

Heritage Survey: Stellenbosch Rural Areas

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Sub Area Name

Jonkershoek

Catalogue Number

02.32

Property Name

Leef op Hoop, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Alternative Names

Klein Gustrouw

Farm Number

334/2

Linkages

Klein Gustrouw Historical Property

Heritage Resource Name

Leef op Hoop farm

Type of Resource

farm

Composites

Werf
Low field

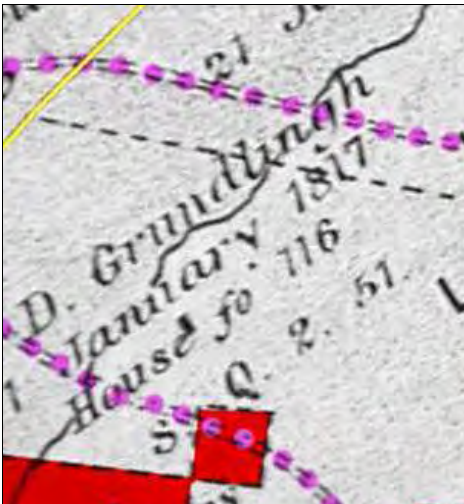


Photo Date

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. 1980



Photo Date **Photographer**
1939 Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title
1938 aerial photo with added (current) cadastrals



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

Photo Title
Guesthouse below Leef op Hoop werf



Photo Date **Photographer**
1950s Studio Lockley

Photo Title
1950s photograph, Studio Lockley

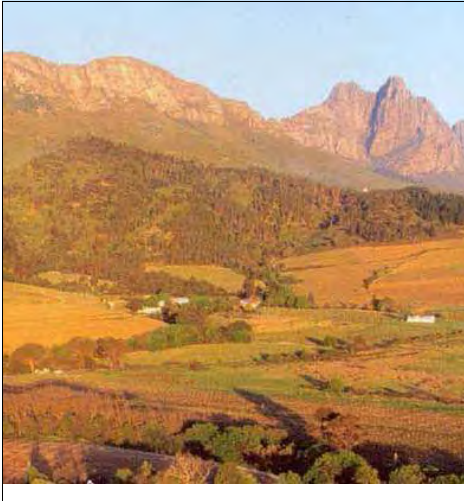


Photo Date **Photographer**

1998 Gerald Hoberman

Photo Title

1998 Gerald Hoberman



Photo Date **Photographer**

2000 Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

2000 aerial photo

Description

Visual Description

A large, irregularly-shaped estate comprising the lower eastern slopes of the Pontakkloof (Klein Gustrouw) valley. It is bounded in the north by Bo Gustrouw, east by Bergsig and Topas, south by the Jonkershoek Road and west by Klein Gustrouw -- this last boundary running through the middle of the Klein Gustrouw/Leef op Hoop homestead and werf (See 02.34 and Composite 1).

The Pontakkloof stream runs through the western part of the property, with several dams on it; a tributary carves a sub-valley into the slopes of the rounded hill that forms the north eastern edge. Between the streams, above the farmstead, is a vineyard. The banks of the streams and the steep summit of the rounded hill are bush-covered, but the gentler slopes of the hill are also planted with vines.

The south eastern portion is a flatter, concave slope where there are two dams. Below the higher, western dam is a cluster of (contemporary) workers' houses above the road. Immediately in front of the werf is a vineyard, in the lower portion of which is a contemporary building used as a guesthouse (photo 5). East of the access road is another vineyard where there are remnants of the old (pre-tar) Jonkershoek road -- see Composite 2.

History

See Klein Gustrouw Historical Property. This land was between the 17th C grants of Anthony of Angola to the south and Louis of Bengal to the east. However, early settlers farmed land beyond their grants 'as of right' and it is speculated that Anthony's lost werf might have been at Klein Gustrouw homestead; a less likely location is the idiosyncratic square patch of Anthony's grant (see 1902 map) which may be on the farm. By the early 19th century there was a werf on the ungranted land. The 1902 map shows a house east of the Pontakkloof stream, whereas the present werf is west of it.

Notes

52.8944 ha

The owner is JP Marais, also owner of Bergsig, who farms the land and runs the guesthouse. The werf is leased to Etienne le Riche of Le Riche Wines.

