

Heritage Survey: Stellenbosch Rural Areas

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Sub Area Name

Jonkershoek

Catalogue Number

02.11

Property Name

Waterfalls, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Alternative Names

Glen Connor

Farm Number

350/2

Linkages

Old Nectar Historical Property.

Heritage Resource Name

Waterfalls

Type of Resource

smallholding

Composites

Homestead



Photo Date

1938

Photographer

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

1938 aerial photo



Photo Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Waterfalls watermeadow from the driveway, looking towards Pontrieux; the stones at right are along the water channel above the field.



Photo Date ***Photographer***

04/05

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Waterfalls. The bottom water channel (line of canna lilies, centre) from south bank road; gatehouse cottage in background.



Photo Date ***Photographer***

04/05

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Waterfalls: gatehouse cottage from south bank road



Photo Date ***Photographer***

1980

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

Orthophoto with added cadastrals



Photo Date **Photographer**

04/05 Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Waterfalls gateway

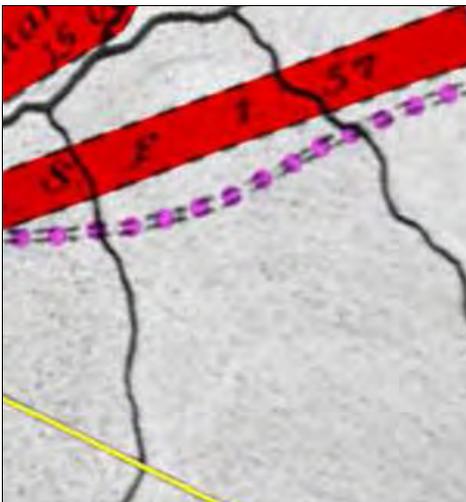


Photo Date **Photographer**

CAM2-409

Photo Title

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

Description

Visual Description

Smallholding on the lower slopes of Stellenboschberg, bounded in the north by the south bank road and on the north, east and south sides by parts of Pontrieux (Property 02.12), and on the west by Waterhof (Property 02.10) . The lower part is a rough field (part of the watermeadows), with a band of old gums along the western edge (Photo 2).

A water channel from the Pontrieux watermeadow passes under the road in a culvert and crosses the north west corner of the field (Photo 3). It passes behind a vernacular-style (post-1938) house in the north west corner of the property (Photo 4) and continues into Waterhof. Another water channel, partly stone-edged, enters from Pontrieux higher up the slope and runs along the top edge of the field.

A road east of the house enters a modern gateway (Photo 5) and winds up the hillside through copses of trees and shrubbery to a cluster of houses higher up the slope (see Composite). A stream enters at the top of the property (from Pontrieux) and is captured in tanks above the houses. The land above the houses is not farmed.

Notes

4.2887 Hectares

The present owner/main shareholder is Mr Marrison.

History

This property was till the recent past the core of a property that included Pontrieux (see 02.12) and its name Waterfalls probably applied to the whole property. It lies on land granted in 1817 but the convenient flat land at the north probably came into use soon after 1692 when the free black Jan of Ceylon was granted property along the south bank of the Eerste Rivier (photo 6). For a fuller history of the entire original farm see Old Nectar Historical Property.

Early farmers dug ditches to drain the water-logged soil adjacent to the Eerste Rivier. To irrigate the rising land, they

took a water channel behind it, as close as they could to the suddenly steeper slope (See 02.00/03). This still exists though its construction has changed radically over the years. It is taken off the Eerste Rivier at Swiss Camp (02.13) and crosses Pontrieux and the corner of Waterfalls before it enters Waterhof in the north-east and continues to Glen Connor. The old road from Stellenbosch to Jonkershoek farm and Assegaaibosch ran somewhere close to this line (see 02.00/02). The nearby bridge across the Eerste was made in the early 20th century when a new road was made on a different alignment.

The homestead cluster (with associated terraced orchards now on Pontrieux) and the winding road that leads to it were in place by 1938, as were the main water channels (Photo 7). The basic network of irrigations channels may incorporate parts that are much older: the stream and the springs round about flow throughout the year and would have been harnessed early in its history. The stream is shown on the 1902 map which also shows the old route to Jonkershoek farm and Assegaaibosch, which would have cut across the gatehouse area if, as appears, it followed the route of the bottom water furrow along the south edge of the water meadows. (Photo 6).

The property's history should be studied further and the above outline confirmed.

Historical Notes

Deeds Office search not attempted.

Associated People

See Old Nectar Historical Property

Associated Events

References

- 1902 Brink Map CA M2-409 shows location of grants.
- 1938 aerial photograph.
- 1980s orthophoto
- 2000 aerial photograph.
- Site inspection April 2005.

Assessment

Significance Statement

Part of a group of south bank smallholdings that form a distinct morphological area in Jonkershoek. It contributes to the character of the south bank road, and the route of the old road may cross it. This farm was the core part of a larger property incorporating Pontrieux, and the main homestead of that farm is on it. There are significant terraces and water channels (See also 02.00/03) that merit further study.

Significance Category

A, C, E

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

South bank water furrow and old road across the property are older than 60 years (S.34) and archaeological (S. 36). The route of the water furrow is historical and it should not be modified. See Catalogue nos 02.00/02 and /03.

NHR Act Status	Date of Gazette	SAHRA File ref.	Official Grading
furrow and road ss. 34, 36			

Maps

Number of Ortho Photo **GPS X**

Date of Ortho Photo **GPS Y**

Aerial Photograph Date **GPS Model**

Aerial Photo Number

GPS Setting

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

Property Name

Waterfalls, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Waterfalls homestead

Catalogue Number

02.11/01

Type of Resource

farmstead

Objects

main house
yellow house



Photograph Date

2000

Photographer

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

2000 aerial photo. Waterfalls werf is lower centre



Photograph Date

1938

Photographer

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

1938 aerial photo, approximate current cadastrals added. Note the close relationship between the homestead and the terraces east of it, now on Pontrieux.



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Stone wall retaining the terrace in front of Waterfalls house, from the driveway below.



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Guest units east of the house.

Composite - Description

Visual Description

The main building cluster is roughly at the centre of the property, on the slope. Below the main building cluster is a high dry-stone retaining wall to a terrace (Photo 03), and the main house (Object 01) is sited on a higher terrace. There are several other guest accommodation units at the side of and behind the house (Photo 4), one of which may incorporate an older outbuilding (Object 02). On the property to the east (Pointreux 02.12) are terraced orchards, once part of this cluster.

Condition

Composite - History

History

The homestead (terraces, main house and an outbuilding below and east of it) and the winding road that leads to it were in place by 1938. The main house may be early 20th century or late Victorian (like the terraced orchards now in the land of Pontrieux) and at least the lower parts of the dry-stone retaining wall are probably of this time as well.

Associated People

See Property

Associated Events

References

See Property

Composite - Assessment

Significance Statement

The Waterfalls homestead, with its buildings, terraces and gardens, probably dates from around the turn of the 19th/20th century and contributes to the character of the smallholding area.

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Proposed Grading

3 heritage register (S. 30)

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Vulnerabilities

Recommendations

Official Grading

NHR Act Status

Date of Gazette

s. 34

Composite - Objects

Property Name

Waterfalls, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Waterfalls homestead

Heritage Resource Name

Waterfalls main house

Catalogue Number

02.11/01/01

Type of Resource

house



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Waterfalls main house from below.



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Waterfalls main house from the east, with stone guest cottage left.

Objects - Description

Visual Description

The main house is on a level platform with stone retaining walls below. It is T shaped, with the long wing (possibly an extension) along the contour and the shorter bar towards the west. It has low-pitched hipped asbestos cement roofs and corrugated iron wrap-around verandahs with timber columns and simple fretwork. Apparently considerably altered, it probably incorporates older fabric.

Condition (short)

Good

Architectural Style

Victorian/early 20th C, altered

Objects - History

History

There was a house in this position in 1938, which is probably incorporated into the present house.

Construction Date

Pre-1938

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement

The main Waterfalls house incorporates pre-1938 fabric and is beautifully sited on stone terraces. It is the centrepiece of an interesting farmstead that includes terraced orchards on the adjacent property, Pontrieux.

Significance Category

A, C, E

Proposed Grading

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Date of Gazette

Official Grading

older than 60 years (S. 34)

Recommendations

Further research necessary.

Composite - Objects

Property Name

Waterfalls, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Waterfalls homestead

Heritage Resource Name

Waterfalls yellow house

Catalogue Number

02.11/01/02

Type of Resource

house



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Yellow house, Waterfalls.

Objects - Description

Visual Description

Below and to the east of the main house is a cottage which appears to be contemporary but probably incorporates a pre-1938 outbuilding.

Condition (short)

Good

Architectural Style

Modern "Victorian"

Objects - History

History

A building is visible on the 1938 photograph in this position.

Construction Date

Pre-1938

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement

This cottage probably incorporates fabric of a pre-1938 outbuilding.

Significance Category

A, C, E

Proposed Grading

3

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