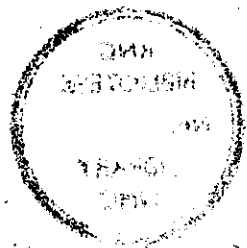


SURVEY

OF

CHURCH STREET

LADISMITH CAPE



FROM NORTH
TO
SOUTH STREET

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No. 72

'OUBAAS' LA GRANGE'S HOUSE

Mike Ellis has lived here for 26 years
with family.

Over 100 years old
according to owner Mr. Mike Ellis.
Frontage unaltered, garage built on.
Walls very thick, of clay, but 15 years
ago the front walls were brick covered.
The building was thatched originally
and the reeds are still there above
the ceilings. There is a 'brand solder'
house very cool in summer.

An 'oubaas' la Grange lived there;
he owned the whole block and divided
it up gradually into seven, a number
of which were left to his children,
who did not always build.



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No. 6
North

MODERN

A small cottage on this site
where a Mr la Brange lived,
old people, was demolished.

Presently occupied by Mr C. Theron,
Health Inspector.



Erf
No. 62
North Street

on this site

ange lived,
demolished.

by Mr C. Theron,

"KOSHUIS"? No. The school used a room for classes. The first "skool Koshuis" was built in 1929. Vivian Dekker built the house as a shop.

The house faces North Street and the side faces Church Street. The roof has curious architectural features (not shown) and there are pillars inside the house.

It is said to have been the "koshuis" at the school and there must have been a hall above - as G. Blyth and T. Blyth wrote the matriculation examination there in 1916. The stoep was probably added. Vivian Dekker built the shop.

After Kessels' shop, opposite, closed Vivian Dekker had a shop there until about 1918.

There was an open-air skating rink on the right - about 1914, 1916 or so. Shop was there in 1910. The house has been divided into two semi-

detached houses and the Le Roux's have lived in the house on the right for 16 1/2 years till now.

According to Mrs la Grange date is before 1903. A Mr & Mrs Holliday lived there 60 years ago. Mrs la Grange says the rink was in the hall above at first - but the beams could not take it.

NORTH STREET



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No. 220

ANNEXE OF THE ROYAL HOTEL now Danie Ellis's House

According to Mrs la Grange a Baines lived here with his two sisters, one of whom married George Becker. Then an Eastes family. James Eastes 1863-1936. The verandah was added. P.J. Nel built 1903. The School Principal, M. v.d. Walt - from 1924-1943 lived here and then two other teachers. The building was an Annexe of the hotel for a time and there were sample rooms for the travellers. Danie Ellis, brother of Mike Ellis, has lived in the house for 26 years till now.



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220

Built by Mr Viviers as a workshop about
30 years ago.

A Mrs du Toit lived there and Widow Mrs
Kriel, Danie Ellis's mother-in-law has
lived in the house for 15 years till now.

It is also said that Barney "Coolie" well-
known character who had a produce shop-
in North street - lived here - about 1920.
The house has been altered.



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MODERN

Built by Mr A. J. de Villiers, la Grange
retired farmer in ± 1964 on an empty erf.

as a workshop about

Here and Widow Mrs
mother-in-law has
for 15 years till now.
Barney "Cochie" well-
had a produce shop -
lived here - about 1920.
altered.

VACANT ERF



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MODERN

Built in 1970 on the site of an old house where originally Dirk Crafford, brother of Isaac Crafford lived.

Mr P. D. Crafford, Town Clerk from 1902-1937 was another brother. He was followed by his son, Murdoch Crafford, 1938-1952.



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No 573

SPANGENTHAL'S HOUSE

It is said to have been built more or less the same time as Crafford's house.

S. Spangendaal-(or-dahl) paid rates in 1905.

He was a photographer and there is a photograph of the arrival of the first railway train in 1925 signed with his name.

Mr Louis van der Zyl remembers that Spangenthal took his wedding photograph. He is nearly 92.



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No 253

INTHAAL'S HOUSE

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ISAAC CRAFFORD'S HOUSE

I. W. Crafford paid rates on the erf in
1883. According to the valuation the house was
built in 1893. He married the step-daughter
of H. W. Becker and had 2 daughters, one of
whom married Vivian Dekker. He died in 1900
and his widow was living there in 1903 and
probably much later.

Isaac Narick brother of the owner of the
Royal Hotel, paid rates in 1920 -
the house has been turned into 2 flats -
Mrs Snyman and her sister Mrs Cromhout and
husbands live there. Mrs Snyman has been there
for 12 1/2 years. The building behind the house
was a stable.

The House: Walls very thick, old doors. The foll.
description has been taken from an article in
Rapport- 23 September 1973: "In Tipiese huis in die
Ladysmith-styl - hoë fasade met 'n mooi
kroonluisie bo; boonste deel met luggate; heë
solder wat die huis koel hou in die warm
Somers van die Klein Karoo."

The tree obscures and the photo does not quite do justice.

Complex
of old
houses. ↑
See
Appendix



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No. 254
F9

"BROIDOS" HOUSE

Probably late 19th or early 20th C.

Original owner said to be Johannes Wolfaardt or his father-in-law, Pheil? who lived there.

Unchanged except for front stoep. The original stoep was put at the back of the house by the present owner, Mr Viviers, who has lived there for 40 years.

*By 1912, or earlier, the Broidos, a large Jewish family, were living there and ran the shop - to the right of the house. There is a receipt, dated 1885, in a Municipal Rate Receipt book for Broidos & Co. for a farm at Buffelsvlei.

The Broidos were scattered after the old people died. (1919)

Then two rooms, Max & Sally lived there and later made an ointment 'Salmax', the recipe of which was a legacy.

A school Principal, Mr. Vander Walt, owned the property for a time and Mr Viviers bought from him.

THE HOUSE: The walls are 24 in. thick (not the shop), ceilings high, all floors and ceilings except in one room + kitchen are yellowwood. When the back passage floor was taken up the beams were found to have been laid directly on the earth floor and showed no signs of decay.

Inside the front door there is a straight-up stair to the dormer window room (behind tree branches, front). Under the paint on the stair the letters Ladismith C.C. can faintly be seen. The kitchen has a small door high up on one wall leading to a small room above the pantry. The pantry ceiling is very low to accommodate the room above, most probably a store room. The huge gums, about 17 are very old. Took 7 men to cut branches of one that had to be felled.



OLD HOUSE

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← F. Heyman paid rates on erf 19 in 1885
 valuation £560 so there must have been a house,
 probably the top end.
 S.C. Stapleton - Magistrate - must have lived
 there from 1888 - 1892 - valuation £800
 From 1893 - 1898 F. Heyman again.
 * In 1898 N. Broide owned the house -
 valuation £1000 - so the shop may have been
 built - on the right.

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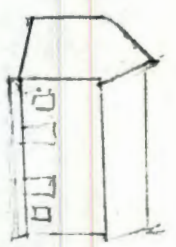


Complex of old



Five doors

Five doors, are hidden.



Old 'Washhouse' and stores.

Behind 'Borden's House' - entrance on the left. There were stables for the Post-Cast horses - from Ladismilk to Lainsburg until 1920 or so - behind these buildings. Also the Old 'lavatory' as big as a small room and far from the house. There is still an open end behind these Old cottages. and sort. According to Mr. Vines: The rooms were used to store oak and leather and one door still has the bar-iron - across it - in addition to a lock. Later 'poor' people lived there - a Mrs Edwards and son. Sipping Edwards lived where X shows. Edwards was an excellent paper-hanger and painter. These houses may also have been 'Tushuis'.



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LUTHERAN PARSONAGE

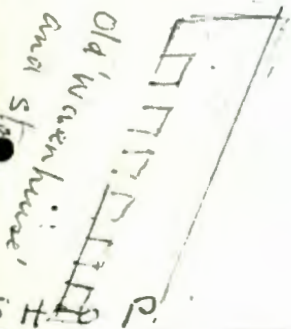
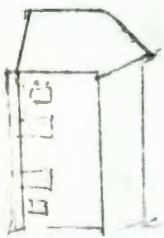
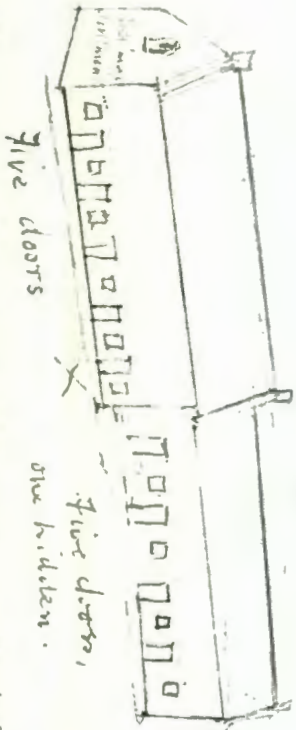
This is a long building facing the Church with an inside staircase in the entrance hall leading to the dormer room.

The lower part was probably added and this part may have been owned by the Grimms. W. A. Grimm paid rates in 1887 and from 1888-1892 or longer by Widow Grimm and in 1902 by Miss Grimm.

The Rev Prozesky must have lived here and for many years the Rev. Berneke and his family.

It is now sub-let to a few people and in rather poor condition.

Vacant Erf 253



Advance on the left.



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No. 251

OLD LUTHERAN CHURCH

The "gemeente" was founded 26 Mei 1856 and was "in buite stasie van Amalienstein". The Rev. H. Howe was the missionary.

The Church was built on "een erf gekocht" geworden voor £50 door die Trustee Superintendent, August Schmidt, voor die Berlijnse Zending Genootschap. - Dedicated in 1862

The well-known Rev. Prozasky came from 1876 - 1895 and then went to Amalienstein.

Rev. Kottich from Amalienstein came to Ladismith. He returned to Germany in 1901.

He was followed by Rev. Muller and in 1903 by the Rev. Gernake whose children were at School in 1916 and earlier. Rev. Gernake is well-remembered.

The Rev. Heese followed and from 1939 - 1975 the coloured Pastor W. J. le Roux now a venerable old man, served and lived in the Old School opposite.

1968 Pastor J. Steenkamp came as "help-veraar" and has been since 1975 in sole charge of the large "gemeente."



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OLD LUTHERAN CHURCH

In 1906 the addition to the church - on the left - was dedicated and celebrated.

This old Church has many interesting features, especially in the interior.

A visitor pointed out that there is writing on the old bell. With the help of good eyes, or binoculars an interesting decorative pattern can be seen round the top curve and a narrower one round the bottom curve.

On the church side there are the raised letters:

Kom tot a crucifix Jesus

looks like ivory - and date 1873

On the street side Von C.F. Voss & Sohn in Berl (in)

Lady Smith

No. 562

Above the Church doors: Ein feste Burg
Ist unser Gott.



Erf
No 243
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HOFFLAND'S HOUSE

Late 19th century -

According to the only surviving member of the family in South Africa, Miss Annie Hoffland, a Dr Kelly lived here ^{1883 the first doctor} and then a Dr. Chadwick - 1858 - Miss Hoffland's father, who came from Russia, bought the house from Dr. Chadwick. He built on a kitchen, pantry and the stoep room. The house is thatched.

M. Hoffland is shown as paying rates in 1892. He died in 1903. His wife and family continued to live in the house - 8 children but 3 died young.

The eldest son, Saul (1882-1929) was a partner in the firm, Becker & Hoffland. The eldest daughter, Rosie, worked for the firm in the office across the road, from the age of 15 when she matriculated (a member of the first Matric. class of the school in Cross Street) till about 3 years before her death at the age of 80. First clerk then book keeper. Annie taught music for a time.

Max Rose, the ostrich king, and his brothers boarded with the Hofflands when in Ladismith. Max had the first motor car in Ladismith. There is a cheque signed by Max Rose - dated 1910 - in favour of Becker-Hoffland. Miss Annie is still living in the house.



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 for about 1/6 of
 the value.

x of Great Brook
 River
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 a shop in Cross
 St. before he and
 Jan Reinders -
 name Reinders
 Garage still -
 bought from
 Searles, but



his father Carl Duitson
 who came from Germany
 had a business in the town
 so there was a father, son
 and grand son tradition.

DR. WATSON'S SHOP
 Then
 WESSEL & SON

Dr. Robert Walker Watson - 1860 - 1913 - owned a
 number of stores. The above was his wig shop with
 Mr Falck as Manager. Dr. Watson lived with his family
 in the part in Cross St. now a Garage, and had his surgery
 there. Rates show 1890 - Also had a farm at Buffelskloof.
 C. Searle & Co. Ltd. - shown in 1919 - had a big store -
 and made alterations - had a docket system drawn up to
 the top floor and date on the gable is 1921.
 Then Wessel & Son, very well known, had a furniture
 shop and very recently the son retired and Lewis took over