

Heritage Survey: Stellenbosch Rural Areas

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Sub Area Name

Jonkershoek

Catalogue Number

02.10

Property Name

Waterhof, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Alternative Names

Farm Number

345/6

Linkages

Old Nectar Historical Property.

Heritage Resource Name

Waterhof

Type of Resource

smallholding

Composites

homestead



Photo Date

1938

Photographer

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

1938 aerial photo with added current cadastrals. The long white lines are scratches on the photo.



Photo Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Waterhof water meadow



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

Photo Title
Waterhof: water furrow behind house

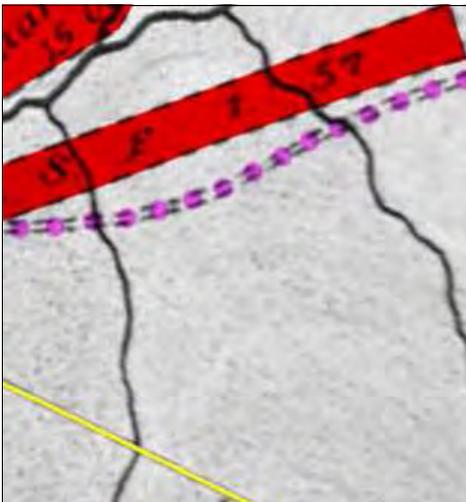


Photo Date **Photographer**
CAM2-409

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



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

Photo Title
Orthophoto with added cadastrals



Photo Date ***Photographer***

06/04

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Waterhof, view from Konstanz. The water meadow is left of the road to Waaiwinde at centre, with treed slopes behind. The house is left of it.

Description

Visual Description

Smallholding on the lower slopes of Stellenboschberg, bounded in the north by the south bank road and Watervliet, west by the access road to Waaiwinde and Glenconner and Nippon, south by Waaiwinde and east by Waterfalls. The property has two morphological areas: a large triangular field (smooth lawn, edged with trees) on the north-west corner, which is part of the watermeadows, and the lower slopes of the mountain behind, which are covered with trees (Photo 2, 3). There is a homestead in the north east corner of the water meadow (see Objects).

The old road cut diagonally across the site, along the south edge of the watermeadow; its route close to the south bank water furrow that enters from Waterfalls and runs behind the house cluster (Photo 4) to a dam at the west end. (See Catalogue nos 02.00/02 and /03.) There are also other drainage systems -- on the east boundary capturing the Waterfalls tributary and along a road on the west side that leads to Waaiwinde (Property 02.07) above.

Notes

4.3735 Hectares

The present owner is JRD Bouma, an architect

History

This water meadow was part of the land along the river granted to the Free Black Jan of Ceylon in 1692 (Photo 6). Soon after, he and his successors started using any convenient arable land adjacent. The remainder of this property was only officially granted in 1817 (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 this property in the north-east. It flows behind the house cluster and continues along the south side of the meadow where it feeds a dam. It then continues to Glen Connor. The old road from Stellenbosch to Jonkershoek farm and Assegaibosch ran somewhere close to this line. The nearby bridge across the Eerste was made in the early 20th century when a new road was made on a different alignment.

Main features such as the field with rough mountain slopes above, the water furrow and the dwellings of this portion were substantially in place in 1938, when the property was apparently still part of Glen Connor.

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 has the typical section of water meadow and mountain slope, and contributes to the character of the place. The water meadow was part of a 1692 grant to the Free Black Jan of Ceylon, and has probably been farmed ever since. The old road crossed it, approximately on the line of an existing old water furrow. It is currently a very well groomed "gentleman's estate". Unusually for the smallholdings, it does not have several cottages.

Significance Category

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

If more cottages are built, as is characteristic of the smallholdings, they should be tucked into the trees on the slope and not built on the water meadow.

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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

Waterhof, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Waterhof homestead

Catalogue Number

02.10/01

Type of Resource

homestead

Objects

house and cottage



Photograph Date

2000

Photographer

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

Waterhof homestead, 2000 aerial photo.



Photograph Date

1938

Photographer

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

Waterhof homestead, 1938 aerial photo.

Composite - Description

Visual Description

The homestead is in the north east corner of the property, on part of the water meadow. It has a small citrus orchard in front with a circular drive, and is surrounded by shrubberies, including bamboo groves. There is a swimming pool behind and west of the house. See Objects.

Condition

Composite - History

History

See Property. The dwellings are visible on the 1938 aerial photo.

Associated People

See Property.

Associated Events

References

See Property.

Composite - Assessment

Significance Statement

See Property. Contributes to the character of the south bank smallholding area.

Significance Category

Proposed Grading

Vulnerabilities

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Composite - Objects

Property Name

Waterhof, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Waterhof homestead

Heritage Resource Name

Waterhof house and cottage

Catalogue Number

02.11/01.01

Type of Resource

dwellings



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Main house, Waterhof



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Cottage, Waterhof



Photograph Date

04/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Cottage, Waterhof. Note protruding chimney on end gable.

Objects - Description

Visual Description

Two simple single storey cottages with corrugated iron roofs, set in dense shrubbery. The main house faces the road; it has roof windows parallel to the surface and modern sash windows. A cottage is at right angles to the house, facing east and connected to it by a carport roof. It has an external chimney and a loft window at one end, two doors and casement windows.

Condition (short)

Good

Architectural Style

Vernacular, modernised

Objects - History

History

The buildings pre-date 1938. They may have been workers' houses when the property was part of Glen Connor..

Construction Date

Pre-1938

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement

Simple vernacular cottages which, with their setting, contribute to the character of the smallholding area.

Significance Category

A, E

Proposed Grading

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Vulnerabilities

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Official Grading

older than 60 years (S. 34)

Recommendations

Further research necessary.