

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/282/0005
	Site Name	Krugerhof, Waterval Onder, Waterval Boven District
	Date	
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-25.646914, 30.384414

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Site Category: Building

Directions:

Access: The main access route is via the N4 Nelspruit/Pretoria main road. The property is accessed via a small tarred road turn off from the N4

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: The old house known as Krugerhof stands in front of the hotel at Waterval Onder. In May, 1900, strong British forces under command of Lord Roberts approached Pretoria and the Government of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek was forced to move its headquarters to Machadodorp in the Eastern Transvaal. President Kruger left Pretoria on 29th May. The climate of Machadodorp affected the health of the aged President, so a month later, on 30th June, he went to live in this house at Waterval Onder. The State Secretary, F. W. Reitz, and the other members of the Executive Committee travelled by train to Waterval Onder every day to discuss matters of State. On 28th August, after the battle of Dalmanutha, the seat of government was moved to Neispruit. Kruger had to leave Krugerhof, his last place of residence in the Republic. Accompanied by President Steyn who was visiting him, he went to Neispruit where he lived in a railway coach. Shortly after this it was decided that the President should go to Europe to enlist support for the Republics. He left Lourenço Marques by ship on 20th October, 1900. Except for a new floor and certain alterations to the stoep, the house Krugerhof is still much as it was when the dignified old President lived there. Proclaimed 1962 Visual Description: Small cottage with wooden verandah all round. All rooms lead off verandah, no internal doors. Picturesque garden set in dramatic scenery Colours: Site Features: Condition: Construction Date: Materials: Bricks, wooden frames, corrugated iron roof, timber ceiling & floors Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

AdminComments:

This house served as the last permanent residence in the Zuid-Afrikaanse Republiek of President SJP Kruger. He lived here from 30 June to 28 August 1900, when the British victory at Dalmanutha forced him to vacate the house. During his stay at this house Bibliography archive:

Damage Types: