

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/033/0006
	Site Name	Old Residency, 1 Parsonage Street, Graaff-Reinet
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	Coords	-32.251492, 24.538414

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Site Category: Building

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Archive Import History: The Residency is a well preserved model of the early 19th Century H-planned gable house which, together with the impressive Reinet House, form a unique architectural group at the end of Parsonage Street. Text The Residency or official house of the Landdrost of Graaff-Reinet stands in Pastorie Street, opposite the beautifully restored Reinet House. It was originally the 'tuishuis' or town dwelling of the Rubidge family, a family whose history is intimately associated with that of Graaff-Reinet. This house with its decorative gables and built in the shape clan H, is an outstanding example of the old Cape- Dutch architecture of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. As long ago as 1957, when he completed the restoration of Reinet House, the well-known architect Norman Eaton pleaded for the Residency to be preserved and restored. 'Together with Reinet House,' he said, 'it would be of unique value not only for Graaff-Reinet but for the country as a whole, seeing that this concept of an historical unit has almost died out in this country.' The house has been preserved on account of its architectural qualities. The Residency and Reinet House together form a unique architectural entity in Graaff Reinet. Visual Description: 4 bay Cape Dutch H-shaped corner building with thatched roofs and fine gables. Thatched saddle roofs with finely moulded and pedimented front gable with high shoulders and pilasters. Holbol end gables with top segment. Rusticated walls with moulded door and window architraves. Stone stoep with end walls and seats. 3 x 3 panel double door with big radial fanlight. High 16 x 16 sashes with solid half-shutters. Gable has 12 x 12 sash window. Colours: Dark green and white woodwork. Site Features: Condition: Good Construction Date: Materials: Catalogue: Rudner 1989 (b), No: 44.01, Significance Category:

Damage Types: