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# The Engelenburg House Museum

Frans Vredenrijk Engelenburg was born in Arnhem, Holland on 17 March 1863. He emigrated to South Africa in 1889. From 1889 - 1938 he was the editor-in-chief and later director of the Transvaal newspaper, *De Volksstem*. In 1903, he had his house erected in Arcadia, Pretoria. The gabled house stood on its own outside the town, and residents referred to it as “Engelenburg’s Folly”. Only much later did the house become known as “Het Witte Huis” (The White House). Today it is known as the Engelenburg House (Engelenburghuis).

The varied and valuable art collection that is housed in the Engelenburg House reflects Engelenburg’s artistic and cosmopolitan character. Part of the collection consists of heirlooms that were shipped to South Africa and transported to the interior. Most of the pieces were acquired by Engelenburg in his travels abroad. A number of pieces were also acquired at auctions. The collection consists, among others, of porcelain, glassware, paintings, silver, furniture, tapestries and several sculptures.

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The Engelenburg Museum 18th Century  
chinese wooden statue



The Engelenburg Museum 18th Century bronze Ting

