

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/083/0011/003
	Site Name	Sweet Saffraan, Sir Lowry's Pass Village, Somerset
	Date	West District
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-34.118866, 18.909053

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Site Category: Building

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: The property on which this dwelling—house is situated, originally formed part of a freehold grant to C.F.Prenger from Cologne in 1779 and named Frederiksburg. It was subdivided in 1830 and this portion came in the possession of the widow J.C whose husband had acquired Frederiksburg early in the 19th century. At the turn of the century a third German became the owner of Frederiksburg, G.A. Rehbein, In 1925 the farm became known as The homestead and was renamed Sweet Saffraan in 1967 to commemorate the three sweet saffraan pear trees which were growing on the original piece of Frederiksburg. The sweet saffraan pear is an old fashioned Dutch pear and one of these trees is still in existence on the property. The original portion of the dwelling house probably predates the year 1830, Several alterations were subsequently made. Visual Description: The original dwelling consisted of a central passage with two rooms leading off it on either side, making it a four roomed house with a thatched roof, At a later date two more rooms were built onto the righthand side leading directly out of the original two rooms. At a still later date the dividing wall between the two left—hand rooms was removed, creating one big living room and a kitchen and pantry were added on leading off this converted room. This transformed the original square plan of the house into a rectangle, The only major alteration that the Rehbein made to the house over the sixty odd years it was in their possession was the addition of a little lean—to room at the end of the central passage, and a little lean—to entrance at the kitchen doors The full length front stoep with its characteristic curved iron roof was presumably added at the time that the thatch roof was replaced by corrugated iron. After 1967, when the house came into the possession of Mrs Pickstone, alterations and additions were made to the houses. Two new wings, which were built onto the right and left hand sides of the original rectangular building, changed the ground plan to a U-shaped formation, enclosing a courtyard. Architecturally, this house is a rectangular Victorianised building with a verandah along the whole of the front. Colours: Site Features: Condition: Construction Date: Materials: Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

Damage Types: