

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	Portion of Erf 1
	Site Name	151 Murchison Street, Ladysmith, 3370
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	CaseNID	
	Coords	-28.559199, 29.780653

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Site Category: Building

Directions:

Entering Ladysmith from Pmb. Follow the trough road and turn left into Murchison Street upon enterin Landmark. Two Howitzer field guns 'Castor' and 'Pollux' used during the Siege are positioned on each streetfront.

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: This magnificent Town Hall, the corner-stone of which was laid in August 1893, was designed and built by the architects Walker and Singleton. The building was badly damaged during the siege of Ladysmith (1899-1900), but was restored by Lucas in 1900. The 1893 building consisted of a T-plan: Following bombardment during the seige, Lucas repaired and enlarged the Hall in 1901, leaving the Clock Tower in a ruinous condition. In 1923, subsequent to a nationwide architectural completion, the Hall with porch to Queen Street was built, the existing Hall then became the cortile, giving access to the perimeter offices and the restoration of the Bell tower. The roof and cortile tiles and eaved. Visual Description: Murchison Street front marked by portico & clocktower, cortile surrounded by arcade of slender Doric Colours: Site Features: Condition: good Construction Date: 1893; 1901 (restored after being damaged by shelling); 1923 Materials: brick and stone : clay tile Catalogue: Peters, 1993, No: C45, Significance Category: HCAE Ladysmith is closely associated with the History of South Africa, both as a stopping place for transport wagons in the mid-1800s, and during the Anglo-Boer War. The Town Hall forms a central focus for the town.

Damage Types: