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HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: MARSHALLSTOWN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of the south (Main Street) elevation of the
Marshallstown Post Office Building.

Previous/alternative name/s :
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LOCATION: Street : bounded by Fox, MacLaren, Main and Sauer
Street number : 21 Sauer
: (56, 58, 60, 62 Fox; 10, 12, 14, 16 MacLaren;
: 55, 57, 59, 61 Main; 17, 19, 21, 23 Sauer)
Stand Number : 1109
Previous Stand Number:
Block number : BQ
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:**

No plans record w.r.t. past alterations / additions found.

INTEGRITY:**INSCRIPTION:****ARCHITECT:**

Stucke, Harrison, Richie & Partners.

BUILDER:**CONSTRUCTION DATE:**

Date on plans :
Approval of plans :
Completion date : 1966

BUILDING STYLE:

Art Deco – Monolithic. 1960s.

Architectural Merit, Workmanship of Merit, Landmark, Contributes to Area's Character: "Part of the Mining House Precinct this monolith is sadly (sic.) internally (sic.) damaged by years of post office damage. The exterior articulation of the building with a combination of stone and brickwork is very interesting." (Johannesburg Building, Space & Urban Feature Classification, 1998: Inner City).

BUILDING TYPE:

Post Office building.

ENVIRONMENT:**CONDITION:****URGENT ACTION:****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	<input type="checkbox"/>
provisional protection	<input type="checkbox"/>
heritage area	<input type="checkbox"/>
listed in provincial heritage resources register	<input type="checkbox"/>

Relevant Gazette Notice:

Gazette description:

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

NOTES:

DEEDS INFORMATION:

Original ownership:

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

By 1954, the site of the existing building was occupied by:

55 Main – Kythera House

55 Main – Microfile Ltd.

55 Main – Gen. Rubber Products, Tvl. (Pty.), Ltd.

55 Main – New York Diamond Cutting Works.

55 Main – Drappery Suppliers (Pty.), Ltd.

55 Main – Empress Dress Co. (Pty.), Ltd.

57 Main – Spooner Ferris

57 Main – De Villiers, A. F.

57 Main – Roberts, Len.

57 Main – Bourne & Co. Ltd.

57a Main – Vacant

57b Main – Schwartz, J.

57-59 Main – Kriserman, A.Stu

59 Main – “Fineprint”

59 Main – Scott-King Ltd., L.

59 Main – Axford, L. O.

59 Main – Jeppe Bio. Theatre

59a Main – Dicks & Sons, E. W.

61 Main – Nissenbaum, H.

61 Main – Cunningham, J. J.

61 Main – Jeppe Furnishers.

61 Main – Meyer, M. J.

61a Main – Storerooms.

58 Fox – Building in erection

58 Fox – Lombard, H.

58 Fox – Lombard, Mrs. L.

60 Fox – Building in erection

60 Fox – Nortjie, P. E.

62 Fox – Paul & Co. Engineers. Enclosed ground.

62 Fox – Leys, Mrs. N.

17 Sauer – O.K. Shopfitters

17a Sauer – Hellenic Bookstore

21 Sauer – Power Goods Company

(The Rand-Pretoria Directory 1954 (Comprising Complete Alphabetical And Trades Directories of Johannesburg, Pretoria And Reef Towns), Cape Times Limited, Cape Town, 1954.)

HISTORY:

GENERAL NOTES:

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

PREVIOUS TENANT/S:

CURRENT TENANT/S:

SOURCES:**Published Sources**

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Unpublished Sources

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

Plans records of surveyed buildings, Marshallstown and City of Johannesburg: Archives, Building Control, Development Management, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality.

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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