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Historical Report on the Kirsten Family Cemetery, Constantia

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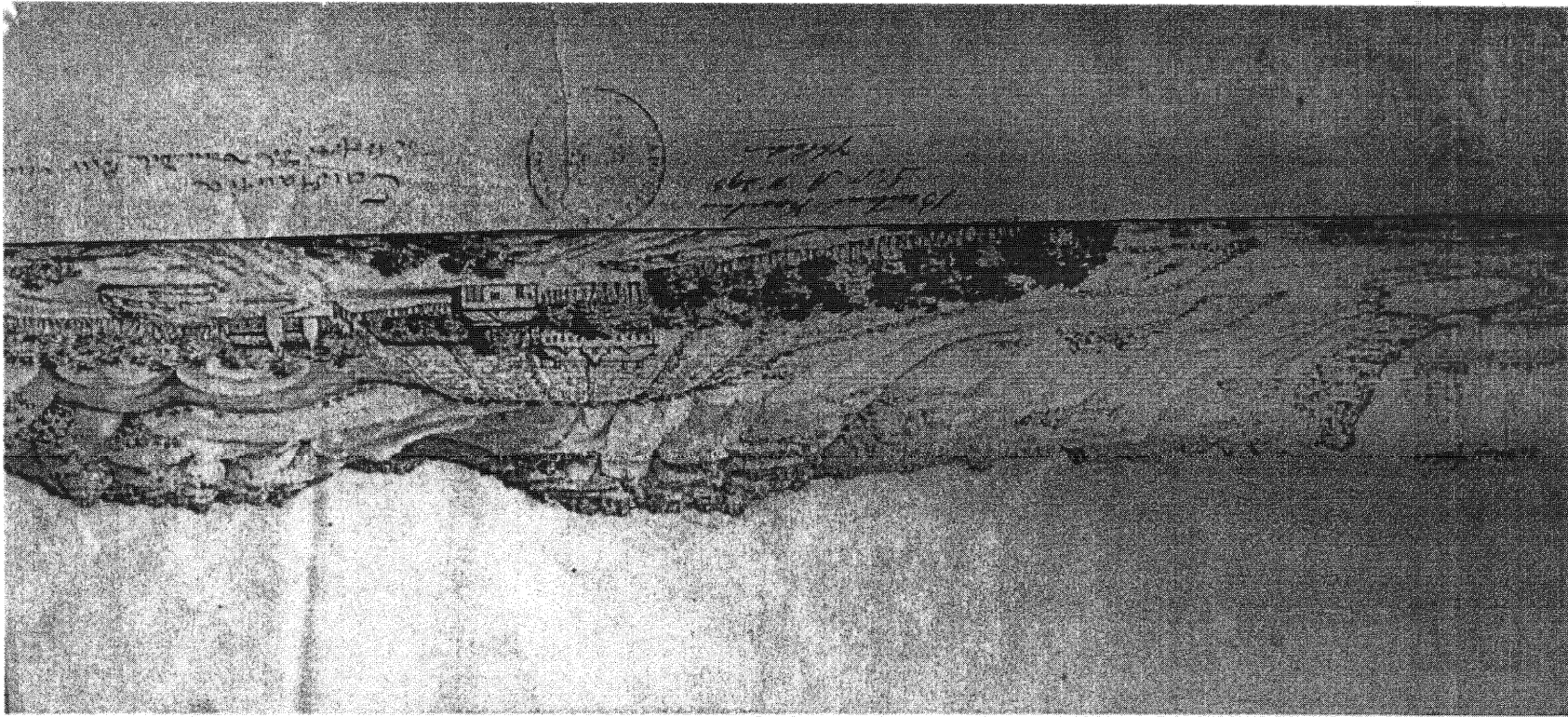
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Front cover: Site Plan of the Kirsten Family Cemetery courtesy of Urban Design
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General view of the Constantia Valley by Van Stade in 1710 (M1/1948).



Erf 4702, Constantia

First Phase Archaeological Assessment

1. Introduction

This report was commissioned by the Kirsten Family¹ to evaluate the feasibility of relocating the contents of 29 graves from their family graveyard to a municipal graveyard in Plumstead. The study area is located on erf 4702, Constantia, along the west side of the M4 main road. The site measures 2752m² in extent and is held under Title Deed No 89448/95. Figure one shows the location of the site in the southern suburbs.

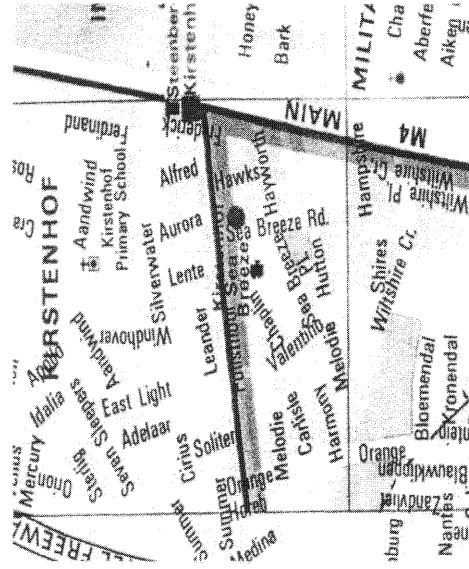


Figure 1. Location plan of the site in the southern suburbs; blue dot shows the approximate position of the site (Map Studio 6th edition)

2. Background History

Until 1682, when the first grant of land was made, the southern part of what was to become known as the Constantia valley, was probably much as it had been for thousands of years. Sheltered on the western side by the slopes of the Constantiaberg, and on the southern side by the rocky heights of the Steenberg (stoney mountain), it comprised a variety of vegetation, from fynbos on the upper reaches, to scrub, and, in the low lying areas, marshy reedy ground, water-logged in winter.

For thousands of years various groups of indigenous people had inhabited the peninsula as hunter-gatherers and later as nomadic stock-farmers, and the rich Constantia valley was particularly appealing as water was plentiful, game would have been abundant and the marshy area towards the vleis would have teemed with wild fowl nesting among the reeds. Indeed legend tells us of one such group which are said to have been ruled by a powerful Princess. Overlooking the valley on its western side, the rounded mountain now known as Constantiaberg is shaped much like an elephant lying with its trunk outstretched to form a plateau, and it is here that they are reputed to have had their settlement. Just where the elephant's eye would be is a large cave, said to have been the princess's stronghold, or "Kasteel", and the gathering place for meetings over which she presided. Legend also has it that visiting Portuguese caused the Princess so much unhappiness that she wept many tears – so many that they formed a river which flowed down the mountain and through the valley below ... Today a river still tumbles down from the heights in a small waterfall and disperses across the valley below, and still bears the name Prinsenkasteelrivier

It was in this almost pristine world that, in 1682, the grant of the farm Zwaneweide (The Feeding Place of Swans) was made – to a redoubtable woman who had survived four

¹ Contact: Mr Milton Kirsten (021) 7120074

¹ The name Prinsenkasteelrivier is a contraction of the original Prinsessenkasteelrivier

husbands, was reputed to have killed a lion, and was now married to her fifth husband, Matthys Michielsz. Catharina Ras has herself become a legend at Steenberg, the name by which her farm is now known.

Within two years of the granting of Swaneuweide, a discovery of what was thought to be silver was made on a southern slope of the Steenberg, and in 1687 a shaft was sunk – unfortunately unsuccessfully as no silver was found although traces of manganese were discovered. This activity, however, necessitated the clearing of a track, wide enough to accommodate ox-wagons, across the valley and up the rocky slopes of the Steenberg, traces of which are still present today in the vicinity of the present Ou Kaapse Weg.

By the end of the 17th century the expansion of the VOC farming into the valley had caused havoc among the remaining bands of Khoi who, forced to fight among themselves for the dwindling pasture, were becoming divided and scattered. Some withdrew into the mountains across the Flats while others were drawn into service on the farms or became displaced as homeless wanderers.² Gradually farming activities spread beyond the Steenberg and down towards the remote areas of the Cape Point, and by the beginning of the 1700s the Ou Kaapse Weg had been extended into the valleys below, and a second track had been formed which followed the narrow neck of land round the head of the Steenberg – a difficult route over rocky terrain, through streams and quicksands, but which was eventually to form the main road to Simonstown.

With the death of former governor Simon van der Stel in the autumn of 1712, his extensive estate, Constantia, situated in the northern part of the valley, was sub-divided, and in the following years a large number of fine wine estates were created whose mellow gabled homesteads, shaded by stately oaks, are today synonymous with the famous wines for which the valley is known. In the southern part of the valley, however, development was slower. The farm Swaneuweide, in the corner formed by the Constantiaberg and the Steenberg, was, indeed going from strength to strength since the struggling days of Catharina Ras – in 1697 it had been sold to Frederick Rossouw and was to remain in the Rossouw family for nearly two hundred years - but there were few other large farms.

Several small farmsteads dotted the area, the best known of which was Baas Harmen's Kraal; it seems that no-one has discovered with certainty who Baas Harmen was, but his Kraal is noted on early maps, and an area in the vicinity of today's Dreyersdal Farm still bears its name. In 1772 a visiting Botanist., Anders Sparman, made the journey from Simonstown, and gives us a description of the valley which indicates that it was still a very open and undeveloped area³ : *On the plain before us we saw a large flock of flamingos, a species of bird of the crane kind, seeking their food in pools and puddles that were beginning to dry up...After this our road was over a sandy plain, a place that, during part of the winter, one is obliged to wade over, as it then lies under water. We then came out to a field overgrown by a great many different sorts of heath and many other shrubs and bushes with some small trees of the protea kind.*

In 1793 the Rossouws, owners of Swaneuweide (by then renamed Swaanswyk) applied for, and were granted, an extent of adjoining land as a Loan Farm – not for agricultural purposes

² Article "Constantia Valley" by Dr Helen Robinson 2004

³ *Travels at the Cape 1772-1777* Anders Spaarman

but “with a view to burning Lime thereon, for which the Place at that time was particularly adapted from the quantity of Kreupel Wood with which the Steenberg was then covered and from the great abundance of Shells then found on the Muizenberg Beach... On the Steenberg there is still a great number of Kreupel Booms found; to get the wood down the Steenberg is attended with much difficulty and expense”⁴

Two years later, in 1795, an event occurred which was to have enormous repercussions – the arrival at Muzinberg of a fleet of British warships bent on a take-over of the strategically-placed Cape of Good Hope. The small Dutch garrison at Muizenberg put up a valiant fight, hitting several of the ships anchored in the bay, but were outnumbered by the advancing British infantry troops. The Dutch forces, led by Colonel Robert Jacob Gordon and assisted by 1 480 Burghers and a Pandoor regiment comprising 210 Khoi soldiers, had mustered in the Constantia valley, and on 7 August 1795 met the approaching British troops on the flat area near the vleis – very much in the vicinity of the eastern portion of what was to become the loan farm Raape Kraal. For some time the fortunes of the two armies fluctuated backwards and forwards, but eventually the Dutch forces were driven back and the name Retreat still commemorates their withdrawal. On 16 September 1795 the capitulation was signed the First British Occupation commenced.

