

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/418/0009
	Site Name	Fort Pearson, Farm Williamsom 12871, Lower Tugela
	Date	10/02/2022 - 16:04 to 11/02/2022 - 16:04
	Project	Harold Johnson Nature Reserve Survey
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-29.213754, 31.432692
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Site Category: Ruin > 100 years

SiteComments:

This monument marks the site of Fort Pearson. The site chosen had a wonderful view in all directions and was also within site of the sea. The distant panoramic view of Zululand was outstanding and of a great assistance to its defence. This fort was built under orders from Colonel Pearson and was to serve as base for the Coastal Column. The fort overlooked the original wagon drift which was used by the first English settlers of Natal and was now to be used by the British forces in the Anglo-Zulu War (Smail. J.L 1969: 83). At the foot of Fort Pearson is the Ultimatum Tree. On the opposite bank near Fort Tenedos access road there was a ship's anchor embedded to which was attached a steel wire rope across to the Ultimatum Tree, this was used for operating the Pont across the river. This anchor which weighed about two tons was placed there by the men of the H.M.S. Tenedos. This anchor was later removed and is now in the Museum at Eshowe. The earthworks at Fort Pearson is still well preserved (Smail. J.L 1969: 83).

Damage Types: