

Heritage Survey: Stellenbosch Rural Areas

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Sub Area Name

Jonkershoek

Catalogue Number

02.06

Property Name

Glenconner, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Alternative Names

Eik in Hoek

Farm Number

345/7

Linkages

Old Nectar Historical Property

Heritage Resource Name

Glenconner/Eik in Hoek

Type of Resource

smallholding

Composites

buildings

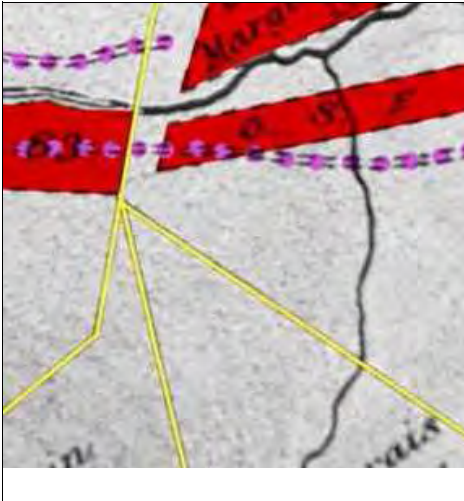


Photo Date ***Photographer***

CAM2-409

Photo Title

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

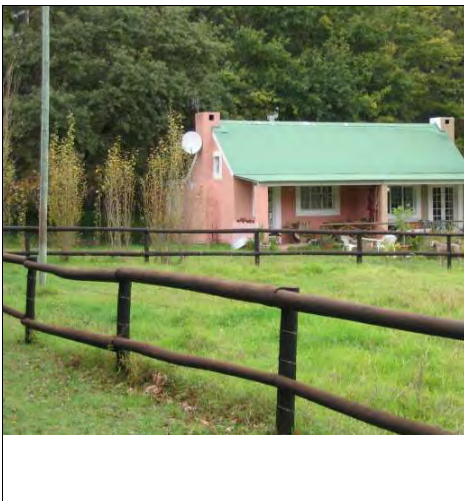


Photo Date ***Photographer***

04/05

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Cottage, south east corner of Glenconner fields



Photo Date ***Photographer***
1938 Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title
1938 aerial photo.



Photo Date ***Photographer***
04/05 Penny Pistorius

Photo Title
Cottage behind Glenconner house.



Photo Date ***Photographer***
2000 Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title
2000 aerial photo



Photo Date **Photographer**

04/05 Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

View from Konstanz. Glenconner water meadow at centre, with cottages at left and on the bank, L of centre. Main house R of centre and stables at R.



Photo Date **Photographer**

04/05 Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Stables, Glenconner



Photo Date **Photographer**

1980 Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

1980 orthophoto with added cadastrals.

Description

Visual Description

Smallholding on the south bank of the Eerste River, west of the bridge. It is bounded west by Fynbos, south by Nippon, east by Waiwinde access road and Waterhof, north east by south bank road and Watervliet. The large water meadow on the north is

Notes

4.4818 Hectares
In 2002 the owner/main shareholder was S Finnemore.

pastures divided into horse paddocks, and has a steep bank along the south edge, with trees including oaks.

A lateral road or track runs along the bank from the Waaiwinde road (a remnant of the old south bank road -- see 02.00/02), above the south bank water channel that is taken off the Eerste River at Pontrioux and crosses the intervening properties along the south edge of the water meadows (see 02.00/03). The south bank water channel is here sufficiently above the natural contour to be taken along the bank in two channels, one above the other. Another furrow crosses the pastures to a dam. There is also a stream that crosses Waaiwinde and Nippon, above.

The main house is on the bank in the south west corner, the south boundary jogging to include it in this property. Access is via an avenue (not on axis) that runs northwards to join a road along the bank of the Eerste River, also serving Fynbos. There is a contemporary vernacular-style cottage behind the main house. (Photo 4). There is another (post-1980) vernacular cottage in the south east corner of the water meadow (Photo 5), an older cottage in the centre and a contemporary vernacular-style stable building on the water meadow west of the avenue (Photo 6). Pre-1938 structures are described in Composite 1.

History

The middle strip of the watermeadow in front was granted to Jan of Ceylon in 1692 and the rest came into unofficial use soon after that though it was not officially granted till 1817. (See Old Nectar Historical Property). The name Glenconner was one of the early names of Old Nectar: this property has inherited it though it is sometimes called Eik-in-Hoek.

Early farmers dug ditches to drain the waterlogged soil adjacent to the Eerste River. Also, to irrigate the land, they took a water channel behind the water meadow, as close as they could to the suddenly steeper slope. The channels on Glenconner are part of this network. The old road from Stellenbosch to Jonkershoek farm and Assegaibosch also ran close to the bank; the track on the bank may follow this route (Photo 7). The nearby bridge across the Eerste River was made in the early 20th century when a new road was made on a different alignment.

In 1938 this property was the core of a larger one that apparently included Fynbos, Nippon, Waterhof and Waaiwinde (Photo 8). The water meadow was then divided into separate fields with different crops on them, including vines. 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; a typical water meadow and bank configuration. The core of a larger property, subsequently subdivided. The water furrows are significant, and there is a remnant of the old south bank road to Assegaibosch.

Significance Category

A, C, D, E, F

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 (property), 3/2 (furrows, old road)

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.

<i>NHR Act Status</i>	<i>Date of Gazette</i>	<i>SAHRA File ref.</i>	<i>Official Grading</i>
S. 34, 36 (furrow, old road)			

Maps

<i>Number of Ortho Photo</i>	<i>GPS X</i>
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Composites (groups of clusters of heritage resources: sub-places and areas)

<i>Property Name</i>	<i>Composite Name</i>
Glenconner, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District	Glenconner buildings
<i>Catalogue Number</i>	<i>Type of Resource</i>
02.06/01	dwelling cluster

Objects

1. Glenconner house
2. Central cottage
3. gateway

Photograph Date

Photographer

Photo Title

Composite - Description

Visual Description

The buildings on Glenconner are unified by the use of vernacular style and scale and by being painted similarly - pink walls, white trim and green woodwork. All buildings visible on the 1938 aerial photograph are on the bank south of the water meadow. See Objects.

Condition

Composite - History

History

See Property

Associated People

See Property

Associated Events

References

See Property

Composite - Assessment

Significance Statement

See Objects

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Composite - Objects

Property Name

Glenconner, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Glenconner buildings

Heritage Resource Name

Glenconner house

Catalogue Number

02.06/01.01

Type of Resource

dwelling



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Glenconner house from the north east



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Glenconner house, front (north)



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Glenconner house, north east view showing wing extension



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Glenconner house, old wall around terrace, south west.

Objects - Description

Visual Description

U-shaped house with a hipped corrugated iron roof and Cape Dutch revival gables on the two projecting wings. Set on the bank overlooking the water meadows, it has a terrace on two sides edged with a low wall with capped posts, and with wide steps down to the garden, off centre. An old oak grows on the terrace between the two wings (the Eik in Hoek?). The house has sash windows, some with shutters, but casements on the sides. A parapeted wing on the east side appears to be a later extension. There are stone walls retaining terraces in the garden.

Condition (short)

Good

Architectural Style

Cape Dutch revival

Objects - History

History

Possibly built early 20th C; Cape Dutch revival was a style invented by Herbert Baker that became immensely popular in the first half of the 20th century.

Construction Date

Early 20th C

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement

A Cape Dutch revival style house, impressively-sited on the bank overlooking the water meadows, in a lush garden.

Significance Category

A, E

Proposed Grading

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NHR Act Status

older than 60 years (S. 34)

Date of Gazette**Official Grading****Recommendations**

Further research necessary.

Composite - Objects***Property Name***

Glenconner, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Glenconner buildings

Heritage Resource Name

Glenconner cottage

Catalogue Number

02.01/01.02

Type of Resource

dwelling

***Photograph Date***

04/04

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Cottage, Glenconner

Objects - Description**Visual Description**

A small cottage with steeply-pitched corrugated iron roof, set centrally on the bank above the side road and water channels, backed by trees. It has a timber verandah in front and early 20th C steel windows with plaster surrounds.

Condition (short)

good

Architectural Style

vernacular

Objects - History**History**

Visible on 1938 aerial photo. May be a converted worker's house.

Construction Date

Pre-1938

Associated People**Associated Events****References*****Objects - Assessment***

Significance Statement

A simple, probably early 20th C vernacular cottage which contributes to the character of the cultural landscape.

Significance Category

A, E

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Vulnerabilities

NHR Act Status

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Official Grading

Recommendations

Further research necessary.

Composite - Objects

Property Name

Glenconner, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Glenconner buildings

Heritage Resource Name

Glenconner gateway

Catalogue Number

02.01/01.03

Type of Resource

Gateway



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Gateway to river bank entrance to Glenconner

Objects - Description

Visual Description

The main entrance to Glenconner is at a turn off from the south bank road, where there is a fine plastered gateway with capped posts (see photo). The road beyond runs westward along the bank of the Eerste River, then turns south to approach the main house via an avenue. The river bank road continues to Fybbos (02.04).

Condition (short)

good

Architectural Style

Cape vernacular

Objects - History

History

The present bridge and south bank road and riverside access to Glenconner date from the early 20th C, as does the main house; the gateway is probably contemporary with them.

Construction Date

Pre-1938

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement

A simple, probably early 20th C Cape vernacular gateway which contributes to the character of the cultural landscape.

Significance Category

A, E

Proposed Grading

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