



Figure 24: Willow Glen (owned by Duncans): Area where there were sheds.

<i>Sheds</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Regional</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>International</i>
<i>Architectural</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>
<i>Historical</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>
<i>Technical</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>
<i>Social</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>
<i>Scientific</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>

Recommendations: The sheds were on the south west boundary of Willow Glen, south of the road. This area borders on the portion of the original farm called “Willow Glen” which is part of this HIA. The site is noted but as nothing exists of the structure, no preservation is required.

Graves

The location of these graves has been problematic as oral histories differ.

“There was a graveyard on Willow Glen with headstones which might have been of the Futter family. I don’t know if they are still standing.” (Mrs Wendy Butterworth) Mr Russell McLean stated that he had not seen any graves near the dead trees and he had walked all over the farm.

Along the road to the Willow Glen farmhouse and on the boundary of Willow Glen is a burnt eucalyptus trees. These dead trees were the indicators of the graves Mrs Butterworth referred to. In May 2012 only one tree stood on the boundary; the others had been cut down. Next to the quarry alongside the fence and the tree were two mounds of stones; one still in tact and the other sunken as graves often do over a period of time. On the road to the farmhouse was a large upright stone – possibly a gravestone.



**Readings for graves
1&2:
Elevation:1477ft
33° 19' 20.2"
26° 37' 21.6"**

Figure 25a: Grave 1 next to and under an acacia tree



Figure 25b: Grave 2 immediately behind grave 1; grave and stones sunken in.



**Readings for gravestone on
road to Willow Glen farmhouse
(graves to left of road
Elevation: 1475 ft
33° 19' 22.5"
26° 37' 22.6"**

Figure 25c: Headstone on the road to Willow Glen farmhouse



**Road
Direction of Area of
graves
Readings for quarry
/dam: 1473 ft
33° 19' 21.3"
26° 37' 21.0"**

Figure 26d: View of the quarry and dam on Willow Glen looking towards Willow Glen Annexe



Position of the two graves.

Figure 25e: Dead eucalyptus tree on Willow Glen; photograph from quarry

Recommendations: The two graves should be fenced. Further oral history will substantiate the evidence of a farm cemetery on Willow Glen. These graves are part of the area to be developed. Graves are protected by the Heritage Act.

The headstone is on the road to Willow Glen farmhouse and falls in David and Rilda Duncan’s farmland. This stone indicates the roadway was built after the cemetery. Further stones may exist. Should these graves be located the area needs input from an archaeologist.

The quarry activity on Willow Glen may have removed some graves already.

<i>Graves on Willow Glen</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Regional</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>International</i>
<i>Architectural</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>
<i>Historical</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>low</i>
<i>Technical</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>
<i>Social</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>
<i>Scientific</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>

B.3 Fairyvale

Carlisle's farm, Belmont, was divided into Belmont (Keith Clark's portion), Colin de Jongh (Gerald Clark's portion), Elandskloof (owners in 1970s: Judge Theal Stewart) and Fairyvale (Vivienne McLean's portion (née Clark) inherited this farm.). Graham Vroom, the third-generation owner of Thorn Farm, rents out this farm out at present.



Figure 26: Fairyvale farmhouse. This portion is not part of the Belmont development but lies within the five kilometer radius of the proposed development.

Recommendations: The Fairyvale house falls outside the area designated for the Grahamstown Golf Course. The research takes account the original farm called "Willow Glen" Only portions 1 and 2 are part of this HIA and Fairyvale adjoins the property to be developed.

B.4 Elandskloof (part of Carlisle's farm)

Elandskloof was farmed by PW Lucas who married Sarah Bisset, daughter of Lieutenant Alexander Bisset According to the Voter's Roll of 1916, no owner for Elandskloof was recorded (only V Glanville as tenant). There are a few references to the farm in the early history: a wagon attack during the 8th Frontier War (2 May 1851) which resulted in the murder of a Fingo boy and the theft of cattle and horses; more horses were stolen (Godlonton & Irving vol 2 1851:11 & 20); again 27 oxen stolen from wagons in Eiland's Kloof (seven miles from town (ibid: 20).

B.5 Varnam (Originally known as Melrose)

William Howard's party settled here and the farmhouse on Varnam has been recorded and depicted in books such as *Through the Chequered Path* and in articles such as "These Historic Hills" in *EP Herald* dated 1963. Mr James Chapman owned the farm in 1880s. Since the 1970s, Jimmy Duncan has owned the farm. A substantial double storeyed house which followed the Devonshire cobb, stone and thatched houses first built by the Settlers, was erected by Harper in 1829. Harper's Mill stood where the willow trees marked the drift where the road crosses the Blaauwkrantz River. This same drift flooded in 1823 and one of Howard's Party, John Cadle, was drowned. Today the river also floods and is impassable in places. The Duncans still farms Varnam and Mrs Rilda Duncan lives in the original Settler house. She stated that there is the ruin of a house near the river. There were no mills on the property but one ruin exists on the right of the road after "the first turn on the river. The ruin of Mary Early's house (of Howard's Party) is still visible on the river

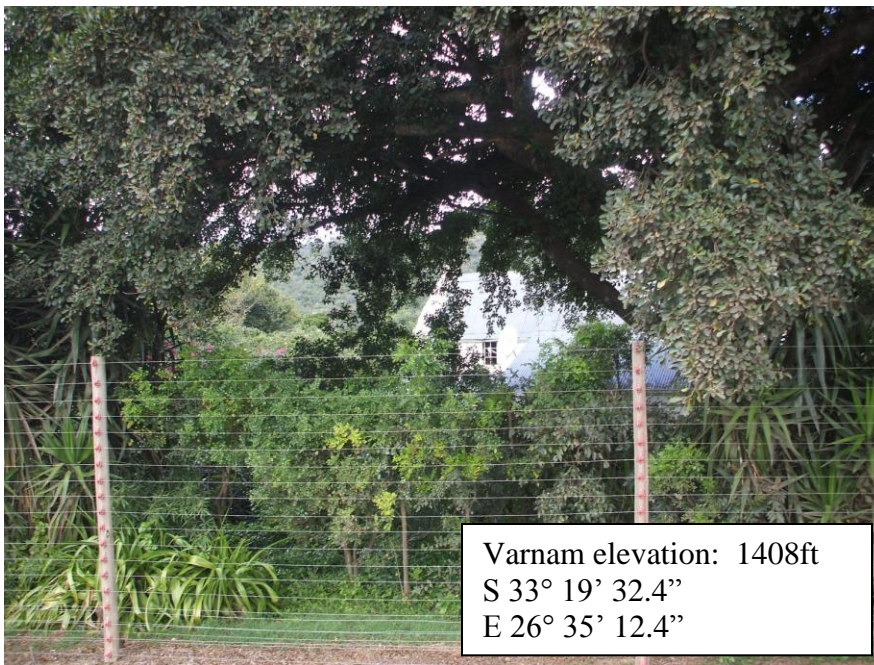


Figure 28: Settler house called Varnam (lower Melrose)

Recommendations: This house falls outside the area designated for the Grahamstown Golf Course. The research takes account the original farm called "Willow Glen", part of Morgan's Party. Only portions 1 and 2 of "Willow Glen" are part of this HIA and Varnam, part of Howard's Party adjoins the property to be developed.

7 Conclusion

This HIA approves the Grahamstown Golf Development with the following reservations. With regard to the Grahamstown Golf Course, the HIA recommends the retention of the South African War Memorial, the area of the South African War trenches dug by the Grahamstown school cadets and the dam on the existing golf course. The older section of the Golf Club should be retained.

With regard to the Belmont Valley, The Belmont Development is from lot 6 Belmont to parts 1 & 2 of Willow Glen, less than a kilometer along the Belmont Valley road to Port Alfred; both sections run north east and south west of this road.



Figures 29a View north east from Port Alfred road; 29b view from south west towards Port Alfred road.

With regard to the Belmont Valley farms, the HIA further recommends that the railway line, footprint of the second “Willow Glen” farmhouse on portion 1& 2 of Willow Glen (known as “Willow Glen Annexe”), the railway track, the railway bridge and any other property of Transnet be retained within the area to be developed.

The sites of two graves (not confirmed) on Willow Glen are protected under the Heritage Act Section 36b

“No person may, without a permit issued by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority –

b. destroy, damage, alter, exhume, or remove from its original position or otherwise disturb any grave or burial ground older than 60 years which is situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority.”

If any further graves are discovered in the clearing of the farms, development must be halted for inspection by an archaeologist.

The details of the other farmhouses have been included for reference purposes and so that the Belmont Development Co is aware of the type of structures that were in the valley since the 19th Century. The valley formed a cohesive unit in the 19th century. This cohesion has been destroyed by the division of farms and the destruction of the historical farmhouses like Belmont which was an architectural prototype (matched in age by Huntley House – dated 1824 - in Hill Street). Unfortunately Belmont has been raised to the ground and only signs of the veranda, the cellars are visible.

Less architecturally significant but still historically important was the McLean's house at Willow Glen. Much altered through the change of roofing and cement veranda and subsequent vandalism, the house still retains structural interest, such as the use of stone and brick for thick exterior walls, wooden window frames and positioning on the land. Finally, the Willow Glen Annexe farmhouse (known as Sonny Clark's house) on the portion to be developed is just a shell of the original farmhouse, the date of which is still unknown. The remaining walls are, according to accounts, hazardous and not worth saving. The writer was not able to visit the site as the stream, embankment and hill on which the ruin is situated, seemed impassable.

Should any further plans come to light, the Belmont Development Co may decide to include the footprint of the original Willow Glen Annexe farmhouse and include some features of the historical farmhouses in the design for the new Grahamstown Golf Clubhouse which will possibly be erected on the site of the original farmhouse (Daniel Thomas McLean/Sonny Clark) so that the new structure has links with the history of the Belmont Valley farms and architecture of the 19th Century.

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Interviews:

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- **Mrs Rilda Duncan of Varnam (Tel No: 046-6227204; David Duncan cell: 0832978006)**
- **Mr Russell McLean formerly of Willow Glen, Grahamstown (R&S Plumbers cell: 0739671894)**
- **Mr Graham Vroom of Thorn Farm (046-6227831).**
- **Mr Peter Wylie of Upper Gletwyn, formerly of Willow Glen (046 6362941)**

Maps of Belmont Valley:



Figure 2: General Map of the Eastern Part of the District of Albany in the Cape of Good Hope. J Knobel G Surveyor. 1820, 1821, 1822 (Campbell 1897)
Shape = Fort England Barracks, Hart's, Fynn's, Burrell's, Carlisle's and Morgan's parties of 1820 Settlers.
 (photograph by F Way-Jones, Albany Museum).

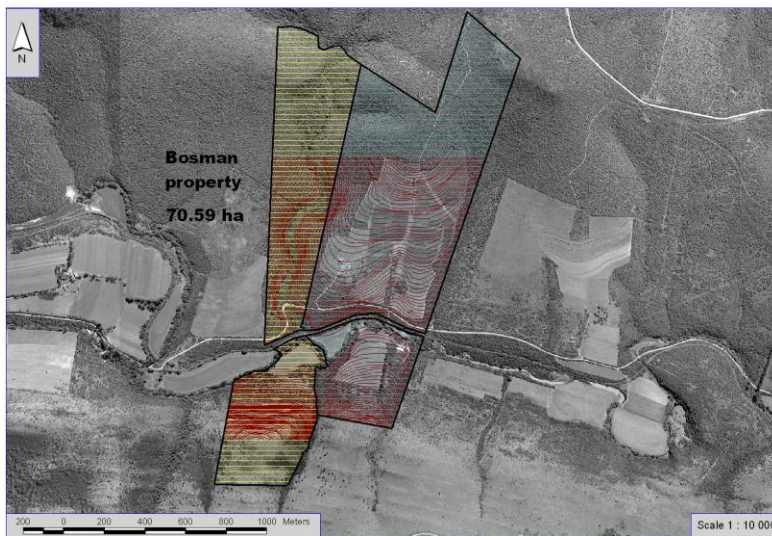


Figure 3: Map showing farming areas affected in the Belmont valley. The farms in the shaded area include Belmont (portion 6): Willow Glen (Portions 1 & 2) (map supplied)



Figure 4: Belmont Valley 1:50 000 Map in Albany Museum showing Course of Road, railway line, Oak Valley siding, Belmont farmhouse (incorrectly shown on north of road), also Church. Erf 445 and 437 = portion 1& 2 of Willow Glen (indicating farmhouse, road and citrus field). SW of Belmont (erf 332) = portion 6 of Belmont

Appendix 2: owners: extract from Dr CJ Skead's notes on Belmont and Willow Glen (dated 1970s)

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1820 SETTLERS' MEMORIAL MUSEUM
GRAHAMSTOWN

Farm names in Albany / Bathurst
(Strike out inapplicable district no)

CURRENT NAME	GRID No. on this file's key map	(SUPPOSED) FIRST NAME
	15	BELMONT A.162 of 49 B. #4 G. 113

Distance km } from
Direction } GRAHAMSTOWN

Original size:
.....morg.....sq.rod(s)
(= hn)

1. EARLIER OCCUPATION

Farm Name	Date	Size morg. ha.	Document No.	Owner	Ref.
a.	Per Wildschut Deed Document				
b.	Per Leaningplasts Document				
c.	Per Quitrent (& later) Deed(s).				

2. CURRENT NAME (S) OF ANY SUBDIVISIONS OR CONSOLIDATIONS.

Farm Name	Date	Survey No.	Size morg. ha.	Owner	Ref.
1 FLAORSKLOOF		plm. Belmont	112.4	Stewart (1971)	52
2			143.1		52
3 BELMONT		plm. b.	70.2	Lambert (1971)	52
4			218.7	de Jongh (-)	52
5 FAIRVALE		plm. BELMONT	101.1	de Jongh (-)	52
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

3. SYNONYMY

Farm Name (s)	Ref.	FARM NAMES (contd.)	Ref.
Carthage Location	1		

Figure 4: Belmont

Appendix 3: 1984 City of Saints Golf Club SFW Open Championships

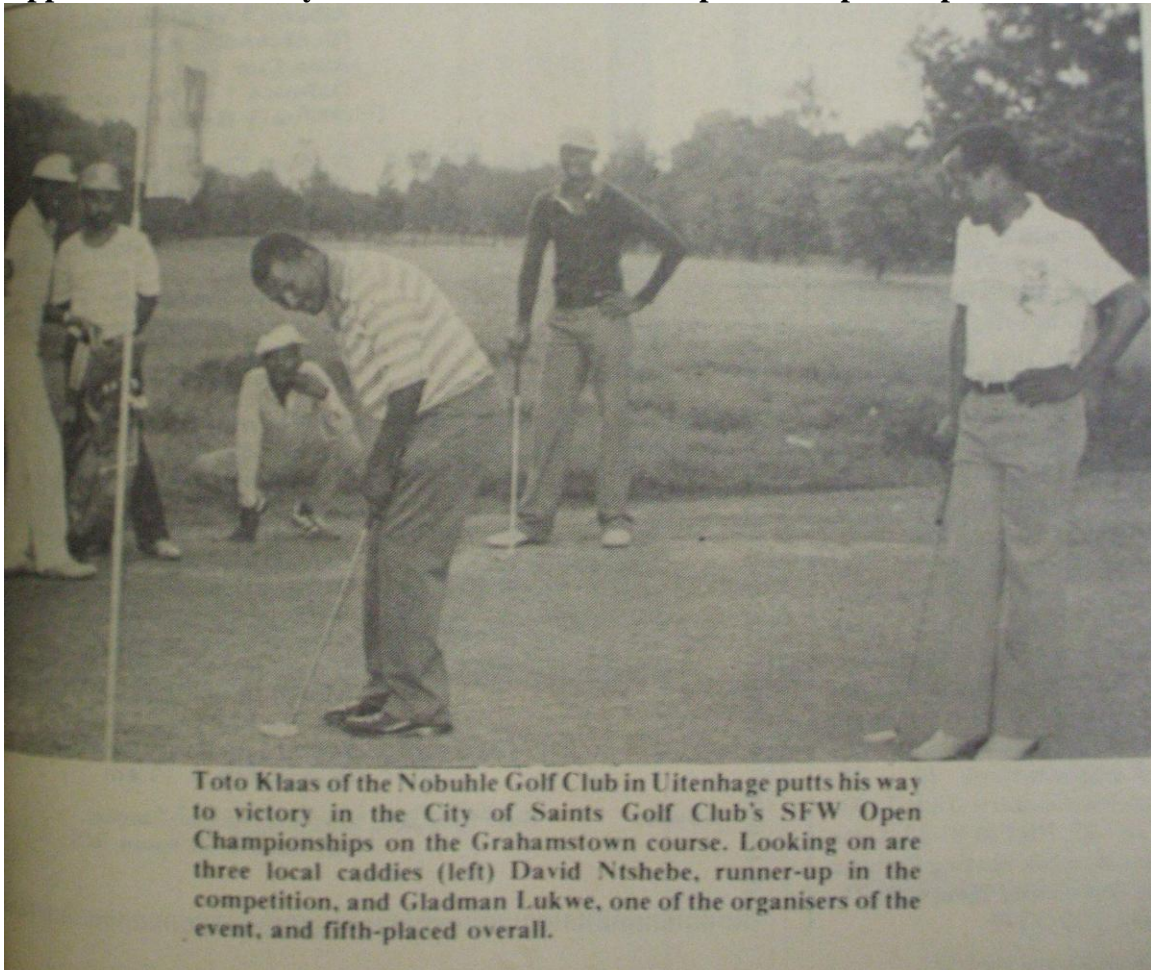


Figure 7: Photograph.

Local golfers, David Ntshebe and Gladman Lukwe, runner-up and 5th respectively in City of Saints Golf Club SFW Open Championships on Grahamstown Golf course. *Grocotts Mail* 27 April 1984.