

JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: OK BAZAARS OFFICE BLOCK



Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Previous/alternative name/s : Irol Mansions
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LOCATION: Street : President, Pritchard and Von Brandis
Street number :
: (113, 115 President; 78, 80 Pritchard; 63, 65 Von Brandis)
Stand Number : 4804
Previous Stand Number:
Block number : AW
Suburb :
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:

INTEGRITY:

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Date on plans :
Approval of plans :
Completion date :

BUILDING STYLE:

BUILDING TYPE:

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
- 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:

HEATH HOTEL

Van der Waal: "the growing wealth of the mining town in the mid 1890s was reflected in more richly embellished cast-iron verandahs, of which the best examples were those of the *Heath Hotel* (1894-5), 78 Pritchard Street; *Estcourt Building* (c. 1896), 84/6 Pritchard Street; and *Pollock Mansions* (c.1897), 94, 96, 98, 100 Eloff Street. The first *Castle Mansions* (1899-1902), 87,9,91/2, Eloff Street had bay windows instead of verandahs. The *Heath Hotel* bore a remarkable resemblance to the *Estcourt Building* and *Cumberland Building* (c.1890), 94 Pritchard Street, and *Pioneer Hotel* (1896), 8,10 Plein Street, to *Pollock Mansions*, the only mark distinguishing the hotels was their names on signboards or on roof railings. Therefore it can be said that hotels in the town centre preferred a low profile, which may be attributed to the fact that during the 1890s Johannesburg's community consisted largely of unattached males, and there were as yet not many visitors who demanded urban social recreation. Of course, the political climate of the times would also have played a role in this, and conditions were destined to change materially after the British occupation in 1900". (Van Der Waal, G-M.: From Mining Camp to Metropolis...).

HISTORY:

GENERAL NOTES:

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

PREVIOUS TENANT/S:

By 1954:
80 Prichard – Prestyns Ladies' Gowns.
(The Rand-Pretoria Directory 1954 (Comprising Complete Alphabetical And Trades Directories of Johannesburg, Pretoria And Reef Towns), Cape Times Limited, Cape Town, 1954.)

CURRENT TENANT/S:

Shoprite
OK Furniture
Liquor Shop

SOURCES:

Published Sources
The Rand-Pretoria Directory 1954 (Comprising Complete Alphabetical And Trades Directories of Johannesburg, Pretoria And Reef Towns), Cape Times Limited, Cape Town, 1954.
Van Der Waal, G-M.: From Mining Camp to Metropolis, The buildings of Johannesburg 1886-1940, Chris Van Rensburg Publications, Johannesburg, 1987.

Unpublished Sources
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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