

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/081/0053
	Site Name	Palace Barracks, Palace Hill Road, Simonstown
	Date	
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-34.186298, 18.424113

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Site Category: Building

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: Late 1700s. Land granted to Jan Hendrik Munnik in Oct 1784. House clearly in existence by 1798. 1813 bought by John Osmond. Owned by William Coghill, and bought by the Imperial Government in 1886. Converted to a South African War Hospital in 1900 for Boers who were dying from enteric fever - mostly men from Cronje's force. When Mary Kingsley volunteered to nurse, she was sent to Palace Barracks. In her diary she wrote: "I never struck such a rocky bit of the Valley of the Shadow of Death in all my days as Palace Barracks Hospital in Simon's Town." After she succumbed to the disease herself, Dr Carre, the medical officer in charge wrote of her: "she had helped greatly to turn what was a mortuary into a sanatorium". After the South African War, it became a mess. During WW2 it was the Coastal Artillery HQ - including mess and sleeping quarters. Visual Description: Colours: Site Features: Condition: Poor Construction Date: pre 1795 Materials: Catalogue: Simonstown, No: 015, Significance Category:

Damage Types: