

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/092/0038
	Site Name	Oak trees, Swellengrebel Street, Swellendam
	Date	
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-34.017702, 20.451377

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Site Category: Natural

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: Swellengrebel Street which passes in front of the Drostdy is a part of the original Cape Wagon Road or Groote Wagenweg, the route of the earliest expeditions into the interior. It presumably already existed when the Drostdy was built in 1746. Where there is now a bridge over the Korenlands River below the Drostdy, there was in those days only a footbridge: the drift for wagons was a little higher up the river.

According to an old drawing of 1777 a broad footpath led up from the footbridge to the Drostdy, with a row of oaks on the right and, behind the trees, a storm-water drain that still exists. Not only was this row of oaks maintained by planting young trees to replace those that died, but a second row was planted along the opposite side of the street. In this way a lovely avenue which serves as an attractive shady entrance to the town from the east came into existence. Proclaimed 1955"

Visual Description: Colours: Site Features:

Condition: Construction Date: Materials: Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

Damage Types: