

JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEYING FORM

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NAME OF PLACE: SAGIT HOUSE



Photograph: Catharina JM Bruwer.

Above: View of Sagit House, corner Fox and Loveday Streets, with Maritime House to its right.

Previous/alternative name/s : Northern Trust Building
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LOCATION: Street : corner Fox and Loveday
Street number : 96, 98 Fox Street
: (96, 98 Fox; 30 Loveday)
Stand Number : 1179
Previous Stand Number: 235
Block number : BL
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, facebrick infill
Roof: flat, concrete
Windows: steel casements

SITE FEATURES:

ALTERATIONS:

Kemp Group Architects. 1989.

INTEGRITY:

INSCRIPTION:

ARCHITECT:

'Nurcombe & Summerley, a partnership in Johannesburg between DL Nurcombe and HG Summerley from February 1936; the practice flourished and in 1936 won the prestigious competition for the design of the Master Builders' Association Headquarters in Johannesburg. Their best known building however was Chrysler House, Johannesburg (1936 9). The firm later (n.d.) became Nurcombe, Summerley & Lange. (Greig 1971; Herbert 1975; SAAR Feb 1936:64; Van der Waal 1987)...'
(Architects In South Africa 1780 – 1940; Draft manuscript, J Walker & G M van der Waal, 1992, HSRC, Pretoria.)

BUILDER:

CONSTRUCTION DATE:

Date on plans : 1952
Approval of plans :
Completion date :

BUILDING STYLE:

Johannesburg Modular Regionalism. 1950s.

BUILDING TYPE:

This is a shop to street and office building. (CJMB)

ENVIRONMENT:

CONDITION:

As seen from the exterior, the building appears to be in a fair condition. (CJMB)

URGENT ACTION:

SAHRA RECORD REGARDING ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, RESTORATION:

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

General protection:	Section 34(1) structure/s	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formal protection:	provincial heritage site	<input type="checkbox"/>
	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: S A General Inv. & Trust Co Ltd.

By 1976: Northern Trust Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 5483, Johannesburg, 2000.

PRE-HISTORY OF SITE:

HISTORY:

GENERAL NOTES:

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

Although the *Sagit House* is not 60 years old, a report published on the internet list the building as a historical building (CJMB):

'STATE OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT WITH REGARDS TO CONSERVATION

There are currently 76 historical buildings in Greater Johannesburg. Most of these are located towards the central and northern parts of the metropolitan area, especially around the Johannesburg CBD...'

([http://www.environment.gov.za/Enviro-](http://www.environment.gov.za/Enviro-Info/sote/citysoe/johannes/Virtual/CSOE/csoe/html/NonJava%20Site/Conservation/built/State.htm)

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PREVIOUS TENANT/S:

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

By 1956:

Shaw Saville & Blue Funnel Joint Service
 98 Fox - London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
 98 Fox - Law, Union, & Rock Insurance Co., Ltd.
 (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:

Amarals Fast Food
 Cash & Term Loans



Hair Café

SOURCES:

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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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