

# *Heritage Survey: Stellenbosch Rural Areas*

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***Sub Area Name***

Jonkershoek

***Catalogue Number***

02.35

***Property Name***

Chase Farm, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

***Alternative Names***

***Farm Number***

334/23

***Linkages***

Klein Gustrouw historical property

***Heritage Resource Name***

Chase Farm

***Type of Resource***

farm

***Composites***

none



***Photo Date***

06/05

***Photographer***

Penny Pistorius

***Photo Title***

View over Chase farm from north west: dwellings far left, tunnels right, vineyards foreground



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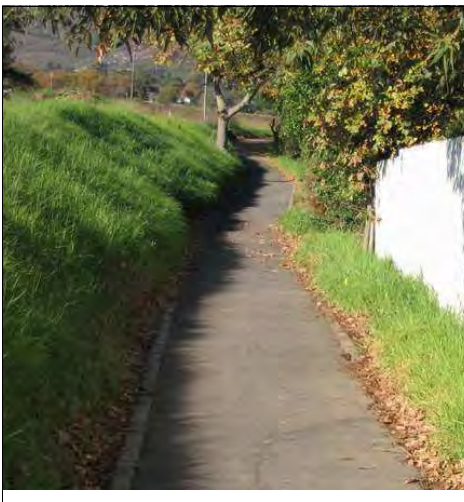
***Photo Title***

Chase Farm from Jonkershoekberg, showing extent of tunnels. Klein Gustrouw/Leef op Hoop middle foreground



**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**  
06/05              Penny Pistorius

**Photo Title**  
High boundary wall past houses, Chase Farm



**Photo Date**      **Photographer**  
06/05              Penny Pistorius

**Photo Title**  
Post 1980 Cape vernacular style house, Chase Farm



**Photo Date**      **Photographer**  
20001              Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

**Photo Title**  
2000 colour aerial (north east portion)



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

**Photo Title**  
1938 aerial photo with added (current) cadastrals



**Photo Date**      **Photographer**  
1980              Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

**Photo Title**  
Orthophoto with added cadastrals

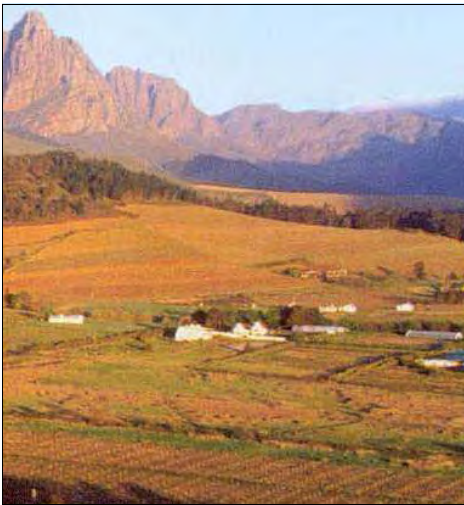


**Photo Date**      **Photographer**

1950s                      Studio Lockley

**Photo Title**

Detail of 1950 photograph, Chase Farm at centre.



**Photo Date**      **Photographer**

1998                      Gerald Hoberman

**Photo Title**

Detail of 1998 photograph, Chase Farm buildings at centre.  
Hoberman



**Photo Date**      **Photographer**

05/05                      Penny Pistorius

**Photo Title**

Pontakkloof stream, channelised along east boundary.

## **Description**

### **Visual Description**

A big field below the road immediately east of Lanzerac reaching to the Eerste River in the south and Mount Happy in the east. Water channels on the west and east boundaries carry the Jonkershoekbergkloof (Lanzerac) stream and the Pontakkloof (Klein Gustrouw) streams respectively (photo 6). There is a strip

### **Notes**

36.5436 ha  
In 2002 the owner/main shareholder was RS Chennels.

of vineyards along the western edge alongside Lanzerac. Houses, outbuildings and tunnels dating from the 1990s are clustered in the north east corner. In front of the buildings, there is a high wall to the road, effectively obscuring all but long views (photos 7, 8).

## History

Cadastral boundaries and shapes of the property do not align with the earliest grants in the area. This is because 1680s grants were soon absorbed into a common ownership which was divided, subdivided and re-consolidated in a complex way. By the time this property re-emerged in the 20th century it had a new shape, mostly dictated by landscape features. (See Klein Gustrouw Historical Property).

However, a large part happens to coincide with one patch of a grant made in 1683 to Anthony and Manuel of Angola, two freed slaves (see Klein Gustrouw People). The key features are the tributary streams that flow along the west and east boundaries. These are in man-made channels, early realignments of the natural watercourse made to irrigate the fields. The field itself was divided into multiple sections fed by channels, noticeable in 1938. About a third of Anthony of Angola's land lay here and must have chiefly been used for arable purposes. It was fertile land and well-farmed. Between 1688 and 1692, for instance, he increased the number of vines from 600 to 4 000, and had fields of wheat and rye.

It is not known where his werf was though there would certainly have been one. It might have been off-site at present Klein Gustrouw (see 02.34). A less likely possibility is a small patch of grant on the old road (roads usually led from homestead to homestead). This is somewhat in the north-west corner of the present farm.

Along the south boundary is the Eerste River. It has changed its position from time to time.

A 20th century road runs along the northern boundary. In 1938 the original route swung further north and this is believed to be the route of the earliest road into the Valley. Its history should be studied further and the above outline confirmed.

## Historical Notes

Deeds Office search not attempted.

## Associated People

See Klein Gustrouw Historical Property for more about Anthony of Angola, Louis of Bengal, etc.

## Associated Events

## References

1902 Brink Map CA M2-409 shows location of grants  
1938 aerial photograph.  
1980s orthophoto  
2000 aerial photograph.  
1950 Lockley photograph  
1986 Sutherland photograph  
1832 D'Oyly drawing  
site inspection 06/04

## Assessment

### Significance Statement

An old and arable field, with streams contained in water channels each side, it was part of a 1683 grant to freed slaves Anthony and Manuel of Angola, and successfully farmed by them. It is immediately behind Lanzerac werf and in front of Klein Gustrouw. It was farmland without buildings until the late 20th C, when houses and outbuildings were erected. Extensive tunnel farming presently underway. Visually sensitive location next to Jonkershoek road.

### Significance Category

A, C, D, G, I

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

Visual intrusion, overdevelopment

### Recommendations

**NHR Act Status**

**Date of Gazette**

**SAHRA File ref.**

**Official Grading**

No buildings older than 60  
years (S. 34)

### *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*

*Composite Name*

*Catalogue Number*

*Type of Resource*

*Objects*