

<b>Archaeological Site Report</b>	<b>SiteNo</b>	9/2/095/0004
	<b>Site Name</b>	Dutch Reformed Church Hall, 112 Caledon Street,
	<b>Date</b>	Uitenhage
	<b>Project</b>	
	<b>CaseNID</b>	
	<b>Coords</b>	-33.765897, 25.399253
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Site Category: Building

**SiteComments:**

Archive Import History: This fine building was designed in 1818 but completed only in 1843 and was the Dutch Reformed Church until it became a church hall in 1927. The establishment of a new magistracy was usually followed immediately by the establishment of a congregation, but Uitenhage developed very slowly and it was not until 11th December, 1817, that a Dutch Reformed congregation came into existence here. Two months later, on 12th February, 1818, the landdrost, Captain Jacob Cuyler, who took a great interest in the development of the town, submitted plans for a church for the consideration of the church council. At a meeting of the council on 1st March, 1821, a tender of C. F. Pohl to build the church for 32 000 riksdaalders or R4 800, was accepted. Pohl only started the building eleven months after the tender had been approved, and at once difficulties arose. The foundations were not laid to the satisfaction of the Church Council and the builder refused to alter them. One court action followed after another and nearly a quarter of a century passed before the building was taken into use on 27th August, 1843. From that date it served as the church, with only a few minor alterations, until 1927 when it was replaced by a new one. It remained in use as a church hall, however Visual Description: Colours: Site Features: Condition: Construction Date: 1818-1843 Materials: Catalogue: Herholdt & Frescura, 1986, No: 038, Significance Category:

Damage Types: