

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/003/0004
	Site Name	Botanical Gardens, Grahamstown
	Date	
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-33.316372, 26.520460

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Site Category: Building

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: The land on which the Botanical Gardens was established, was granted to the Albany Botanical Gardens by the Governor of the Cape, Sir George Cathcart transfer being passed on 19 October 1853. The fine avenue of oak trees running through the centre of the gardens is the oldest and largest plantation of oaks in or near Grahamstown The Cottage orn which dates from the 1830's is a two—roomed single—storeyed construction with lean—to kitchen at the rear. The roof is of corrugated iron probably originally thatch. Architecturally the building is in the romantic country cottage style known as Cottage orn with peaked Gothic—style windows projecting above the eaves. Octagonal Georgian chimney. Inside the roof is brought down to below ceiling level to give a loft—ceiling effect. The Regency style fireplace surround is most unusual and does not appear in any reference works consulted. The whole cottage has a neo—Gothic suggestion about it and is unique in the Eastern Cape. These are the second oldest botanical gardens in South Africa, the oldest being the old Company Gardens in Cape Town. There is a magnificent variety of Cycads, Aloes and Proteas in these gardens and the fine, avenue of oak trees running through the centre of the gardens is also the oldest and largest plantation of oaks in or near Grahamstown. The cottage situated within the grounds dates from the early 1830's and was built in the romantic country cottage style known as Cottage orne with peaked Gothic—style windows pro above the eaves and an octagonal Georgian chimney. It is unique in the Eástèrn Cape. Visual Description: Colours: Site Features: Condition: Construction Date: Materials: Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

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