

## RHENISH MISSION CHURCH

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:	The Braak	ERF:	668
ARCHITECTURAL PERIOD:	Cape Dutch	DATE BUILT:	1823; front wing 1840
STYLE:	Cape Dutch	TYPE OF BUILDING:	Religious
ZONING:		USE:	Church

### HERITAGE VALUES

RARITY:	Significant	HISTORICAL:	Very Significant
AESTHETICAL:	Very Significant	TECHNOLOGICAL:	Unassessed
CULTURAL:	Very Significant	SOCIAL HISTORY:	Very Significant
SLAVE HISTORY:	Very Significant	PRESENT NHRA PROTECTION:	Previous "National monument (1963, and pulpit 1948)"

### HERITAGE ANALYSIS

SITE & STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION:	"Thatched church in the shape of an incomplete T. The earlier part parallel to the Braak has pedimented gables with pilasters and straight sloping sides, and rusticated corner pilasters. The gable of the front wing has a winged pediment, curly sides, fluted pilasters and vases. The 3x3 door has a half-round small pane fanlight and a pilastered surround. 15x15 casements with arched small pane fanlights and simple plaster surrounds. Wrought iron fence with capped posts; double-arched bell-tower with fluted pilasters and "ball" vases."
HISTORY:	"""Het Stellenbosche Meedewerkende Zending's Genootschap"" was formed in 1801 with Mj Bakker as the first missionary. In 1822 he was replaced by Erasmus Smit and the land on the Braak was acquired from the Stellenbosch Turf Club. The original small rectangular church was completed in 1823 and inaugurated the following year, the opening sermon delivered by Rev Meent Borchers of the DR Church. The congregation was transferred to the Rhenish Mission Society in 1829 with Rev D Luckoff as its first minister. As the church became too small, in 1839 the gallery was added and the vestry incorporated ...
SOCIAL HISTORY:	
ALTERATIONS:	See History. At the time of first publication of Fransen & Cook (1965) the church had a corrugated iron roof.
GENERAL EVALUATION:	Outstanding
SUGGESTED GRADING:	II
DATE OF SURVEY:	November 2009

### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

OLDER THAN 60 YEARS:	no	PREV. NATIONAL MONUMENT:	
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