

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	2722DD/Mining/farm Jenkins 562/Site JNK7
	Site Name	Archaeological site
	Date	20/12/2019 - 06:40
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-27.932028, 23.005861

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Physical Type: Open Site

L(m): **B(m):**
60.00 60.00

BroadAgeCategory: Historical

Site Category: Archaeological

Directions:

Site JNK 7 is located 2.2 km from the southern boundary of the farm Mokaeng

SiteComments:

Five crescent-shaped stone structures were identified on a low ridge, overlooking the valley. The layout and appearance of the five structures suggest that they had a military or defensive purpose. This said, no loopholes could be identified in the structure. Furthermore, no historical cultural material could be found on the surface of the site. A low density scatter of lithics were observed on the surface of the site. The site extends over an area roughly 60m by 60m. The historic research undertaken for the present study has revealed a number of events which may have necessitated the construction of a defensive position such as is suggested by the tangible remains at site JNK 7. These include the Griqualand West Rebellion of 1878, the Langberg Rebellion of 1897, the South African War (1899 – 1902) and the Boer Rebellion (1914 – 1915). Based on information that is presently available, the closest known military position to the site is associated with the Langberg Rebellion of 1897 and entailed the occupation of Mokaeng (Mokanen) by the No. 13 (Papkuil) Mounted Rifle Club under command of Captain Pringle in June 1897. Although site JNK 7 is located 2.2 km from the southern boundary of the farm Mokaeng, all the farms from this area were only surveyed in November 1897, after the cessation of hostilities. It seems highly likely that at the time of the Langberg Rebellion, site JNK 7 was located in proximity to a place vernacularly known as Mokaeng or Mokanen, and with the surveying of the farms in November 1897 happened to fall on an adjacent property now known as Jenkins. Additionally, the survey diagram for Jenkins compiled in November 1897 indicate that the farm enclosed an area where three or four roads came together. The placement of site JNK 7 on this farm makes strategic sense. The site has scientific, historic and emotional significance. The site is deemed to be of Medium to High Significance i.e. Generally Protected 4A (GP.4A).

DetailsOfCulturalMaterial:

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Damage Types: