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| Archaeological Site Report | SiteNo | 9/2/051/0003 |
| | Site Name | The Look Out, Kirkwood District |
| | Date | |
| | Project | |
| | CaseNID | |
| | Coords | -33.473639, 25.605889 |

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Site Category: Building

Directions:

Located some 65km from Port Elizabeth on the R336 traveling towards Kirkwood turning off at Sunlands and proceeding for ± 3-5km.

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: The national road runs almost due north from Port Elizabeth, and where it veers north eastwards to Grahamstown a gravel road continues in a northerly direction to the Addo Elephant National Park. Near this park, on the cliffs that form the right bank of the Sundays River, a high promontory stands out prominently. From this vantage point one enjoys a wide panorama of the extensive cultivated lands and orchards of the Sundays River irrigation scheme. This place made such an impression on Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, the renowned author of Jock of the Bushveld, that he bought it and erected a high wooden lookout-tower to give an even better view over the valley. This tower was later replaced by a platform and parapet of brick. Sir Percy also protected the indigenous vegetation of the site, eradicated undesirable exotics and brought in such interesting species as cycads, aloes and ""elephant foot"". Near the platform lie the graves of Sir Percy and Lady Fitzpatrick and their two sons. In 1953 the site was given to the Historical Monuments Commission by Sir Percy's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Mackje Niven, together with a generous donation which is held in trust for its maintenance. Visual Description: A portion of land with a raised brick platform, and an enclosed area with a few graves. Colours: Site Features: Condition: Construction Date: Materials: Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

AdminComments:

The Lookout is a raised brick platform erected by Sir Percy Fitzpatrick (the well-known author of Jock in the Bushveld) in order to get a better view of the countryside below the hill. The land around The Lookout has an unusual wide variety of botanical s Bibliography archive:

Damage Types: