystones to the ground floor windows; cornice and former parapet wall between ground and first floor (a fitting

memory to show the subsequent addition of two extra floors); the elaborate entablature and moulded balustrade between second and third floor (an further indication of the adding of the third floor at a later stage); and moulded plaster forms to the top level.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Walls: plastered brick, stucco to ground floor.

Roof: corrugated iron mansard roof.

Windows: steel casements (fixed pane, side-hung with fanlights over) to ground and first floor; timber sash to third floor.

SITE FEATURES:

ALTERATIONS:

A detailed architectural history of the building remains outstanding, despite exhausting efforts by the authors' to trace the plans record of this building. It is clear, nonetheless, that the original timber frame windows at ground and first floor levels have been replaced and that two window openings have been bricked up. See also HISTORY.

INTEGRITY:

The addition of two floors to the original single storey building is considered to have been largely successfully executed. However, the contributory value if any of the roof addition to the character of the building remains questionable. This addition with its disproportionately large parapet wall, fails to impress as a layer in the architectural history of the building.

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT:

No plans record found.

BUILDER:

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Date on plans : original plans not found.

Approval of plans :

Completion date : circa 1896/7

BUILDING STYLE:

Edwardian.

BUILDING TYPE:

Kitchen building for the *third Rand Club Building*.

ENVIRONMENT:

This building stands in unison with its neighbours, i.e. *Victory House* and the *third Rand Club*, in terms of scale, form, as well as materials used in the construction of the building.

CONDITION:

Good.

URGENT ACTION:

SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:

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

General protection:	Section 34(1) structure/s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Formal protection:	provincial heritage site	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Relevant Gazette Notice:

Gazette description:

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

NOTES:

DEEDS INFORMATION:

Original ownership:

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

HISTORY:

"The new stand, also referred to as the 'kitchen block', was built on after the Raid (that is the Jameson Raid, 1896), and then left alone when the rest of the clubhouse (i.e. the *second Rand Club Building*) was pulled down to make way for the present building. It was a great convenience at the time, but as a result the kitchen block and the new house were never satisfactorily integrated. The floor levels were different, for one thing, and for another the architecture did not match. When the need arose, and as funds permitted, the kitchen block was altered many times, but it continued to be an annexe, and to look like one. Its biggest face-lift came in 1909 when £9 000 was spent modernising the kitchens, ventilating them, raising the floor level to that of the dining-room for easier service, and adding two floors to improve accommodation for staff." (De Villiers, R. and Brooke-Norris, S: *The story of the Rand Club...*).

GENERAL NOTES:

- Estimated cost of building :
- Estimated cost of drainage :
- Accommodation approved :
- Valuation at completion :
- Occupied : yes



Right: Photograph taken inside the kitchen of the *Kitchen Building*, from *The Rand Club 1887 - 1957*.

CURRENT TENANT:

SOURCES:

For additional illustrative information, see relevant supplementary photo album in electronic format.

See SOURCES DOCUMENT for information on sources consulted with reference to this document.

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

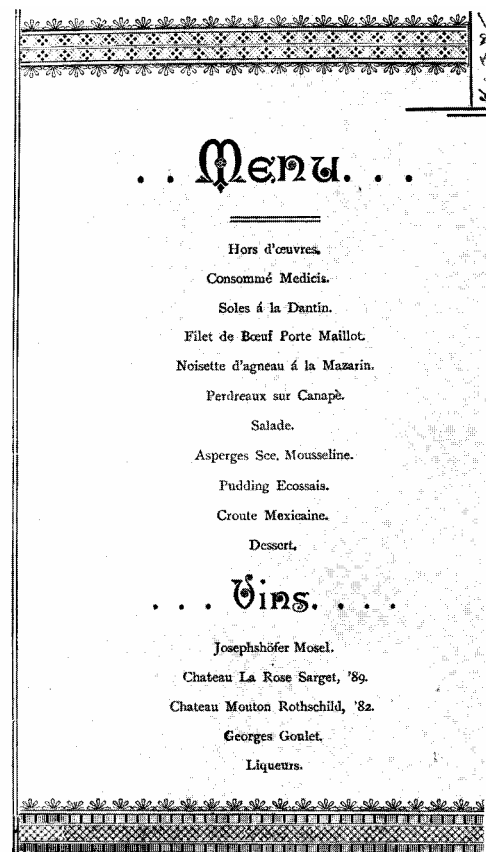
Social/Spiritual/Linguistic value:

- 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

Below: a typical menu prepared in the *Kitchen Building* for a celebrity dinner at the *Rand Club*. (De Villiers, R. and Brooke-Norris, S: The story of the Rand Club...).



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Small sign above a doorway on the left side of the building.

Yellow sign with a logo and text, possibly a business name.

Sign on a utility pole featuring a portrait of a man and some text.

Large poster for 'Friday the 13th' with the number '97' in the corner.

Another large poster for 'Friday the 13th' with the number '97' in the corner, mounted on a wall.



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