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HERITAGE STATUS OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AT 182-184 ESTHER ROBERTS RD, GLENWOOD, DURBAN



ARCHITECTURAL/ AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE:

A pair of single-storey semi-detatched houses with veranda and gables of the Edwardian era, typical "gabled-veranda houses" prevalent in Glenwood and upper Umbilo. Doric columns at 184, but removed and veranda enclosed at 182. Low boundary wall with posts and railing. Gables have quoining detail and simple timber detail at apex of gable.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

No information available on the original owners, they are likely to have been built by a speculator. The original addresses were 182and 184 Frere rd.

SOCIAL/ SPIRITUAL/ LINGUISTIC SIGNIFICANCE: Nil

SCIENTIFIC/ TECHNOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

All materials and construction methods were typical of that period and are prevalent in other houses in Glenwood. Existing materials have deteriorated.

ENVIRONMENTAL/ CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The houses are not part of a group, but they form a single block with a symmetrical frontage to the street, which adds to the streetscape. They are situated on the East side of Esther Roberts rd, neighbouring properties are 3 and 4 storey residential blocks. Single-storey houses are on the West side of the street, dating from between 1897-1930. No.'s 165 and 169 are listed.

From the above points, the houses are of low heritage significance, except for scale and streetscape, which is of medium significance.

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