NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT, No. 28 OF 1969

DECLARATION OF THE BUILDING KNOWN AS THE PRIEST'S HOUSE, SITUATED AT 87 BEAUFORT STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 10 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Gerrit van Niekerk Viljoen, Minister of National Education, hereby declare the building known as the Priest's House, situated at 87 Beaufort Street, Grahamstown, to be a national monument.

Description

The building known as the Priest's House, situate on certain piece of land in the Municipality of the City of Grahamstown, Division of Albany, being Erf 6381 (a portion of Erf 3579), Grahamstown, and measuring eight hundred and thirty-seven (837) square metres.

Deed of Transfer 24905/1980, dated 18 July 1980.

Historical and architectural interest

This double-storeyed house with its Georgian and Romanesque features was built by Bishop Patric Moran in 1860 as residence for the priests of St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Moran was succeeded by the Revd James David Richards, the resident priest. One of the windows of this building bears his initials, which he engraved while testing the Eureka diamond, the first to be identified as such, in South Africa. 16/2/900.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN, Minister of National Education.