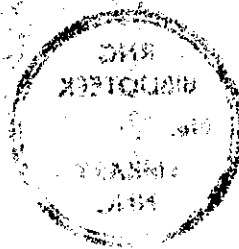


# SURVEY

OF

## CHURCH STREET

## LADISMITH CAPE



FROM CROSS STREET

TO

SOUTH STREET

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### DINNIE'S HOTEL

H. W. Becker is shown as owning the corner erf in 1884-90. It is said he had a shop there which was accidentally burnt down.

The Cross Street residential section is older than the corner building. It was a "reguit Klein huis" - no verandah - where the Nel's lived whose daughter Maria (Mimi) was killed on a picnic when she fell from the top of the waterfall in 1897. She was 17 years old.

George Becker, son of H. W. Becker, lived there for a time with his family - ~~or maybe the son J. A.~~  
Then Otto Nefdt ran an hotel and built on a dining-room and bar. The corner block shows the date 1904 on the gable.

Union Wine and <sup>spirit</sup> Corporation are said to have owned the hotel and then John Allan Dinnie from Aberdeen, Scotland (1872-1944) He died and is buried at Ladismith.

Dinnie's Hotel became quite famous for good management and the excellent table. Many families came to stay for the winter months.

He was followed by the Greens, the Wainsteins, and now the brothers Uberstein.



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DINNIE'S HOTEL  
Coloured Lounge & Canteen

J. A. Nefdt paid rates on the erf in 1882  
and Nel Bros. in 1887 - valued at £300  
so there must have been a building, probably  
a shop or produce store.

According to Mrs la Grange there was a shop  
between the Annexe and the Hotel - old  
Solly Gordon's shop.





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DINNIE'S HOTEL  
Lounge & Canteen

DINNIE'S HOTEL  
Annexe

On the erf in 1882  
1887 - valued at £300  
been a building, probably  
store.

Grange there was a shop  
and the Hotel - old

S. Gordon paid rates in 1894:  
[J.A. Nefdt paid rates on the erf in 1882 and  
Nef Bros. in 1887 - valued at £300 so there must  
have been a building, probably a shop or  
produce store.]

There was a shop between the Annex and the  
Hotel and in 1894 S. Gordon ran the shop and  
lived with his family in the 'Annexe'.

Old 'Solly' Gordon and his brother, who lived in  
Cross Street, were well-known characters and  
Solomon Gordon (1851-1918) was, according to  
his tombstone "The Founder and Leader of  
the Ladismith Hebrew Congregation."

In 1918 J. A. Dinnie paid rates on this erf,  
and earlier.

Sadly, owing to an accumulation of water  
underground, the walls began to crumble and  
the building is about to be demolished.



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## MIDDLETON'S GARAGE

Now Eaton's

From a Calendar dated 1910

Middleton Brothers  
Cart and Wagon Builders  
Ladysmith, Cape Colony.

Henry was the Carriage builder and Gaurie  
the painter and house decorator. † 1900  
\* There was a thatched house on the left hand section which  
was the First Bank. Then Henry Middleton lived there  
before he built his house in King Street in 1903 and his  
blacksmith continued to live there. The Smithy was behind  
the building and the very old Blacksmith's implements were  
recently given to the Oudtshoorn Museum.

The right-hand section was a Mill. The machinery was  
brought from Veldhuysen's Mill in North Street and (Miss  
Middleton says) the same machinery was used for the  
Mill, recently, in the Old Church.

The house was used as a Garage; then pulled  
down to make way for Felix Middleton's Garage.  
Felix Middleton was Henry's son - died in 1970.

Eaton's are now using the building as a storage place.

\* G. B. Saayman paid rates † 1883 - 1898 - £450 -  
must have been the thatched house. He farm o. d. of  
Kruyswagensdrif.





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### EATON'S GARAGE

owned by Eaton's

plan dated 1910

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and Wagon Builders  
in Smith, Cape Colony.

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thatched house. The farm etc. etc.

### FELIX MIDDLETON'S HOME

J.J. Nel 'Tuishuis'.

In the old days the land from Dwaarsrivier  
to below Algerynskraal belonged to the original  
Nel. His son went on 'tog' with Andries van  
Tonderen and out of his share bought a portion of  
Wettevreden where the Nel Complex is today;  
\* This J.J. (Hans) Nel had the above as his 'Tuishuis'  
and retired to live there when his sons,  
C.J. and P.J. took over Wettevreden.

Later C.J. (old 'Sarel' Nel) and his wife 'Tan' Bet  
had it as their 'tuishuis' until after his death,  
1931 Tan Bet went to live in a large house in Queen St.

It is said that during the S.A. War a part of  
the house was a British Officers' Mess.

Felix Middleton married in 1935 and lived in  
the house with his wife and two daughters until  
his death in 1970. Mrs Sheila Middleton lives  
alone in the house now.

\* J.J. Nel became a member of the "Wetgewende  
Vergadering van die ou Kaapse Parlement."



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### M. C. VAN TONDER'S TUISHUIS

The above may have been a small thatched house where old 'Arie' Roux - a Jewish feather-buyer lived after 1906.

It was the tuishuis of M. C. van Tonder who had farms at Buffelskloof (where he lived) and at Okkerkwaal in 1854. Rates were paid on the house in 1854. It had a thatched roof.

Andries van Tonder (born 1792) married a daughter of Daniel Francois Toubert, founder of Elandsvlei and was the grandfather of M. C. van Tonder. In 1907 M. C. van Tonder retired to live in the fine old house in Albert Street which he built. He married a widow, Mrs van der Vyver, with 2 children who still live in the house. 'Miss Betty' van der Vyver taught in the local school and her brother, Jannis, kept the meticulously neat books of the Town Council in spite of poor eye sight. He is now over eighty and blind.

M. C. van Tonder married again - the late well-known 'Aunt' Laural and had 3 children. The only son, Thys van Tonder attained a high position in De Beers and is at present doing research for them at Modderfontein.

The zinc roof was put on later and Dr Brummer a dentist, who married the daughter of C. J. Langenhoven had his surgery there.

Okkie Goldenhuys and his family have lived there for six years.





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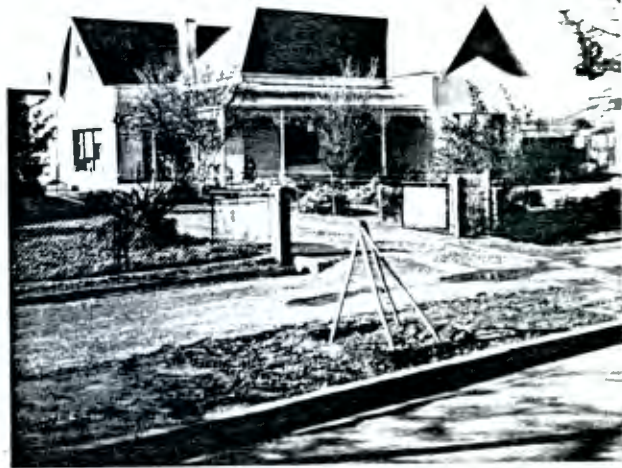


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### COM FRIKKIE BRUWER'S HOUSE

Said to have been built by 'old Keos' Bruwer, Frikkie's father (1864-1938) Municipal Rates, £600, were paid in 1904. The erf was owned in 1893.

A Bank Manager, Mr Rushby lived there and a Dr McDowell.

Frikkie Bruwer and his wife came to live there when he retired from farming. He was one of the founders of the Ladismith Cheese Factory.

The Bruwers: Another daughter of the original Andries van Tonderren married F. J. Bruwer who came from Robertson. He was 'Frikkie's' grandfather.

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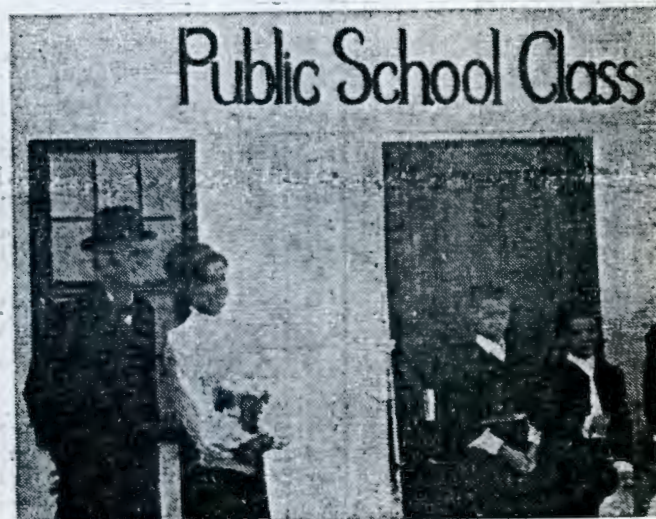


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MR DAWSON'S SCHOOL  
completely modernized.

B. L. van der Vyver paid rates from 1881 to 1885 on K13.  
Valued £300 and his widow in 1887 (Val. £515)  
P. G. Langenhoven paid rates (Val. £530) on K13 and part  
of 17. He had a farm at Horko and it may have been a "tuishuis"  
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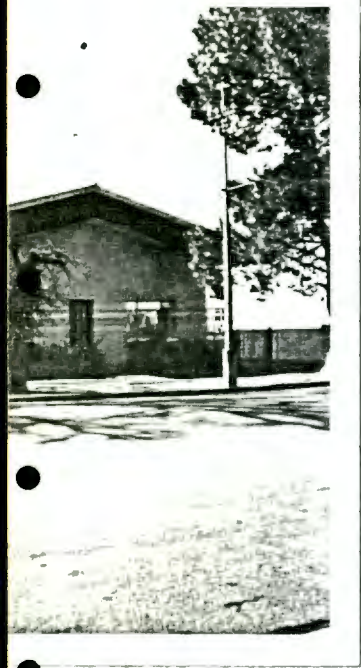


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For School see end page.





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K. 15 + 17

### MISS GOSSEN'S SCHOOL

modernized.

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### School Class



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skoliere.

see end page.

### MRS GOOSEN'S HOUSE

J. C. Goosen paid rates on twoerven (K15 and  
17) dates available are 1882 - 1903 -

He is buried in the old churchyard to the right  
of the church but no dates are given, only "Oud  
76 jaar". His wife, Adriana, is buried in the new  
churchyard - again no dates - "Oud 78 jaar".

'Old' Mrs Goosen was a well-known character in  
the village - a herbalist and quack doctor -  
the saying is "Gee bagasie - dood of gesond."  
She practised as a doctor and had a larger  
practice than the 5 doctors of the town at that  
time, much to their annoyance. A delightful story  
is told: when old, she at last became ill her-  
self and sent for the young, newly-arrived  
Dr Hoffman (he was the first Superintendent of  
the hospital later - built ). He attended her and  
when she asked for her account he said: "We  
don't charge our colleagues."

The Goosens arrived as early as the Tonbest's  
but their early farm was on the top of Touwsteg  
over.





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CONTINUATION OF MRS GOOSEN'S HOUSE  
and was described as "Het verlaten Mistkraal  
van Jakob Goosen de Oude."

The house might have been double-  
storeyed throughout. It is a very long build-  
ing and there are other small buildings  
behind the long frontage - entry is on the  
left.

P. Langenhoven paid rates on K13 and part  
of 17. K13 was probably Erf 379 - dates 1890  
-1903.

It is said that C. J. Langenhoven, nephew of  
P. G. (who brought him up) had an Attorney's  
office for a time in the end double-storeyed  
section. An old coloured man claims to have swept  
out the office for C. J. L. every day as a young  
boy.

This end section has been made into an  
attractive flat, also two flats in the middle  
section. Two daughters of P. Nel, brother of  
C. J. rent the end flat.

Mr + Mrs du Toit own the building. \* She was a  
Miss Cloete. A. C. Cloete is shown as owning the  
building in 1919. \* Joint owners with old Mrs Cloete  
who lives at Calitdorp.



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