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Site Category: Building

SiteComments:

The significance of the Moroka House is largely due to the link this landmark has with Dr James Sebe Moroka, president-general of the African National Congress from 1949 until 1952. He was a medical doctor, an activist, and a leader who in his short term of political life joined forces with other history makers to lay the corner-stone of the transformation of South Africa. The architectural features of the building especially the verandas with its Ionic pillars and the concave-convex gables contribute positively to it's immediate environment.The house has a corrugated iron roof and five gables, two in the front elevation and the rest on the remaining three sides, with round timber ventilators on all gables. There are verandas on each side of the house. The corrugated iron canopy is supported by Ionic pillars on a The front timber door contains coloured glass and has a large door frame with a fanlight and sidelights. On the western elevation the door that leads to the veranda is a glazed French door. Some of the original timber casement windows have been replaced by steel windows. On the east elevation is a timber door with coloured glass and a sidelight. The original interior panelled doors with the exception of one , have already been replaced by hollow compressed saw-dust doors. The ceilings is of pressed steel. Each of the two projecting bays on the front elevation contain a bay window. There is also a bay window on the eastern elevation. The house has ten rooms of which some have been provided with fire-places. The house has a T-shaped passage. Where the two passages join there is an arched wall with Ionic pillars. Some of the original light fittings are still on the walls though they are no longer operational.

AdminComments:

See statement of significance under grading

Damage Types:

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