

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/256/0025
	Site Name	Voortrekker Fort, Elandsfontein, Potchefstroom
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There are two roads that lead to Fochville from the national road between Johannesburg and Potchefstroom. The more southerly of these roads, the main route from Potchefstroom to Fochville, crosses the farm Elandsfontein where the ruins of this Voortrekker fort are situated at a point about three km from the national road. On the eve of the British occupation of Natal, Comdt. Gen. A. W. J. Pretorius appealed to the Voortrekkers in the interior of the country to come to the aid of those in Natal. Consequently this fort was built in 1842 by Voortrekkers under the leadership of Comdt.-Gen. A. H. Potgieter for the protection of the women and children in view of the possible departure of the Boers on commando to Natal. Visual Description: The fort was built of stone and was about 24 m long and 12 m wide with embrasures at the corners to provide enfilading fire. The walls must have been about 1,5 m high. Construction Date: 1842c?

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