

Heritage Survey: Stellenbosch Rural Areas

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Sub Area Name

Jonkershoek

Catalogue Number

02.21

Property Name

Old Nectar (nursery), Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Alternative Names

Glen Connor

Farm Number

345/12

Linkages

Old Nectar Historical Property; Old Nectar house and werf
02.20

Heritage Resource Name

Old Nectar (nursery)

Type of Resource

smallholding

Composites

none



Photo Date

1980

Photographer

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

Orthophoto with added cadastrals



Photo Date

05/05

Photographer

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Modern houses, Old Nectar Nursery



Photo Date ***Photographer***

1980s? SAHRA

Photo Title

Photograph of rose nursery in SAHRA file. The old road to Old Nectar is beyond the field. C1980s



Photo Date ***Photographer***

2000 Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

Colour aerial photo 2000



Photo Date ***Photographer***

1938 Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

1938 aerial photo



Photo Date ***Photographer***

Photo Title

Undated survey in SAHRA file.



Photo Date ***Photographer***

05/05

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

Entrance to Old Nectar Nursery, with Old Nectar entrance right.

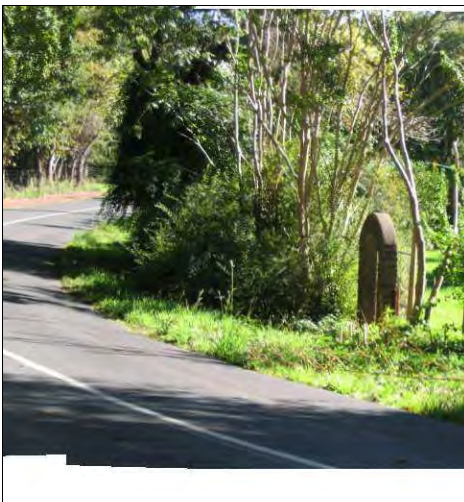


Photo Date ***Photographer***

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Photo Title

Old Nectar Nursery from the road, east.



Photo Date ***Photographer***
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Photo Title
Cottage below (south of) the road.



Photo Date ***Photographer***
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Photo Title
Gates to cottage below (south of) the road.



Photo Date ***Photographer***
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Photo Title
Prefabricated building, Old Nectar Nursery



Photo Date ***Photographer***

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Photo Title

Landmark rock next to the road opposite Old Nectar Nursery



Photo Date ***Photographer***

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Photograph of rock garden on the bank behind the nursery in SAHRA file. C1980s

Description

Visual Description

This is a typical north bank water meadow immediately in front of and below Old Nectar house (property 02.20) to which it forms the foreground. The west and north boundaries are a steep bank, up which the access to Old Nectar rises, and the werf itself. The east side abuts KJA Camp (Die Eiland youth camp), to the west is Aan de Oewer, and the south boundary is the main stream of the Eerste River. The Jonkershoek road runs through the property.

The relatively flat property north of the Jonkershoek road is entered from a gate at the west end, next to the entrance to Old Nectar (photo 5). There are two contemporary facebrick houses with slate roofs in the north corner, close to the bank (photo 6). Inside the thickly planted boundary, the property has numerous shrubberies and flower gardens, with horse paddocks, and there are two post-1938 outbuildings toward the east. (photos 7, 8).

South of the road, where it begins to bend north away from the river, a pair of timber gates leads to a cottage in the thick trees, overlooking the steep bank of the river (photos 9, 10 -- not closely inspected).

Towards the western end of the property is a large rock on the south side of the road, which is a landmark (photo 11).

Notes

3.4547 Hectares
In 2002 the owner/main shareholder was AJ Gabler.

History

See 02.20 adjacent property Old Nectar (werf). The flat fields in front of the bank on which the homestead is built were farmed soon after the land was occupied in 1685. However the banks of the river had large indigenous trees and early farmers were prohibited from cutting these down. In time all the land as far as the river became part of Old Nectar. The old north bank road went only as far as Old Nectar -- see D'Oyly's 1832 drawing and the 1902 map. The present road to

Jonkershoek was made in the 20th century. The 1938 aerial shows field patterns, with textures that indicate pastures and orchards on the flat field in front of the house. The north west bank was heavily treed and there was a road along the present north boundary (now the Old Nectar pergola walk -- see 02.20/01.05). There were no buildings.

After 1942 when Una van der Spuy began work on the Old Nectar garden the fields were used as a nursery (photos 4, 12, 13). Subsequently subdivided, in the late 20th century two facebrick houses were built and some of the flower beds converted into paddocks. 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

Garden was regularly opened to the public on special occasions.

References

1902 Brink Map CA M2-409 shows location of grants
1938 aerial photograph.
1980 orthophoto
2000 aerial photograph.
1832 D'Oyly drawing
Van der Spuy 1969:29-35
Simons 2000:122
Site inspection 04/05

Assessment

Significance Statement

The property is historically closely associated with Old Nectar and is the foreground to the werf, visible from the road although screened by vegetation. Visually highly sensitive, and part of the cultural landscape of the valley. Productive farmland, it was used from the mid-20th C as the nursery for renowned Old Nectar garden and is thus closely associated with it. See also Old Nectar. The rock next to the road is a local landmark, and the property is an important part of the cultural landscape.

Significance Category

A, E, F, H, 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

2 Provincial heritage site (with Old Nectar werf)

Vulnerabilities

Visually sensitive

Recommendations

Any development should be closely monitored for its affect on the werf of Old Nectar.

NHR Act Status

Date of Gazette

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

Composite Name

Catalogue Number

Type of Resource

Objects