Note that adjacent farm Klein Gustrouw 02.34 forms a morphological and historical unity with this property.

In 1817 Pieter Daniel Grundlingh was granted the unclaimed (but used) land of the Pontakkloof valley. He is thought to have built the U shaped house that is the core of the present Georgian homestead. (see Composite 1). The greater Klein Gustrouw/ Leef op Hoop property was further expanded by MJ van Nult Onkruidt, who became the owner of the farm in 1836 and transformed the house. The property passed to his adopted son Mynhardt Onkruidt Marais in 1852. The present owner is his descendant.

In the early 1900s the estate was divided through the middle of the homestead. This eastern half has two morphological areas. The western part is the Pontakkloof valley, and curving around the north boundary is the valley of one of its tributaries. This was a chief supply source for domestic water and irrigation and traces of water channels may remain. The south-east portion of the property is a gentle slope that extends, beyond the boundary, eastward and southward towards the river. The southern boundary is along the present road: the original road ran slightly further north across the property.

In 1938 the top field between the streams above the werf was smaller, with a rough texture -- perhaps stones? --above a large clump of trees. The fields on the east hill were also less extensive; worn paths and bare ground on the summit may indicate (over) grazing, possibly by goats. The south eastern, concave land was not cultivated; the south east corner is clearly wet, with a stream running off under the road to the south. There were orchards below the werf and to the east of the driveway, with windbreaks of large trees running north-south up the slope. In the latter 20th century several dams were built along the streams and in the wet south-east sector, and the cluster of workers' housing constructed.

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

Historical Notes

Deeds Office search not attempted.

Associated People

See Klein Gustrouw Historical Property

Associated Events

References

- 1902 Brink Map CA M2-409 shows location of grants
- 1938 aerial photograph.
- 1980 orthophoto
- 2000 aerial photograph.
- 1776 Schumacher view
- 1950 Lockley photograph
- 1986 Sutherland photograph
- 1998 Hoberman photograph
- Site inspection 05/05

Assessment

Significance Statement

A deeply historical property used by, although not granted to, freed slaves in the 17th C. It became part of the greater Klein Gustrouw/Leef op Hoop estate, one of the foundational properties in the formation of the valley's cultural landscape. Subdivided around the turn of the 19th/20th century, this half of the farm has been owned by the same family for over 150 years. It is a fine setting and a significant component of the cultural landscape of the valley.

Significance Category

A, C, D, E (G?), H, I

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Proposed Grading

3 heritage area (S. 31) / 2

Vulnerabilities

Recommendations

Consider declaration as Provincial Heritage Site, with Klein Gustrouw

NHR Act Status

House is PHS (National monument)

Date of Gazette

1979-09-21

SAHRA File ref.

Official Grading

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

Leef op Hoop, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Leef op Hoop long field

Catalogue Number

02.32/02

Type of Resource

landscape composite

Objects

none



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Jonkershoek road from Leef op Hoop gateway. The road is raised on a bank. The older road is below the bank to the left.



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Old road crossing Pontakkloof stream, Leef op Hoop



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Leef op Hoop long field from Jonkershoek Rd. Foreground is remnant of older road; irrigation channel left, Pontakkloof stream right.



Photograph Date

1938, 2000

Photographer

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

Leef op hoop long field, 1938 and 2000 aerial photos.



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Old road crossing Pontakkloof stream, Leef op Hoop

Composite - Description

Visual Description

East of the access road to Leef op Hoop Werf is a long field, now a vineyard, that runs up the slope. It is at a lower level than the access road and there are watercourses each side of it: east is Pontakkloof stream, running in a straightened channel, and west is a parallel channel, presumably made for irrigation. At the south end, the previous course of the old (c1920s) Jonkershoek road is clearly visible (photo 2). There are old oaks each side of

the Pontakkloof stream where the road crosses it, and a cement retaining wall on the north side. The stream is in a large pipe under the road, empties briefly into an open channel and then is piped under the current road. The present road is considerably raised at this point, with a deep ditch along the north side. The old road ran on grade, and is therefore considerably lower (photo 4).

Condition

Composite - History

History

The 1938 aerial (photo 5) shows that the old road ran straight and then turned more sharply at the Pontakkloof stream than it does now; the curve has been smoothed, probably when the road was tarred. (See 02.00/01 for more on the road). The surviving old oaks were part of a row along the north side of the road. In 1938 the vineyard was an orchard, and there was a second long, narrow orchard on the east side of the Pontakkloof stream, with a row of trees along its eastern edge.

Associated People

Associated Events

References

See Property

Composite - Assessment

Significance Statement

The channelling of the Pontakkloof stream and irrigation channel demonstrate previous agricultural technology and the role of water in the shaping of the cultural landscape. The small remnant of the earlier road, running alongside the present one, provides a glimpse of the character of the road when rural life was slower and quieter; it demonstrates developments in engineering and transport technology and adds interest to the cultural landscape of the valley.

Significance Category

A, E, F

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Proposed Grading

3 heritage register

Vulnerabilities

Recommendations

Official Grading

NHR Act Status

Date of Gazette

Old road & channels: older than 60 years (s. 34)

Composite - Objects

Property Name

Composite Name

Heritage Resource Name

Catalogue Number

Type of Resource

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

Property Name

Leef op Hoop, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Leef op Hoop werf

Catalogue Number

02.32/01

Type of Resource

farmstead

Objects

house
cellar
stables



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Driveway to Leef op Hoop. The cellar and small garage are visible over the vines



Photograph Date

2000, 1938

Photographer

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

2000 aerial photo and 1938 aerial photo



Photograph Date

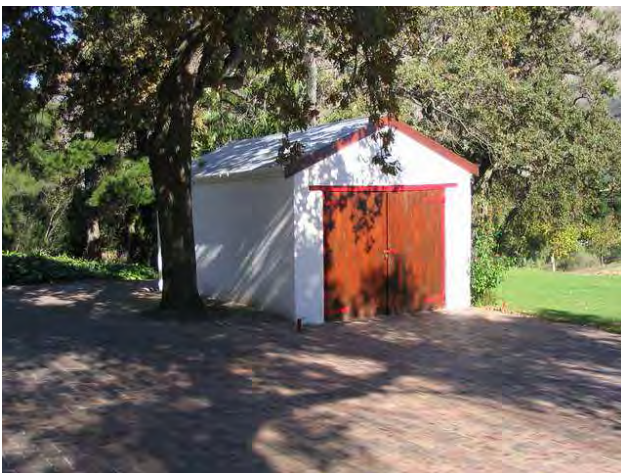
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Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Entrance to Leef op Hoop



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Garage, Leef op Hoop werf.

Composite - Description

Visual Description

The werf is cupped in the concave valley of the lower Pontakkloof, at about the 200m contour. It is at right angles to the slope, looking south over a gentle slope towards the Eerste River and Stellenboschberg. The Pontakkloof stream runs east of it. The boundary between Klein Gustrouw (02.34) and Leef op Hoop runs through the middle of the house, cutting the werf, which was once a unified farmstead, into two. See Klein Gustrouw for descriptions of the west side of the boundary.

The approach to the Leef op Hoop half of the farmstead is via a simple gateway off the Jonkershoek road (photo 3) and a driveway straight up the slope on axis with, but to the east of, the house (photo 4). West of the driveway is a vineyard, in the centre of which is a contemporary house. East is also a vineyard, with Pontakkloof stream running in a straightened channel parallel to the road beyond it. See Composite 2.

The access road curves in front of the cellar (Object 2), arriving east of the house (Object 1) and continuing as a farm track to the outbuilding known as the stables (Object 3). There is a small garage to the south, between the house and cellar (Photo 5).

Condition

Composite - History

History

See also Klein Gustrouw.

Pieter Daniel Grundlingh, who was granted the land each side of Pontakkloof stream in 1817, is thought to have built the U shaped house that is the core of the present Georgian homestead, and presumably the outbuildings as well. It is not known whether there were previous buildings on the site (the location of earlier werfs is not known).

The house was Georgianised by MJ van Nult Onkruidt, who became the owner of the farm in 1836. The property passed to his adopted son Mynhardt Onkruidt Marais in 1852. The present owner is his descendant.

In the early 1900s the estate was divided through the middle of the homestead and werf.

Associated People

See Klein Gustrouw Historical Property

Associated Events

References

See Property

Composite - Assessment

Significance Statement

The Leef op Hoop and Klein Gustrouw werfs are a historical unit. The combined werf is a historically significant dwelling site inhabited since at least 1817 and possibly much longer (information potential of further research and investigation). It displays many typical characteristics of Cape werfs, is architecturally and spatially fine and in an impressive setting; the Georgianised homestead is a rare and particularly fine example of the transition from 'Cape Dutch' to English architecture and its position in the 'Cape' werf is associated with and demonstrates this period of social transition in the Cape as well as subsequent historical developments -- culminating in its subdivision down the middle, a very rare (unique?) phenomenon. The Leef op Hoop half of the werf has been owned by the same family for over 150 years.

Significance Category

A, B, C, D, E, F, G (H?, I?)

Proposed Grading

2 provincial heritage site (S. 27)

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Vulnerabilities

The Leef op Hoop werf is not used by the land owner, whose farmstead is at neighbouring Bergsig. The house and cellar are currently (most appropriately and successfully) leased to a winemaker, but its long term use is not assured.

Recommendations

Official Grading

NHR Act Status

Date of Gazette

The house is a PHS

Composite - Objects

Property Name

Leef op Hoop, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Leef op Hoop werf

Heritage Resource Name

Leef op Hoop house

Catalogue Number

02.32/01.01

Type of Resource

house



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop house, south east side



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Wall on stoep separating Klein Gustrouw from Leef op Hoop



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop house, east side



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Details of French windows and front door, east side of Leef op Hoop house



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop house, north east



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop house, north (rear)



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

National Monuments Council plaque, Leef op Hoop

Objects - Description

Visual Description

The Leef op Hoop house is the east half of a U-shaped house with projecting half-round bow windows in front (south), the other half being Klein Gustrouw (see 02.34). The roof is corrugated iron, and Leef op Hoop's bow has a faceted roof. The Leef op Hoop half is slightly smaller, as the subdivision runs down the east side of the central passage, so the (southern) front door between the bow windows and the front steps are part of Klein Gustrouw. There is an elevated slate-paved stoep round the front and both sides of the house; Leef op Hoop's stoep is separated from Klein Gustrouw's by a wall with ornamental ironwork (photo 2).

The entrance to Leef op Hoop is on the east side. It is a 4x4 panelled double door with a sunrise pattern in the fanlight. Other openings are French windows with louvred shutters, including separate shutters over the fanlights. All openings have fluted plaster pilasters and classical architraves (photo 4).

There is a parapeted lean-to extension to the northern half of the eastern side, which has Victorian sashes (photos 3, 5). Another lean-to to the north gable has 20th C windows. The north gable is half-hipped, and there is a covered gable facing west, into the courtyard between the rear wings, which is divided by a high wall (photo 6).

Condition (short)

Good

Architectural Style

Cape, Georgianised

Objects - History

History

See Property and Klein Gustrouw historical property. Pieter Daniel Grundlingh, who was granted the land each side of Pontakkloof in 1817, is thought to have built a U shaped house that became the core of the present homestead. The back wings are not alike, hinting that one might have been in place before the 1817 grant, a matter a building fabric investigation and accurate measured drawing would settle. The house was enlarged and refashioned to its Georgian appearance in the 1830s by MJ van Nult Onkruidt, who became the owner of the farm in 1836.

In the early 1900s the estate was divided through the middle of the homestead. The Klein Gustrouw part went to the Lourens Marais side of the family, while Leef op Hoop passed to the Tielman Marais side of the family, from whom the present owner of Leef op Hoop is descended.

Construction Date

c1817 Georgianised post-1836

Associated People

See Klein Gustrouw Historical Property

Associated Events

References

See Property

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement

The house is recognised as a very significant example of the transition period between Cape and 'English' architecture; it is architecturally, historically and aesthetically significant.

Significance Category

A, B, C, E, F, G, (H?)

Proposed Grading

2 PHS

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Vulnerabilities

NHR Act Status

Provincial Heritage Site

Date of Gazette

1979-09-21

Official Grading

Recommendations

Further research necessary.

