## Heritage Survey: Stellenbosch Rural Areas

*by Penny Pistorius and Stewart Harris - June 2004*

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### Composites

1. Werf
2. Approach
3. Water meadows
4. Mountain slopes
5. Worker's village

### Photo Title

1902 map: red blocks 17th century grants, yellow lines early 19th c, pink dots roads. Grey/black rivers.

### Photo Date   Photographer

#### Photo Title

Mount Happy, orthophoto with approx. cadastrals and rivers added.
A property on the north-facing slopes of the Stellenboschberg, bounded by the Eerste River in the north, the south bank smallholdings Fynbos and Waaiwindie in the east, Vergenoegd in the west, and the Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve in the south. It consists of 3 land parcels (see photo 1). Erf 1440, the westernmost of the 3 portions, has a section on the north bank of the river between Chase Farm and River House, and there is also a small section of erf 1441 across the river. Like the other south bank farms, alongside the river it has a fairly narrow strip of water meadows, behind which the ridges of the Stellenboschberg foothills rise steeply. The highest point of the farm is a rocky outcrop at 579m. The mid-slopes are covered with pine trees, while the upper slopes are natural bush. Several streams cross the property and are channelled across the water meadows. The entrance to the property from Jonkershoek Road is on the north portion of erf 1440 and crosses the river over a bridge (see Composite 2). A dirt road runs south of the river to the east gates of Mount Happy (no longer used as an entrance).

The SDF lists the farm numbers as 337, 339, 362, 363, 364, 1308, 1308/1, /2, /3, /4. The farm numbers outside brackets in the Farm Number field are from the Stellenbosch Municipality erf map. The present owners are Mr and Mrs Frikkie Nel. During 2005 (?) the owners of Mount Happy bought River House, Catalogue no 02.31.

In 1817 Izaak de Milander, a relation of the family dynasty which owned Lanzerac, was regranted the Free Blacks’ land on the south bank and also other flat land higher up the gentle slope (probably already being used ‘as of right’) roughly as far as the steep bank where we believe the old road may have run. De Milander’s grant was on land that had not been independently farmed for 120 years and it seems likely that there was a major building episode soon after 1817. See Werf Composite.

The Georgian features of the homestead date from c1830 according to Fransen and Cook (but in this area may be later). Mount Happy had been acquired by PC van Bloemestein and in 1837 he was granted further land around it; useless mountainside (a grand gesture of land acquisition) and also the land on the banks of the Eerste Rivier (which had been reserved by the Government till then). It was called Weltevreden at this time. The origin of the name Mount Happy has not been established.

Original grants in this area were amalgamated and when the 10 portions of Mount Happy re-emerged in the 20th century their boundaries bore little resemblance to the original cadastrals. Detailed studies of the ensuing chain of owners have not been attempted but in the late 20th century it was acquired by MH Dalling. He closed the approach road along the south bank and purchased additional land across the Eerste where he made a new access point, lining it up so it crossed the river on the axis of the old avenue.

Historical Notes

Land ownership between 1696 and 1790 is as Lanzerac. Deeds Office search not attempted. It will produce a rich harvest of people who may influence the social heritage values of the place and link them to building episodes and the sweep of history. It will also produce land surveys showing boundaries and possibly buildings and landscape features, and suggest areas with archaeological potential.
Associated People

* Anthony of Angola
  see Klein Gustrouw and Lanzerac
* Manuel of Angola
  see Klein Gustrouw and Lanzerac
* Izaak Johannes de Milander or Milander

Granted Mount Happy in 1817 consisting of considerable land on the south bank incorporating part of the Angola grant (1902 map). Izaak Johannes de Milander, born 1780, married Barbara Christina Briers on 9.7.1780, five children 1801-1813. His mother was Anna Geertryda Albertyn, the second of three wives of Hermanus Johannes de Milander of Amsterdam (De Villiers and Pama 1981:577-8) who is uncertainly identified in the genealogies to be b1c1, the sister of CJ Albertyn (De Villiers and Pama 1981:7-8) who owned the Angola farm from 1790 to c1808.

* PC van Blommestein

He owned the property at about the time the house was Georgianised and was granted great amounts of mountainside behind in 1837. These grand gestures may give some clues his personality and taste. Grant was called Weltevreden (1902 map). Not in De Villiers and Pama.

Associated Events

References

1902 Brink Map CA M2-409 shows location of grants
1938 aerial photograph.
1980s orthophoto
2000 aerial photograph.
Smuts ed 1979
See also sources specified under ‘People’
Field trips, June 2004

Assessment

Significance Statement

The farm has a long history since the initial 1680s grants of the water meadows to “Free Blacks”. It has the typical cross-section of Jonkershoek Valley farms, with flat water meadows next to the river, backed by steep slopes crossed by streams. An important part of the cultural landscape, it is sensitively located near the mouth of the valley and highly visible.

Significance Category

A = course / pattern of history  F = creative / technical
B = rarity  G = social / cultural / spiritual
C = information potential  H = assoc. NB person / group
D = characteristic of type  I = slavery
E = aesthetic

Proposed Grading

3 heritage area (s. 31)

Vulnerabilities

Recommendations

There may be traces of the south bank water furrow and old road across the eastern watermeadows; if so, they are older than 60 years (S.34) and archaeological (S. 36). See Catalogue nos 02.00/02 and /03.

NHR Act Status Date of Gazette SAHRA File ref. Official Grading

Maps

Number of Ortho Photo GPS X

Date of Ortho Photo GPS Y

Aerial Photograph Date GPS Model

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**Photograph Date**
- 06/04

**Photographer**
- Penny Pistorius

**Photo Title**
- Cottages from the field. The ruin is under the large gum tree, R.

**Photograph Date**
- 1980

**Photographer**
- Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

**Photo Title**
- Othophoto
Visual Description
East of the werf is a cluster of workers' housing on the lower slopes, watered by a stream. Most of the houses are apparently modern (not inspected in detail), but there is one old, roofless, ruined cottage near the edge of the field (See Objects). There is another cluster of workers' housing north of the river -- see Composite 02.03/03, Object 3.

Condition
**Composite - History**

**History**
There were two or three houses here by 1938, of which only one apparently still exists as a ruin (see Objects).

**Associated People**
See Property history.

**Associated Events**

**References**
See Property history.

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**Composite - Assessment**

**Significance Statement**
The cluster of workers’ housing is in a typical location for a dwelling site, on the slope near a stream and just above the fields. It is part of the cultural landscape and may have social significance. It is visible from the slopes opposite.

**Significance Category**
A, C, D

**Proposed Grading**
3

**Vulnerabilities**

**Recommendations**
The village, including associated vegetation, paths, etc. should not be removed or fundamentally changed without further research into the history of the dwelling site. See also Objects.

**Official Grading**

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**Composite - Objects**

**Property Name**
Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

**Composite Name**
South bank workers' housing

**Heritage Resource Name**
Ruined Cottage

**Catalogue Number**
02.03/05.01

**Type of Resource**
Dwelling/ruin
Objects - Description

Visual Description
The ruin of a small two-roomed cottage built with stone foundation and unfired mud brick walls with mud mortar, and a later wall at one end. It had a parapet and flat corrugated iron roof on poplar beams. This may have been a later modification as the parapet wall is built of fired bricks, as is one end wall. There is no surviving joinery.

Condition (short)
Ruin

Architectural Style
Vernacular

Objects - History

History
The cottage may be older than 60 years; it is difficult to make out on the 1938 aerial photo.

Construction Date       Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement
The ruin has some interest in terms of building materials and construction methods. It may have social significance to workers.

Significance Category
A, C

Proposed Grading
3

Vulnerabilities
Natural decay.

NHR Act Status       Date of Gazette       Official Grading
May be older than 60 years (S.34)
Recommendations

Should be allowed to continue to decay naturally.

Composites (groups of clusters of heritage resources: sub-places and areas)

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Objects

1. High Field
2. Earthworks

Visual Description

South of the water meadows the Stellenboschberg rises fairly abruptly, particularly in the west; the eastern slopes are gentler. Apart from the High Field (see Object 02.03/04.01), the slopes are not farmed. There are stands of exotic trees on the lower slopes behind the homestead and around the workers' housing cluster (see 02.03/05), giving way to natural vegetation. A stream runs west of the High Field, two streams water the werf, another two join near the worker's housing and there is one near the east boundary (see also Object 02.03/04.02, earthworks).

Condition
**History**

See Property history.

**Associated People**

See Property history.

**Associated Events**

**References**

See Property history.

**Composite - Assessment**

**Significance Statement**

The slopes of Stellenboschberg are part of the frame of the Jonkershoek Valley and the cultural landscape. They are highly visible from many viewpoints and therefore visually sensitive.

**Significance Category**

A, D, E

**Proposed Grading**

3

**Vulnerabilities**

**Recommendations**

**Official Grading**

**NHR Act Status**

**Date of Gazette**

**Composite - Objects**

**Property Name**

Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

**Composite Name**

Mount Happy Mountain slopes

**Heritage Resource Name**

High Field

**Catalogue Number**

02.03/04.01

**Type of Resource**

Landscape element
**Objects - Description**

**Visual Description**

The top and west side of the hill to the west of the werf is a large field, cultivated but not planted at the time of survey. It is a highly visible landmark at the entrance of the valley.

**Condition (short)**

**Architectural Style**
**Objects - History**

**History**
The field is not visible as cultivated land on the 1938 aerial photograph, and must have been established subsequently.

**Construction Date**

**Associated People**

**Associated Events**

**References**

**Objects - Assessment**

**Significance Statement**
A highly visible part of the cultural landscape of the farm and the valley.

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**Proposed Grading**
3 (as part of farm)

**Vulnerabilities**
Visually sensitive.

**NHR Act Status**

**Date of Gazette**

**Official Grading**

**Recommendations**

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**Composite - Objects**

**Property Name**
Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

**Composite Name**
Mount Happy Mountain slopes

**Heritage Resource Name**
Earthworks

**Catalogue Number**
02.03/04.02

**Type of Resource**
Landscape modification
Objects - Description

Visual Description
On the lower slopes near the east boundary is a prominent ditch which cuts across the contour with two downward "arms: from each end. Presumably its purpose is to channel and direct water.

Condition (short)

Architectural Style

Objects - History

History
Not visible on the 1938 aerial photo, it must have been constructed subsequently.

Construction Date
Post-1938

Assessment

Significance Statement
This landscape modification appears as a scar on the sparsely-vegetated lower slopes. Its purpose is unknown, but it appears to be a water channelling device.

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**Proposed Grading**

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**Vulnerabilities**

**NHR Act Status**

Not older than 60 years (S. 34)

**Date of Gazette**

**Official Grading**

**Recommendations**

Further research necessary.

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**Composites (groups of clusters of heritage resources: sub-places and areas)**

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**Objects**

1. Old Approach and road
2. Barn cluster
3. North bank housing

**Photograph Date**

1980

**Photographer**

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

**Photo Title**

Water meadows east of the werf (Avenue left), orthophoto.
**Photo Title**
Water meadows east of the werf (Avenue left), 1938

**Photograph Date**
1938

**Photographer**
Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

**Photo Title**
Water meadows west of the werf, 1938

**Photograph Date**
1938

**Photographer**
Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

**Photo Title**
Water meadows west of the werf, orthophoto.

**Photograph Date**
1980

**Photographer**
Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

**Photo Title**
Water meadows west of the werf, orthophoto.
**Photo Title**
Water meadows near east boundary

**Photograph Date**
06/04

**Photographer**
Penny Pistorius

**Photo Title**
Grainlands east of the homestead, looking towards the Avenue

**Photograph Date**
06/04

**Photographer**
Penny Pistorius

**Photo Title**
Vineyards on the western water meadows from the homestead

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**Composite - Description**

**Visual Description**
The flat, low lying arable lands south of the river are planted with vines to the west of the Avenue and grains in the east.

**Condition**
Composite - History

History
See Property history. The fertile river fields would have been farmed from the earliest period. In 1938 there were vines on the west fields, orchards and grain/pastures in front of the werf and fallow and cultivated lands in the east, as far as the workers' housing cluster. East of the houses, the land was not cleared. Nearby, the route of the old road can be discerned at the interface of plain and the steeper slope. There may be remains of a waterleiding that irrigated these fields.

Associated People
See Property history.

Associated Events

References
See Property

Composite - Assessment

Significance Statement
Typical of the water meadows of the Jonkershoek valley, these fertile fields would have been farmed from the first land grants. Part of the characteristic rural cultural landscape of Jonkershoek.

Significance Category
A, D, E

Proposed Grading
3

Vulnerabilities

Recommendations

Official Grading

NHR Act Status

Date of Gazette

Composite - Objects

Property Name
Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name
Mount Happy water meadows

Heritage Resource Name
Old Approach and road

Catalogue Number
02.03/03.01

Type of Resource
road
**PhotoTitle**
1938 aerial photo with old approach through vineyards clearly visible. Werf is centre right, with avenue. The road entered the werf at the north west corner and crossed it inside the wall.

**Photograph Date**
1938

**Photographer**
Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

**PhotoTitle**
Gateway on west boundary, south of the river. Gatepost sign: "Bengale 1684"

**Photograph Date**
06/04

**Photographer**
Penny Pistorius

**PhotoTitle**
Roadway along south bank of Eerste River. Werf is visible over vines, at centre.
Until recently the approach to Mount Happy was along the south bank of the river, via Vergenoegd and the ford. The road still exists, as does the old gateway with capped pillars and wide metal gates, but it is no longer used as an entrance (see 02.03/02 Entrance). From the gate it follows the river, turning south to bend again and cross in front of the old werf wall. Previously it entered the werf through the gateway in the north west corner. East of the werf there is still a remnant of an old road at the edge of the fields, higher up than the present farm road, and possibly used in winter when the fields are waterlogged.

Condition (short)

Architectural Style

Objects - History

History
This approach is probably as old as the farm (c. 1817) and was in use until the construction of the new entrance (after 1980).

Construction Date

Associated People
See Property

Associated Events

References
See Property

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement
The old approach to Mount Happy, although no longer used as an entrance, is an important part of its history and cultural landscape, as are remnants of older farm roads east of the werf.

Significance Category
A, C, E

Proposed Grading
3B

Vulnerabilities

Objects - Description

Visual Description
Until recently the approach to Mount Happy was along the south bank of the river, via Vergenoegd and the ford. The road still exists, as does the old gateway with capped pillars and wide metal gates, but it is no longer used as an entrance (see 02.03/02 Entrance). From the gate it follows the river, turning south to bend again and cross in front of the old werf wall. Previously it entered the werf through the gateway in the north west corner. East of the werf there is still a remnant of an old road at the edge of the fields, higher up than the present farm road, and possibly used in winter when the fields are waterlogged.
NHR Act Status
Gateway is probably older than 60 years (S. 34)

Recommendations
Further research necessary. Should not be obliterated.

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Objects - Description

Visual Description
On the flat water meadow, just below the rise of the mountain slopes and at an old field boundary marked by a row of old oaks, is a cluster of sheds and barns. This is now the "farmyard", housing agricultural functions which have been removed from the werf.

Condition (short)
Fair

Architectural Style
Modern, utilitarian

Objects - History

History
Not visible on the 1938 aerial photo, the cluster must have been constructed subsequently.

Construction Date
Post-1938

Associated Events

References
Significance Statement

The removal of farmyard activities from the historical werf to this cluster has significantly changed the "spatial structure" of the farm, and demonstrates a functional separation characteristic of the 20th century. The buildings themselves are of no architectural significance but they are clustered in a characterful way.

Significance Category

A

Proposed Grading

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Vulnerabilities

NHR Act Status Date of Gazette Official Grading
Not older than 60 years (S. 34)

Recommendations

Objects - Assessment

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Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Mount Happy water meadows

Heritage Resource Name

North bank housing

Catalogue Number

02.03/03.03

Type of Resource

Group of buildings

Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

North bank workers' houses, Mount Happy
Objects - Description

Visual Description
North of the river, between River House and Olien and down a bank from the road, is a small piece of land that is part of Mount Happy. On it is a cluster of typical post-war workers' houses with steel windows and low-pitched asbestos roofs. The river at this point divides into channels, forming islands. There is a footpath down the steep bank to a shallow ford over the river (photo 2), connecting to a path on the opposite bank.

Condition (short)
Fair

Architectural Style
Utilitarian housing

Objects - History

History
A field is visible on the 1938 aerial photo (photo 3), but there do not appear to be any houses. In 1902 the chief road from Stellenbosch to Jonkershoek and Assegaaibosch, which came along the north bank as far as here, forded the Eerste River and continued on the south bank (see 02.00/02). The location of the crossing has not been identified, but it may have been the one below the houses. A resident we asked had no knowledge of an old road or ford.

Construction Date
Post -1938

Associated People

Associated Events
Significance Statement

The present housing cluster post-dates 1938. It is part of a group of workers’ housing on both sides of the Jonkershoek road (including the Bergsig and Lingen housing clusters); it is part of the cultural landscape and may have social significance. The course of the old road, which is somewhere nearby, is of interest and merits further study.

Significance Category

A, C, D.

Proposed Grading

Vulnerabilities

NHR Act Status
Not older than 60 years (S. 34)

Date of Gazette

Official Grading

Recommendations

The village, including associated vegetation, paths, etc. should not be removed or fundamentally changed without further research into the history of the dwelling site.

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Photograph Date

06/04

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

First Bridge
**Photo Title**
Second bridge

**Photograph Date**
06/04

**Photographer**
Penny Pistorius

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**Photo Title**
Avenue of plane trees

**Photograph Date**
06/04

**Photographer**
Penny Pistorius

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**Photo Title**
Present approach (on 1980 orthophoto).

**Photograph Date**
1980

**Photographer**
Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping, Penny Pistorius
Photograph Date
06/04

Photographer
Penny Pistorius

Photo Title
Entrance gate

Visual Description
The present approach is from Jonkershoek road, along the east boundary of the portion of Mount Happy north of the river. There is a modern gatehouse, from which an avenue of recently-planted plane trees runs between fields. The road crosses a steel-framed bridge to the island between two branches of the Eerste River, passes the cemetery, crosses a second, walled bridge, and joins the old avenue to the werf (see 02.03/01.07). As the approach is modern, the various elements are not entered as Objects, but photos are included.

Condition

History
Constructed after the 1981 orthophoto was taken.

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Significance Statement
The modern gatehouse, avenue and bridges and the alignment with the old avenue to the werf are an appropriate modern addition to the cultural landscape of the valley.

Significance Category
A, E

Proposed Grading

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Official Grading
17 October 2006

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### Composites (groups of clusters of heritage resources: sub-places and areas)

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#### Photograph Details

- **Photograph Date**: 05/04
- **Photographer**: Penny Pistorius
- **Photo Title**: Mount Happy werf from Jonkershoek road
**Visual Description**

The werf is sited on the southern edge of the water meadows (see Composite $\$), with the steep foothills of Stellenboschberg rising immediately behind it. A stream is captured in a dam above the werf (south) and led around the werf in furrows. The house (Object 1) is at right angles to the slope, facing west. In front of it, set slightly back (south), is a row of three outbuildings (Objects 2, 3, 4) at right angles to the house. The werf is enclosed on the west, north and east by a wall (Object 5) which has two entrances from the old approach road running along its north edge (see Composite). From the east entrance near the house an avenue of oaks (Object 6) runs across the water meadows to the Eerste River, which divides at this point to form a long ‘island’ on which, east of the avenue, is a walled cemetery (Object 7).

**Condition**

**History**

There was almost certainly not a werf at Mount Happy before the land was regranted as a separate property in 1817 (see Property history). At most there may have been a kraal or shed. Development needs would have included cellars (the wine trade was booming) and other outbuildings, and homes for the owner/supervisor and slaves.

There are some unusual aspects to the way the werf was developed. The main homestead does not have its back to the mountain as almost all Cape houses do, but is at right angles to it: this may have been to make it face the approach along the south bank from Stellenbosch. The avenue to the river was not for access, but was rather to ‘point to’ the house (as at Kronendal, Hout Bay). A detailed examination of extant building fabric and a study of transfer diagrams may reveal building sequences and developmental phases of the werf.

Most of the outbuildings and the landscaping have been modernised and a building behind the row of outbuildings which is visible on the 1938 aerial has been demolished.
Associated People
See Property

Associated Events

References
See Property

Composite - Assessment

Significance Statement
Although many buildings on it have been modernised, the werf retains many features and geometric relationships typical of a Cape werf, while the siting of the house at right angles to the slope is unusual. It is visible from Jonkershoek road and contributes to the character and cultural landscape of the valley.

Significance Category
A, B, C, E

Proposed Grading
2

Vulnerabilities

Recommendations
Further detailed historical-archaeological study to establish dating and building sequences at the werf should be undertaken prior to any physical intervention.

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Composite - Objects

Property Name
Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name
Mount Happy werf

Heritage Resource Name
Mount Happy house

Catalogue Number
02.03/01.01

Type of Resource
house

Photograph Date
06/04

Photographer
Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle
Mount Happy house, front

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PhotoTitle
Mount Happy house

Photograph Date
06/04

Photographer
Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle
Mount Happy house, south wing

Photograph Date
06/04

Photographer
Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle
Mount Happy house, kitchen door (interior)
**Objects - Description**

**Visual Description**

A "longhouse" at right angles to the slope, facing east. It has a corrugated iron roof, covered end gables and clipped central gable; the eaves are raised above the earlier thatch line with rectangular ventilators. The gable has a string course and remnant pilasters each side of a shuttered opening. Below is a five-bay façade: central window flanked by 3x3 panel double doors with semicircular radiating fanlights, and with pilasters and hood mouldings. The three 4x6 sashes are large, with low sills. In front is a stoep with a modern quarry tile surface. The south end has an awkwardly adjoining kitchen extension with 3x5 and 3x2 windows on the east and a large hearth with chimney and Dutch period stable door on the south end. At the rear are lean-to extensions with various Georgian and Victorian period sashes. The north end has a modern glazed door with side and fanlights. The avenue lines up with the north end gable.

**Condition (short)**

Good

**Architectural Style**

Cape, Georgianised

**Objects - History**

**History**

The land had not been farmed independently for 120 years when it was regranted in 1817 and it seems likely that there was a major building episode soon this. The Georgian alterations are c1830. It is not known whether the house’s overall form was in place by then, or whether the awkward junction of the kitchen wing, where there is a large hearth, indicates an earlier core. There is a Dutch period door at the rear, presumably moved from elsewhere.

The Georgian features of the homestead (the fanlights, the two sets of double doors, the windows) date from c1830 according to Fransen and Cook. A detailed Deeds Office search is needed to establish who the owner/s were in this period but the author was very likely Izaak de Milander, who was granted further land behind in 1837. The raised eaves and clipped gables date from later in the century when corrugated iron was substituted for the original thatch.

**Construction Date**

Post-1817; elaborated 1830s and again late 19th century

**Associated People**

**Associated Events**

**References**

**Objects - Assessment**

**Significance Statement**

A Georgianised Cape gabled house showing changing building styles, unusually sited at right angles to the slope.
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### Recommendations

Further research necessary.

### Composite - Objects

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Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

#### Composite Name
Mount Happy werf

#### Heritage Resource Name
Mount Happy barn

#### Catalogue Number
02.03/01.02

#### Type of Resource
outbuilding

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#### Photographs

**Mount Happy barn**

- **Photograph Date**: 06/04
- **Photographer**: Penny Pistorius
- **PhotoTitle**: Mount Happy barn

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**Another Mount Happy barn picture**

- **Photograph Date**: 06/04
- **Photographer**: Penny Pistorius
- **PhotoTitle**: Mount Happy barn

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Objects - Description

Visual Description
The outbuildings are in a long row at right angles to the house, forming the southern edge to the werf. The barn/cellar is a long rectangular building with corrugated iron roof and 'chimney' gables. It has two arched doorways and various sash windows; all joinery is modern. It serves as a bar and entertainment centre. In front of and below its stoep is a terrace with a swimming pool.

Condition (short)
Good

Architectural Style
Cape, modern.

Objects - History

History
Unknown. It is not visible on the 1938 aerial photo and appears to be modern.

Construction Date Associated People
Post-1938.

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement
A modern addition to the werf; not inappropriate. Highly visible from Jonkershoek road.

Significance Category
A (as part of werf)

Proposed Grading
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Vulnerabilities

NHR Act Status Date of Gazette Official Grading
Not older than 60 years (S. 34)

Recommendations

Composite - Objects

Property Name
Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name
Mount Happy werf

Heritage Resource Name
Mount Happy outbuilding 1

Catalogue Number
02.03/01.03

Type of Resource
outbuilding
**Photograph Date**
06/04

**Photographer**
Penny Pistorius

**PhotoTitle**
Mount Happy outbuilding 1

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**Objects - Description**

**Visual Description**
Long building with corrugated iron roof and covered end gables, rectangular ventilators to loft. It consists of a row of rooms, each with a door and a shuttered window. Narrow stoep in front, modern extension to the rear.

**Condition (short)**
Good

**Architectural Style**
Cape

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**Objects - History**

**History**
Unknown. Said to have been slave/servants' quarters. Outbuildings (cellars, stores, slave quarters) were essential to a functioning werf and this building may incorporate fabric from soon after 1817. Visible on 1938 aerial photo.

**Construction Date**
Pre-1938 probably incorporating 19th century fabric.

**Associated People**

**Associated Events**

**References**
**Objects - Assessment**

**Significance Statement**
The outbuilding is an intrinsic part of the werf ensemble and merits further study. Said to have been slave quarters.

**Significance Category**
A, C, D, E, (I?)

**Proposed Grading**
3 heritage register (s.30)

**Vulnerabilities**

**NHR Act Status**
older than 60 years (S. 34)

**Date of Gazette**

**Official Grading**

**Recommendations**
Further research necessary.

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**Composite - Objects**

**Property Name**
Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

**Composite Name**
Mount Happy werf

**Heritage Resource Name**
Mount Happy outbuilding 2

**Catalogue Number**
02.03/01.04

**Type of Resource**
outbuilding

**Photograph Date**
06/04

**Photographer**
Penny Pistorius

**PhotoTitle**
Mount Happy outbuilding 2
Objects - Description

Visual Description
Long building with corrugated iron roof and covered end gables, rectangular ventilators to loft. It has steel triple-casement windows and towards the eastern end a door (modern) flanked by narrow steel windows. Raised cement stoep in front.

Condition (short)
Good

Architectural Style
Cape, modernised

Objects - History

History
A detailed fabric inspection is necessary to track the history of this building. Outbuildings (cellars, stores, slave quarters) were essential to the 19th century werf but it is not known whether this building was one of them.

Construction Date
Pre-1938

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement
The outbuilding is an intrinsic part of the werf ensemble and merits further study.

Significance Category
A, C, D, E

Proposed Grading
3 heritage register (s.30)

Vulnerabilities

NHR Act Status
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**Recommendations**
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**Objects - History**

**History**
Unknown, but the enclosure of the farmstead by walls is a defining feature of Cape werfs over a long period. Probably made soon after 1817 when the werf was established. Much repaired over the years.

**Construction Date**

**Associated People**

**Associated Events**

**References**

**Objects - Assessment**

**Significance Statement**
A very significant and authentic component of the historical werf; typical of Cape farmsteads; a good example of its type; prominent component of the werf as viewed from Jonkershoek road.

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**Proposed Grading**
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**Vulnerabilities**

**NHR Act Status**
older than 60 years (S. 34)

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**Recommendations**
Retain and repair as required; should not be over-restored.

**Composite - Objects**

**Property Name**
Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

**Composite Name**
Mount Happy werf

**Heritage Resource Name**
Waterworks

**Catalogue Number**
02.03/01.06

**Type of Resource**
waterworks
Objects - Description

Visual Description
A stream is captured in a dam on the slope behind the werf. Around the werf are various water furrows which may be historical.

Condition (short)
Fair

Architectural Style

Objects - History

History
Unknown. Water furrows were used from the earliest time of settlement to distribute water to the werf and irrigate the lands. A ready supply of water was the key factor in locating a werf.

Construction Date
Unknown

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment
**Significance Statement**

The water distribution system at the werf may yield information on this little-studied and very significant component of settlement patterns.

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**Vulnerabilities**

**NHR Act Status**

Probably older than 60 years (S. 34)

**Date of Gazette**

**Official Grading**

**Recommendations**

Further research necessary.

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**Composite - Objects**

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Mount Happy, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

**Composite Name**

Mount Happy werf

**Heritage Resource Name**

Avenue

**Catalogue Number**

02.03/01.07

**Type of Resource**

avenue

**Photograph Date**

06/04

**Photographer**

Penny Pistorius

**PhotoTitle**

Mount Happy avenue from the small bridge
Objects - Description

Visual Description
An avenue of mature oaks (and young ones where there were gaps) runs between the fields down to the river, in line with the end gable of the house. The east gateway in the werf wall is slightly offset from this axis. It is now used as the approach to the werf from Jonkershoek.

Condition (short)
Good

Architectural Style

Objects - History

History
Avenues were a common device in the formalisation and elaboration of farm werfs during prosperous periods in the nineteenth century. This one was historically not the approach to the werf, which was along the south bank of the river, but was rather a landscape device to extend the space of the werf into the landscape and draw attention to it.

Construction Date

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement
The fine old avenue is a very significant component of the composition of the werf and contributes to the cultural landscape of the farm and the valley as a whole.

Significance Category
A, D, E

Proposed Grading
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Vulnerabilities

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| **Photographer** |
| Penny Pistorius |
| **PhotoTitle** |
| Mount Happy cemetery |

### Objects - Description

- **Visual Description**
  - Good but overgrown
- **Condition (short)**
  - Good but overgrown

### Objects - History

17 October 2006
History
Unknown.

Construction Date

Associated People

Associated Events

References

**Objects - Assessment**

**Significance Statement**
The graveyard is a culturally significant component of the farmstead and its walled enclosure, set in a grove of trees on an island in the Eerste River, is of unusual and attractive design and workmanship.

**Significance Category**
A, B, C, E, F, G

**Proposed Grading**
2/3

**Vulnerabilities**

**NHR Act Status**
Older than 60 years (S. 34), burial ground (S. 36)

**Date of Gazette**

**Official Grading**

**Recommendations**
Further research necessary.