

CHAPTER 9

Historical buildings

National Monuments

Two houses erected in the nineteenth century by the pioneer De Jager family and restored in the 20th century have been declared National Monuments. They are the Palinggat homestead, which - together with its fountain in which tame eels occur - was proclaimed in 1985, and the Jagersbosch farmstead, proclaimed in 1991.

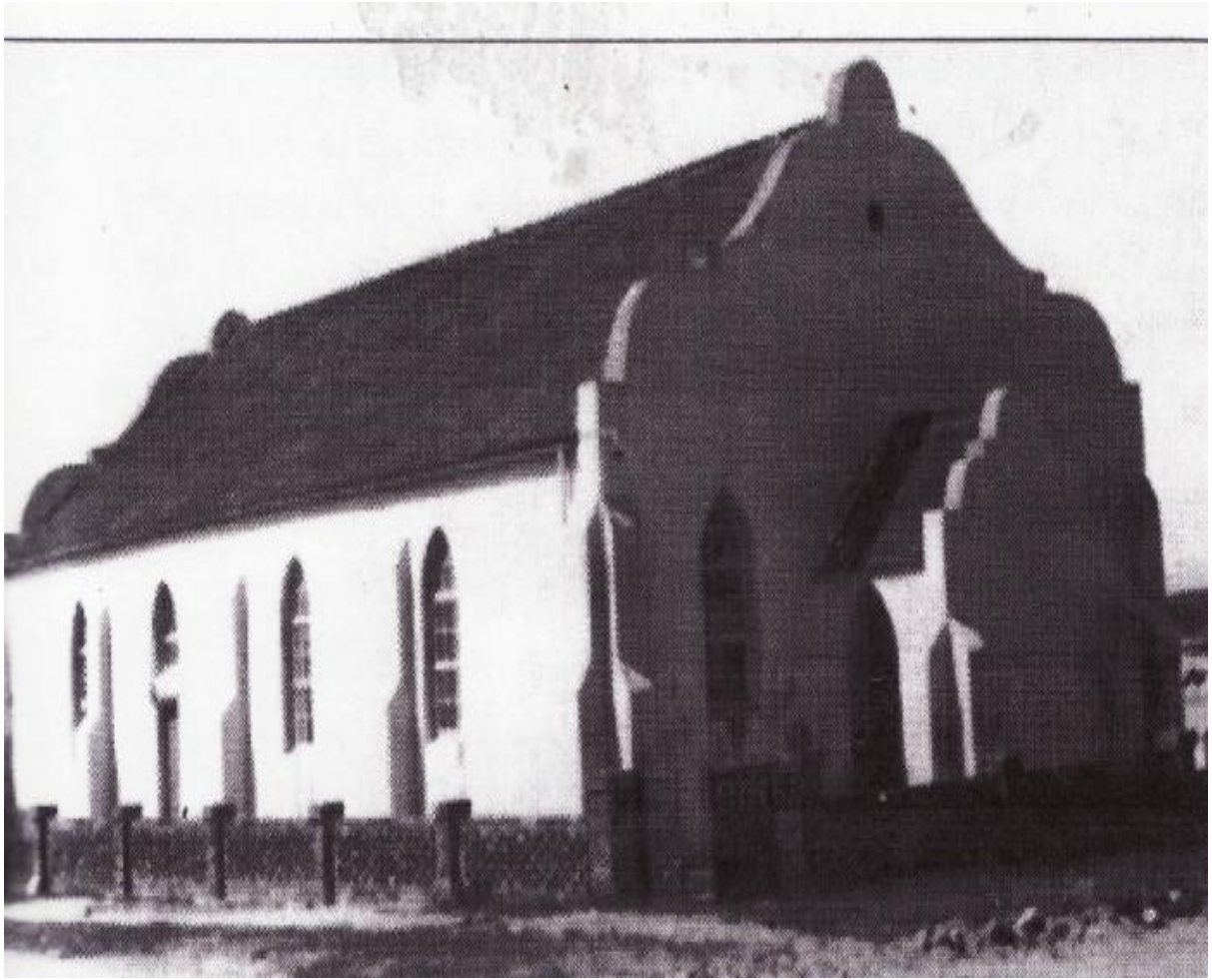
Palinggat

According to tradition, the house was first built in 1809 and then burnt down by Hottentots. In 1814 Andries J de Jager rebuilt the imposing residence, and put his initials and the date in the mortar above the front door. The property remained in the possession of the De Jagers for many generations.

The outside room on the north side was the schoolroom and it is said that elephants



*The homesteads Palinggat (front), Jagersbosch (back), after restoration.
Both were declared National Monuments. (Photo: André Pretorius)*





Olive Grove homestead after restoration in 1995.