Composite - Objects

Property Name

Leef op Hoop, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Leef op Hoop werf

Heritage Resource Name

Leef op Hoop cellar

Catalogue Number

02.32/01.02

Type of Resource

Outbuilding



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop Cellar, south side



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop Cellar, remnants of gable pilasters, south side



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop Cellar, west side



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop Cellar, north side



Photograph Date

early 20th C

Photographer

Arthur Elliot

PhotoTitle

The gable of the cellar at Klein Gustrouw (no longer existing). Leef op Hoop cellar gable may have been similar.

Objects - Description

Visual Description

The cellar is a long building with an iron roof on raised eaves with cast iron ventilators, east of the house. Fransen and Cook 1965:60 write, 'In line with the house on either side stand outbuildings, both with clipped middle gables, the one on the right still showing traces of four pilasters.' The clipped gable of the Leef op Hoop cellar is now gone, but the stubs of the pilasters can still be seen above the string course over the central bay on the south side, where there is a large double door with arched, spoked fanlight and a simple, rusticated plaster surround. Each side of the central bay are three bays with half-round, spoked windows, the plaster surrounds extending below the openings to enclose a window-shaped rectangle. Between the bays are buttresses. The west end has a covered gable with a diamond window above a double door with arched fanlight. There is a full-length lean-to extension on the north side, where there is a central clipped gable to the main cellar. It is used for wine making by the lessee, Etienne le Riche.

Condition (short)

Good

Architectural Style

Cape

Objects - History

History

The date 1838 can be made out on the gable of the Klein Gustrouw outbuilding, photographed by Arthur Elliot in the early 20th C -- but another inscription above it which may be an earlier date is illegible. The Leef op Hoop cellar is probably of a similar date, and may have had similar gables, since other aspects such as the openings and plaster mouldings are similar and the werf was a symmetrical composition.

The cellar is used for its original purpose by winemaker Etienne le Riche.

Construction Date

c1817? Not later than 1838.

Associated People

See Klein Gustrouw Historical Property

Associated Events

References

See Property

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement

Although the cellar has lost its gables, it remains architecturally and historically significant and is an integral part of the historical Klein Gustrouw/Leef op Hoop werf. It is associated with the history of wine making in the valley -- which is also reflected in the name Pontakkloof (Pontak was an early variety of wine grape grown in the Cape).

Significance Category

A, C, D, E

Proposed Grading

2 (as part of werf)

Vulnerabilities

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NHR Act Status

older than 60 years (S. 34)

Date of Gazette

Official Grading

Recommendations

Further research.

Composite - Objects

Property Name

Leef op Hoop, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Composite Name

Leef op Hoop werf

Heritage Resource Name

Leef op Hoop stables

Catalogue Number

02.32/01.03

Type of Resource

outbuilding



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop stables, south side



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop stables, openings



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Interior of Leef op Hoop stables



Photograph Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

PhotoTitle

Leef op Hoop stables, north side

Objects - Description

Visual Description

Behind the house is a long outbuilding known as the stables, with a corrugated iron roof on raised eaves with cast iron ventilators and clipped end gables -- the east one has a loft door with a steel stair to it. The building is a series of rooms of different sizes, with various timber doors on the south side (photo 2). The eastern room, which probably was a stable, has a cobbled ramp to its wide door, feeding troughs and stalls inside, and an opening with iron bars flanked by two slots (photo 3). On the north side is a full-length lean-to extension supported on pillars, part with an enclosing wall.

Condition (short)

Fair-poor (internal timberwork)

Architectural Style

Cape

Objects - History

History

Unknown. May be of similar date to the other outbuildings. A general-purpose outbuilding with store-rooms, stables, poultry pens, etc. was a common feature of Cape werfs.

Construction Date

19th C?

Associated People

Associated Events

References

Objects - Assessment

Significance Statement

The general-purpose outbuilding behind the house is a typical and integral part of the werf and merits further study to establish its developmental history.

Significance Category

A, C, D

Proposed Grading

2 (as part of werf)

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Vulnerabilities

The building has no current use and expenditure on maintenance and restoration is thus difficult to justify on a working farm where the operative farmstead is elsewhere (Bergsig). Etienne le Riche, who rents the house and cellar, needs a packing shed for the winery, but this would require a clear interior space, whereas the stables is a series of rooms.

NHR Act Status

older than 60 years (S. 34)

Date of Gazette

Official Grading

Recommendations

Further research.