

DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 10 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Pieter Gerhardus Jacobus Koornhof, Minister of National Education, hereby declare the historic building known as Chapel House, in Grahamstown, together with the property on which it is situated, to be a national monument.

Description

The historic building known as Chapel House, together with the property on which it is situated, being certain piece of land in the Municipality of the City of Grahamstown, Division of Albany, being the remainder of Erf 4085, Grahamstown, and measuring as such fifty-one (51) square metres.

Deed of Transfer 37562/1974, dated 6 November 1974.

Historical and architectural interest

This Georgian double-storeyed building which was erected in 1823, is the oldest Baptist church in South Africa. The foundation stone was laid on 6 January by William Miller, the 1820 Settler founder of the Baptist Church in South Africa. The church was consecrated on 7 September and used until 1843 when it was replaced by the church in Bathurst Street. It was converted soon after into three dwellings, but is now occupied as a unit again and is known as Chapel House. (10/2/515.)

P. G. J. KOORNHOF, Minister of National Education.