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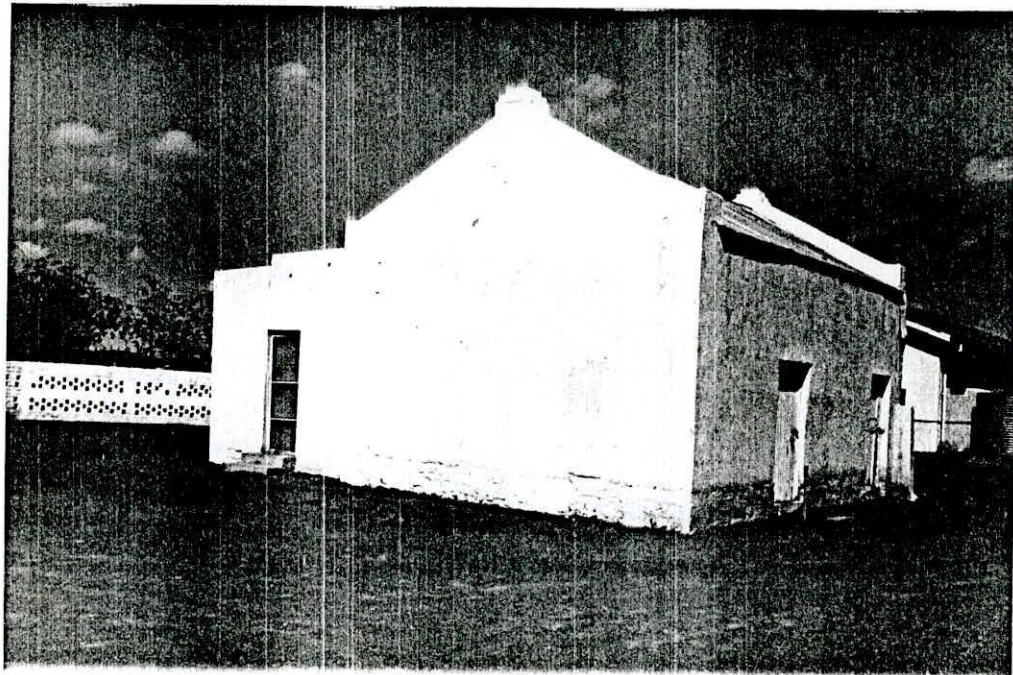
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**HORSEMILL, GROOT KAREEBOSFONTEIN FARM, CARNARVON DISTRICT**

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Farm No:

Owner : Mr G Vermeulen, Groot Kareebosfontein, CARNARVON, 7060



BACKGROUND

Historical

The farm Groot Kareebosfontein was first surveyed in 1838. It is one of the original farms in the Carnarvon area.

The horsemill on the farm was built in the first half of the 19th century for the purpose of grinding wheat for the farmers in the area. It is likely that there is a link between the name of the owners (Vermeulen) who have been in the area over four generations, and the mill itself.

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The owner's grandfather (deceased) verbally communicated his memories of a skirmish on Groot Kareebosfontein during the Anglo-Boer War. The rare mill may have had an influence on the location of the skirmish.

The adjacent farm Blaauwkrantz, another original farm in the district was the home of the family of A G Visser (Poet), who visited the farm from time to time.

#### ARCHITECTURAL/AESTHETIC

The horsemill itself is of the Cog-and-Lantern drive type, similar in design to those at Karbonaatjes Kraal, Hex River in the Worcester district.

The horsemill has a lantern pinion. The great horse wheel is fitted with wooden teeth which engage the lantern, which, in turn, drives the millstones.

Groot Kareebosfontein's horsemill is still in working order and is housed in a simple rectangular whitewashed building with simple Cape-style end gables.

#### CONSERVATION POTENTIAL

The owner of the property has taken special care to ensure that the mill is conserved. The mill and its housing are in good condition. The owner is in favour of the declaration of the mill as a national monument.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The horsemill at Groot Kareebosfontein is an excellent example of an intact cog-and-lantern drive mill and is a rare survivor of its type and is still in a working condition.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO THE NORTHERN CAPE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

That the horsemill, its housing and one metre of surrounding land be declared a national monument.

#### SOURCES

1. Walton, J., Water-Mills, Windmills and Horse-Mills of South Africa, C Struik Publishers, Cape Town, 1974
2. Verbal Information by J G Coetzee, Attorney, Carnarvon

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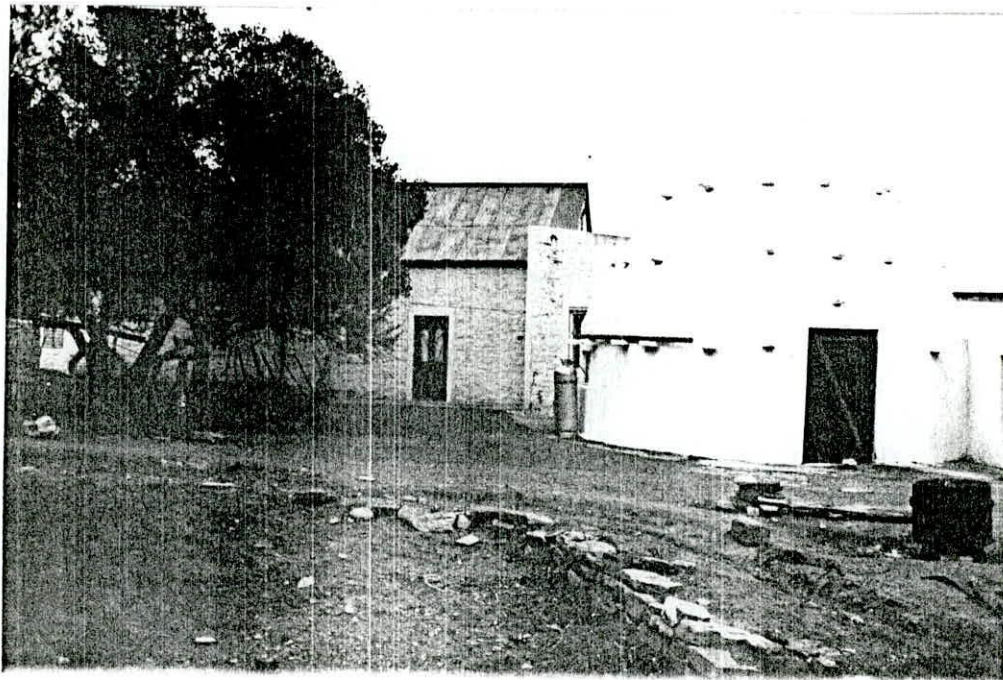
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**CORBELLED HOUSE COMPLEX, T'KOKOBOS, CARNARVON DISTRICT**

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Farm No: 500, Carnarvon district

Owner: Mr L M Coreejas, 11 Union Square, CARNARVON, 7060



BACKGROUND

Built close to the site of a Sari Bushman graveyard, the first T'Kokobos corbelled hut was built in 1851. It is stated that the original owner and a coloured labourer built it in fifteen days. Two other corbelled huts were linked to the original at a later date.

As the sheep farmers moved into the district of Carnarvon and Williston in the early 19th century, they encountered a stony, treeless, semi-desert country. Although timber and roofing materials were scarce, there was, however, abundant stone which could be easily split into slabs and broken into conveniently sized pieces. With these, the Trekboeren built corbelled stone beehives, which were ideally suited for that part of the country.

The corbelled buildings in the Karoo were built between 1825 and 1875 when the Trekboeren began to settle permanently in the area.

It is likely that the name "T'Kokobos" was derived from a San name for a certain type of Karoo bush in the Carnarvon district.

T'Kokobos is situated close to Stuurmansfontein, a recently restored national monument.

#### CONSERVATION POTENTIAL

The owners have spent + R10 000 on the complex. Only certain doors and windows require replacing, and the demolition of an inappropriate later additional room.

Like, Stuurmansfontein it is intended to use the complex as guest house/vacation accommodation. Its visual proximity to Stuurmansfontein is of value in this regard.

The owners are in favour of having the complex declared a national monument.

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

T'Kokobos is one of only two dated corbelled complexes in the Carnarvon district. It is a well preserved, excellent example of its type and represents an early mediterranean influence in the vernacular architecture of the Carnarvon, Williston and Frazerburg areas.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO THE N CAPE REGIONAL COMMITTEE : 15 AUGUST 1991

That the Corbelled house complex and ten metres of surrounding land be declared a national monument.

#### SOURCES

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