It is not clear whether Rossouw’s venture into Lime Burning was successful or, in fact, whether he remained the sole lessee of the loan farm – details of the following eighteen years have not been traced. However, on 25 March 1821 a report was drawn up for the Land Board preparatory to converting Raape Kraal from a Loan Farm to a Quitrent property⁵. The following description is given of the locality: “A large tract called the Sea- Cow Valley Downs where Water is found in several places; some grazing ground lays also behind the Steenberg, but which comes within the residency of Simon’s Town. The nearest Place to ship produce is the Beach of Muizenberg, about four miles distant. A small proportion of the arable (soil) fit for a garden, the remainder generally sown with oats; much manure is, however, required in order to secure any return...”

The Report goes on to say that although there are only three morgen of arable land, there is a chance “of perhaps draining as much land in the valley a little beyond the 13th Milestone as to plant 15 or 20 thousand vines. Many and strong doubts are, however, also entertained as to its practicality on the following Grounds – that with the Spring tide the water of the Sand Valley runs up a great way in this Valley and, as the mouth of the said Valley is very often blocked up during Spring tides, the water brought into the valley cannot run down for some Days, and this destroys everything Planted..... The pasture on the Steenberg very sour and can be only used for a few days after fire has been set to it. On the land between the House and the Keyzers River, tolerably good grazing is found during the winter months; 20 or 24 oxen can be kept on an average the whole year....A fine stream is running down the hill near the dwelling house and supplies the Place with water all the Year round”⁶

⁴ Cape Archives: Land Board LBD 3 No 371. Report date 21 March 1821

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Cape Archives, Land Board LBD 3 No 371 dated 21 March 1821

3. Owners & Occupiers

On 1 September 1821 a Quitrent Grant was made of the loan-farm of Raapekraal, measuring 1 491 morgen 300 sq.rds, to Johan Godfried Mocke⁷, a prominent Cape businessman and landowner (Vide Table 1). This property covered an extensive area, stretching from the eastern boundary of Swaneweide in the vicinity of the rarely used Ou Kaapse Weg, down to the wagon road which now formed the main route to Simonstown. Unfortunately Mocke/s appears to have over-reached himself as within two years the property had been sold from his Insolvent Estate to J.F. Serrurier. Serrurier did not keep the property for long, however, as a year later the greater part, measuring 1 281 morgen 377 sq.rds was transferred to Hendrik van der Poll, some of whose descendants, intermarried with the Kirsten family, remain in the area to this day.

Hendrik van der Poll of Velsen in North Holland arrived at the Cape as a surgeon in the employ of the Dutch East India Company. On 3 March 1805 he married Susanna Maria Vermaak and over the next eighteen years twelve children were born to them. In 1820 he is listed as a brickmaker and owner of the Garden Leeuwvoet in Table Valley, but he appears to have sold this in favour of Raape Kraal, as several of his children are recorded as having been born on the farm. That there was a dwelling house by 1821 is confirmed by the Land Board Report.quoted above.

In 1824 a small portion measuring 5 morgen was sold to J. Schwygel, but the Remainder, measuring 1 276 morgen 177 sq.rds was transferred in July 1838 to Hendrik's eldest son Hermanus Augustinus Vermaak van der Poll. Hermanus and his wife had no children and, perhaps for this reason, the property was transferred back to Hendrik van der Poll.in 1851. Eleven years later, in February 1862, a portion measuring 323 morgen 492.22 sq.rds was transferred to Hendrik's second son, Hendrik van der Poll, Junior and was given the name Pollsmoor

In 1886 a new Grant of Pollsmoor was made⁸ and between 1886 and 1894 several portions were deducted and sold to buyers other than family members. On 21 September 1894 Hendrik van der Poll, Junior, died.. On 31 December 1837 he had married Jacomina Johanna Kirsten but unfortunately they, too, had no children, and so the property, now measuring 231 morgen 208 sq.rds 58 feet, passed from the Van der Polls to the Kirsten family. On 20 December 1894 it was transferred as a whole, but in three shares, to Johanna's two brothers, William Ferdinand Kirsten⁹ and Johan Frederik Kirsten¹⁰, and the latter's son, Hendrik van

⁷ Cape Quitrents Volume 3 Folio 29

⁸ Cape Quitrents Volume 22 Folio 36 6 July 1886

⁹ Title Deed 7282/1894 20 December 1894

¹⁰ Title Deed 7284/1894 20 December 1894

der Poll Kirsten¹¹ It appears that, in fact, William Ferdinand, had been running the farm for both Hermanus and Hendrik, as both their death notices are signed by "W.F. Kirsten, nephew of deceased and caretaker of his property". By 1907 three more portions had been sold out of the family and in this year it was decided to formally divide the remaining farm into three distinct properties.¹² Accordingly the Remainder – now measuring 83 morgen 463 sq rds - was divided up as follows: Hendrik van der Poll Kirsten received 6 morgen 31 sq rds, plus 21 morgen 523 sq.rds (marked as Lots 12 and 13), Johan Frederik Kirsten received 5 morgen 750 sq.rds plus 21 morgen 584 sq.rds (marked Lots 11 and 14), and William Ferdinand Kirsten received 27 morgen 555 sq.rds 61 sq.ft.

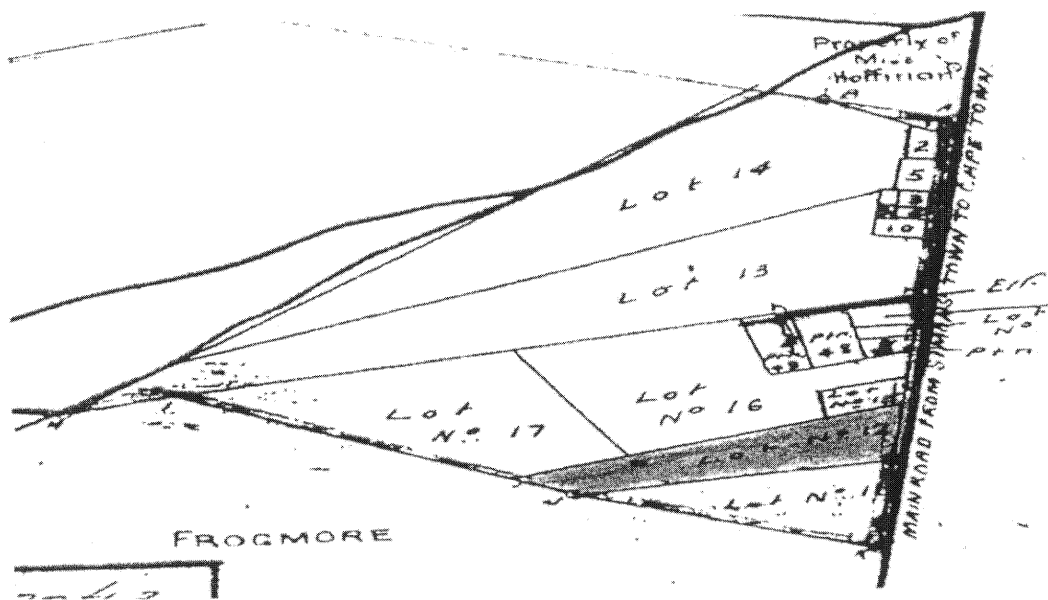


Figure 2. Surveyors diagram (No 2016/11) 1885 showing the position of lot 12, the cemetery

At this date the Title Deed reflecting the above sub-divisions includes a "Condition" regarding access to the small family cemetery located on the portion allocated to William Ferdinand - first established with the burial in 1894 of Hendrik van der Poll and subsequently the sight of numerous Kirsten family burials. Today it still lies tucked away behind what is now the Kirstenhof Police Station in Pollsmoor Road. Since 1922 when the land on which the cemetery is located passed from William Ferdinand to J.P. Kirsten¹³, enormous changes have taken place over the whole extent of the old Pollsmoor farm. The extensive lands planted with vegetables are gone; the old farm-house which stood near the main road until fairly recent years is no longer there; the main road, itself, bears no resemblance to the dusty water-logged - track of old. But here and there, as one drives through the modern streets, past the neat houses of Kirstenhof with their pristine gardens,¹⁴ one can spot a tree which obviously belongs to another era, a survivor from the old days which can tell its own story.

¹¹ Title Deed 7283/1894 20 December 1894

¹² Title Deed T 3621/1907 4 May 1907

¹³ Title Deed T 2444/1922 26 April 1922

¹⁴ In the late 1950s the last remaining sections of Kirstenhof family land were amalgamated

TABLE 1: RAAPE KRAAL/POLLSMOOR TITLE DEEDS SUMMARY

PROPERTY	DIAGRAM	TITLE DEED	DATE	EXTENT	FROM	TO
RAAPE KRAAL		Loan farm	1793			
						Rosouw, the owner of the adjoining farm Swanevide for the purpose of burning Lime
RAAPE KRAAL	91/1821	Cape Quitrents Volume 3 Folio 29	1/9/1821	1491 morgen 300 sqrds		Grant to Johan Godfried Mocke
					Insolvent Estate Johan Godfried Mocke	J. F. Serrurier
Remainder		T 261	8.10.1824	1281 morgen 377 sqrds	J.F. Serrurier	Hendrik van der Poll
Certain piece of Perpetual Quitrent land being the late Loan Farm Raape Kraal, situate in the Cape district at the Steenberg						
(Portion 5 morgen sold to J. Schwygel) Remainder		T 921	24.7.1838	1276 177 sqrds	Hendrik van der Poll	Hermanus Augustinus Vermaak van der Poll
Portion		T 15	1.2.1862	323 morgen 492.22 sqrds	Hendrik van der Poll, Senior	Hendrik van der Poll, Junior

PROPERTY	DIAGRAM	TITLE DEED	DATE	EXTENT	FROM	TO
POLLSMOOR	2016/1885	New Grant issued. Cape Quitents Volume 22 Folio 36	6.7.1886			
Between 1886 and 1894 seven portions of Pollsmoor were deducted						
Remainder (Transferred as a whole in three shares)	T 7282 T 7283 T 7284		20.12.1894	231 morgen 208 sqrds 58 sq.ft	Estate Late Hendrik van der Poll	W.F. Kirsten H. van der Poll J.F. Kirsten
Three portions deducted and sold						
Remainder (83 morgen 463 sqrds) Certain piece of Perpetual Quitrent land situate on the Main Road between Retreat and Lakeside Stations divided as follows: With Conditions re Cemetery and road leading to it (see text) NOTE: The Cemetery was located on the land Allocated to William Ferdinand Kirsten Portion owned by William Ferdinand Kirsten	528/1907 580/1907 529/1907 581/1907	T 3621	4.5.1907	6 morgen 31 sqrds plus 21 morgen 523 sqrds (Lots 12 and 13) 5 morgen 750 sqrds plus 21 morgen 584 sqrds (Lots 11 and 14) 27 morgen 555 sqrds 61 sq.ft	H. van der P. Kirsten J.F. Kirsten W.F. Kirsten	Hendrik van der Poll Kirsten Johan Frederik Kirsten William Ferdinand Kirsten
Portion owned by William Ferdinand Kirsten	T 12444		26.4.1922		William Ferdinand Kirsten	J.P. Kirsten

4. Description of the Study Area

Figure 3 and 4 show the general layout of the site which is located along the M4 main road to Fishhoek. The graveyard is situated behind the Kirstenhof Police Station; the SAPS rent the property on which the station is located from the Kirsten family. The graveyard is maintained by the Kirsten's and access is via private arrangement with the family. A photographic record of mortuary art and the epitaphs inscribed on the graves are submitted as documentary proof of family kinship and the date at which the first burial occurred (Vide Figure 5).

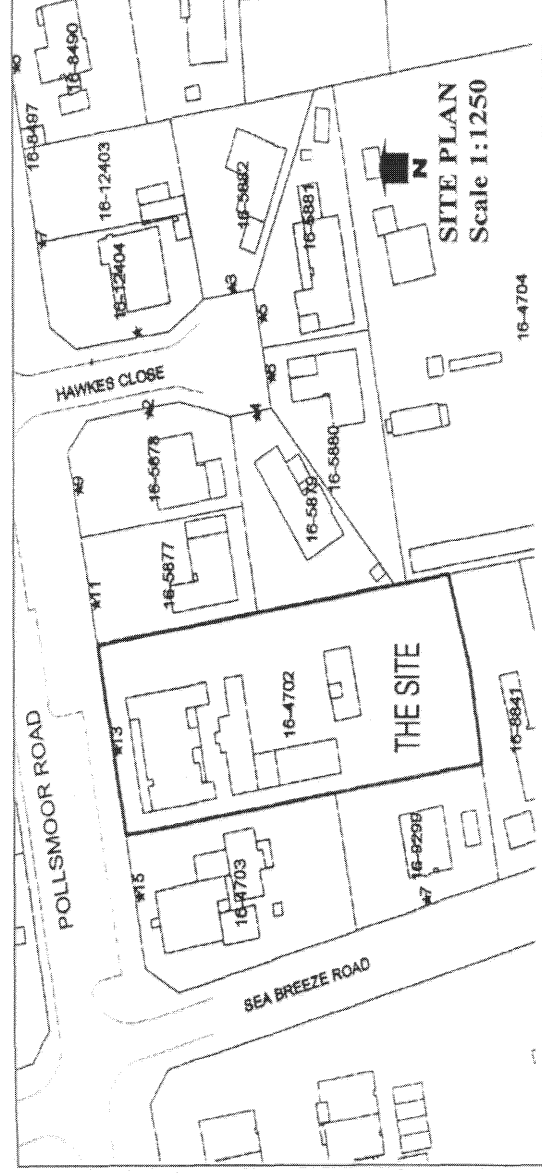


Figure 3. Site Plan which shows the location of the police station and the Kirsten family cemetery which lies behind it (plan courtesy of Urban Design Services cc).

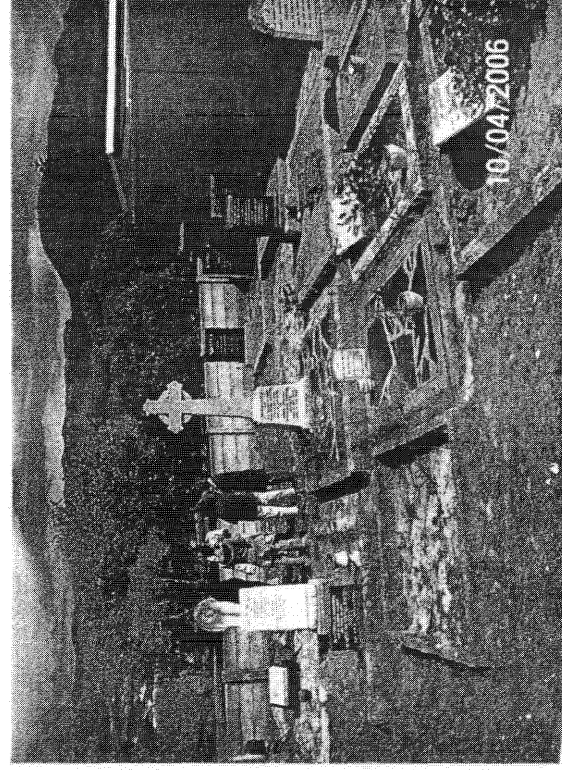


Figure 4. General view of the Kirsten family graveyard

5. Public Participation Process

A public participation process commenced on the 1st March until 30 June 2006 in which a concerted effort was made to contact the living relatives of the people buried at the Kirsten cemetery through family networks. The result of this process is set out in Table two. Signed affidavits collected from family members; as registered Interested and Affected Parties, are attached as a public record of their consent to allow exhumation and reinterment of the cemetery in Appendix 1.

In view of the exclusive use of the cemetery by a designated family it was considered unnecessary to advertise the public participation process in the National press. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) is asked to consider this in their summation of the public participation process. The Kirstenhof and Environs Ratepayers and Residents Association were also contacted during the Public Participation Process and their comment is set out in Annexure 2. The Exco committee met on the 5 June and had no objections to the rezoning of erf 4702.

The cemetery is thought to have been ^{used} in, since the late 19th century and was for the exclusive use of the Kirsten family and their immediate descendants. The location and specific conditions attached to the transfer of the cemetery are mentioned in title deed T3621 of 1907, with lot 12 becoming the family cemetery. Table 3 lists in chronological order the dates of interment of various family members in the cemetery. An unmarked crypt located on the North East boundary of the cemetery is thought to date to the late 1800s where Milton Kirsten's great-grandfather is buried (Milton Kirsten pers comm).

1903, 1904, 1906, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1927, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1938, 1952, 1960, 1962,
1972, 1974, 1991

Table 3. Chronological list of burial dates at the Kirsten family cemetery

6. Planning and Reinterment

The Kirsten family have unanimously agreed that their deceased family members be exhumed, cremated and re-interred at the Plumstead Municipal cemetery which is located within a 2 km radius of the existing cemetery. Doves, Observatory Branch, have been appointed as the undertaker to manage the exhumation and re-interment. The some of the graves are protected by the National Heritage Act (Section 36) as they are older than 60 years; the last burial took place in 1991 and therefore need to be managed under the supervision of an accredited archaeologist and an accredited undertaker. The site will be prepared by removing mortuary art, some of which will be reused at the Plumstead cemetery, and removing the over-rubble with a mechanical digger to a depth of approximately 1.3m. Thereafter a team of Dove personnel and the archaeologist will be responsible for the exhumation, recording and transportation of the deceased to the Plumstead cemetery.

Table 2: Public Participation Process-Contact Details

Name	Address	Kinship	Contact Details
Milton Ferdinand Kirsien	21 Gumtree Road Bergvliet, Cape Town 7945	Senior male member of the Kirsien family	(021) 7120074
Johan Hendrik Cronje	38 Steenbok Street, Kleinbaai 7220	Grandson of Johanna Jacoba who died 02.06.1933 and William Ferdinand Kirsien, died 14.02.1952	(028) 3841142
De Vaudriel Stopforth	20 Da Gamma Street Strand, Cape Town 7140	Granddaughter of Johanna Jacoba who died 02.06.1933 and William Ferdinand Kirsien, 14.02.1952	(021) 8533473
Sandra Laurie	145 Smit Street, Fairlands, Johannesburg, 2195	Granddaughter of Friederike Wilhelmine Kirsien who died 03.04.1960	082 6315382
Sandra Laurie	145 Smit Street Fairlands, Johannesburg, 2195	Granddaughter of John Frederick Kirsien who died 24.04.1944	082 6315382
Johanna Catharina Cronje (nee Kirsien)	Huis Hesperos Beaufort West 6970	Daughter of Johanna Jacoba who died 02.06.1933 and William Ferdinand Kirsien died 14.02.1952	(023414) 2755
Elizabeth Maria Van der Merwe (nee Kirsien)	2 Church Street, Durbanville, Cape Town 7550	Granddaughter of Friederike Wilhelmine Kirsien who died 03.04.1960 and John Fredrick Kirsien who died 24.04.1944	082 5785544
Johann v d Sandt de Villiers	Postbox 624 Franschoek, Cape Town 7690	Grandson of Johanna Jacoba who died 02.06.1933 and William Ferdinand Kirsien who died 14.02.1952	082 5500677
Pierre Grove	Vijzel Straat 26 1017 HK Amsterdam The Netherlands	Grandson of John Frederick Kirsien who died 24.04.1944	09 31 653263623
Pierre Grove	Vijzel Straat 26 1017 HK Amsterdam The Netherlands	Grandson of Friederike Wilhelmine Kirsien who died 03.04.1960	09 31 653263623
Josephine Johanna Steyn (nee Kirsien)	10 Cromwell Lane Noordhoek Manor Noordhoek, Cape Town 7979	Daughter of John Frederick Kirsien who died 24.04.1944	(021) 787 0184

Name	Address	Kinship	Contact Details
William Ferdinand Kirsten Cronje	Hugostraat 10 Monumenthoogte, Kimberly 8031	Grandson of Johanna Jacoba who died 02.06.1933 and William Ferdinand Kirsten who died 14.02.1952	(053) 8332818
Hester Fouche	36 Cherry Wood Gardens Somerset West, Cape Town 7129	Grand daughter of Johanna Jacoba who died 02.06.1933 and William Ferdinand Kirsten who died 14.02.1952	082 4426592
Milton Ferdinand Kirsten	21 Guntree Road Bergvliet, Cape Town 7945	Son of Hendrik v d Poll Kirsten who died 03.02.1991	(021) 712 0074
Milton Ferdinand Kirsten	21 Guntree Road Bergvliet, Cape Town 7945	Grandson of William Ferdinand Kirsten who died on 14.02.1952 and Johanna Jacoba who died 02.06.1933 and; Great grandson of Hendrik v d Poll Kirsten who died on 04.01.1930 and Johanna Catherine Kirsten who died 14.08.1916	(021) 712 0074
Josephine Johanna Steyn (nee Kirsten)	10 Cromwell Lane Noordhoek Manor Noordhoek, Cape Town 7979	Sister of John Peter Kirsten who died on 30.03.1991	(021) 787 0184
Josephine Johanna Steyn (nee Kirsten)	10 Cromwell Lane Noordhoek Manor Noordhoek, Cape Town 7979	Sister of Alfred Walter Kirsten who died 09.06.1995	(021) 787 0184
Josephine Johanna Steyn (nee Kirsten)	10 Cromwell Lane Noordhoek Manor Noordhoek, Cape Town 7979	Daughter of Friederike Wilhelmine Kirsten who died 03.04.1960	(021) 787 0184
Frans Johannes Cronje	22 Briffant Street Chantecler, Durbanville 7550	Grandson of Johanna Jacoba who died on 02.06.1933 and William Ferdinand Kirsten who died 14.02.1952	083 4480742
John Frederick Kirsten	3 Grysbok Street Kleinbaai 7220	Grandson of Friederike Wilhelmine who died on 03.04.1960 and John Frederick Kirsten who died 24.04.1944	(028) 3841227

Conclusions

The land on which the Kirsten cemetery is currently located previously formed part of the farm Raape Kraal (1793-1821) a part of which was subsequently granted to Hendrick van de Poll as perpetual quitrent land in 1824. From 1907, when the land was transferred to William Ferdinand Kirsten, the presence of a graveyard is mentioned in the deeds summary. We assume that the graveyard is much older than the date 1907 but have been unable to find any documentary proof of this. The graveyard has been continuously maintained and used as a place of interment for the deceased of Kirsten family until the last burial occurred in 1991.

We can see no reason why the exhumation and subsequent re-interment of the Kirsten cemetery cannot go ahead if the developer follows the guidelines set out in the National Heritage Act (1999) Section 36, as it is the direct wish of the Kirsten family to relocate the graveyard. They have consulted their extended family regarding this matter and no objections have been received to the proposed the planned exhumations.

7. Recommendation

- Submit a copy of this report to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for comment
- Apply for a Section 36 permit from the SAHRA to commence planned exhumations
- Apply for an exhumation permit (Ordinance No 12, 1980)
- All work to be undertaken as a collaborative effort with the Kirsten family, Doves and an accredited archaeologist
- A final report which outlines the methods, permit process, as well as a photographic record of the exhumation and rememorization process should be submitted to the SAHRA on completion of the project.

9. Sources

Deeds Office Cape, Town
Surveyor General's Office, Cape Town
Cape Archives

10. Acknowledgements

The authors of this report would like to thank the Kirsten family for their support and access to family photographs.

Appendix 1:

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, **Milton Ferdinand Kirsten**, do hereby state as follows:

I am the senior male member of the Kirsten family and owner of the property erf 4702 Constantia, on which the Kirsten family cemetery is situated

From 1st March 2006 until June 2006 I undertook an informal public participation process by contacting members of my extended family to ascertain their wishes regarding the exhumation and memorialization of the contents of the Kirsten graveyard

Signature: [Handwritten Signature].....

Date: 13-6-2006.....

Address: 21 Spynsnek Rd.....

Bequiket.....

Taun.....

Commissioner of Oaths: [Handwritten Signature]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] 201512-7

THE COMMISSIONER OF OATHS STAMP MUST BE PLACED HERE.

SUID-AFRIKAANSE POLISIEDIENS
DIST. 3 LOGISTIEK
2006 -06- 13
LOGISTICS KIRSTENHOF, K.P./C.P. SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, **Milton Ferdinand Kirsten**, do hereby state as follows:

I am the son of **Hendrik v d Poll Kirsten** who died in **03.02.1991**

and whose ashes are buried in the **Kirsten Family Cemetery (Erf 4702 Constantia)**

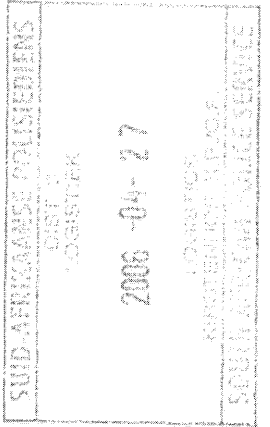
I request that the exhumation of the ashes be allowed as stated on the

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) permit application.

Furthermore, I endorse the plans submitted to me for reburial and memorialization of my next-of-kin.

Signature: *Milton Ferdinand Kirsten* Date: 27-4-2006

Address: 21 Constantia Rd
BEYOUBAET



Commissioner of Oaths: *[Signature]*
Signature: *[Signature]*

THE COMMISSIONER OF OATHS STAMP MUST BE PLACED HERE.

AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned, **Milton Ferdinand Kirsten**, do hereby state as follows:

I am the grandson of **William Ferdinand Kirsten** died **14.02.1952**

and **Johanna Jacoba** died **02.06.1933**. And great grandson of **Hendrik v d Poll**

Kirsten died **04.01.1930** and **Johanna Catherina Kirsten** died **14.08.1916**,

and who are buried in the **Kirsten Family Cemetery (Erf 4702 Constantia)**

I request that the exhumation of the bodies be allowed as stated on the

South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) permit application.

Furthermore, I endorse the plans submitted to me for reburial and memorialization of my next-of-kin.

Signature: *Milton Ferdinand Kirsten* Date: *27.04.2006*

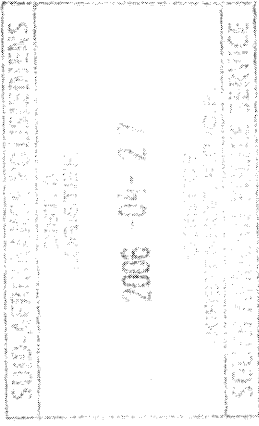
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Commissioner of Oaths: *10.05.17*

Signature: *[Signature]*



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BEEDIGDE VERKLARING

Ek die ondergetekende, Johan Hendrik Cronje, verklaar as volg:

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en William Ferdinand Kirsten (oorlede 14.02.1952) en wie begrawe is in die

Kirsten-familie kerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702 Constantia)

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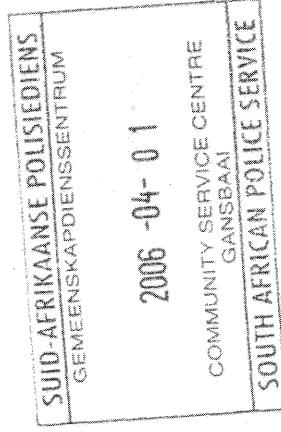
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Kommissaris van Ede:

Handtekening: 

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BEEDIGDE VERKLARING

Ek die ondergetekende, Sandra Laurie, verklaar as volg:

Ek is die kleindogter van Friederike Wilhelmine Kirsten wie op 03.04.1960 oorlede is en wie begrawe is in die Kirsten-familie kerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702 Constantia)

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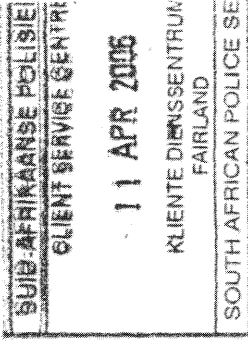
Handtekening: Laurie Datum: 11/4/2006

Adres: 145 SMIT STREET
FAIRLANDS
JHB 2195

Kommissaris van Ede:

Handtekening: (Signature)
CSABALELA (S)

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BEEIDIGDE VERKLARING

Ek die ondergetekende, Sandra Laurie, verklaar as volg:

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oorlede is en wie begrawe is in die Kirsten-familie kerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702
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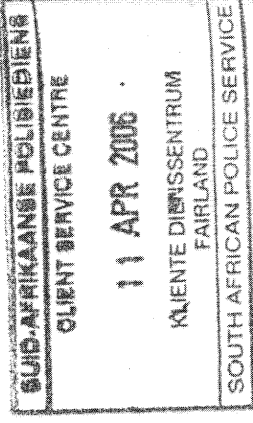
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Adres: 145 SMIT STREET
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Kommissaris van Ede:

Handtekening: *Sandra Laurie*
CLARETA S.T.

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BEEDIGDE VERKLARING

Ek die ondergetekende, **Josephine Johanna Steyn**, verklaar as volg:

Ek is die **dogter** van **Friederike Wilhelmine Kirsten** wie op **03.04.1960** oorlede is en wie begrawe is in die Kirsten-familie kerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702 Constantia)

Ek versoek dat die opgraving van die oorblyfsels toegestaan word soos aangedui in die aansoek gerig aan die Suid Afrikaanse Erfenishulpbronagentskap (SAHRA).

Die planne vir die herbegrawing en herdenking soos aan my voorgestel dra my goedkeuring weg.

Handtekening: *J.J. Steyn* Datum: *21/04/2006*

Adres: *10 Cromwell Lane*
Noordhoek Manor
Noordhoek, Cape

Kommissaris van Ede:

Handtekening: *J. Teversham*

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JAMES TEVERSHAM
Commissioner of Oaths
Professional Land Surveyor (RSA)
NOORDHOEK MANOR
NOORDHOEK

BEEDIGDE VERKLARING

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Ek is die **dogter** van **Johanna Jacoba** (oorlede **02.06.1933**)

en **William Ferdinand Kirsten** (oorlede **14.02.1952**) en wie begrawe is in die

Kirsten-familie kerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702 Constantia)

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Handtekening: *J.C. Cronje* Datum: **2006.10.24/19**

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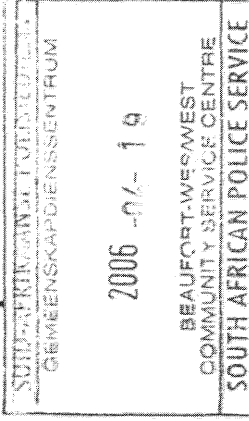
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Kommissaris van Ede:

Handtekening: *S.A. Nussels* **KOROTULH**.

Die stempel van die Kommissaris van Ede moet hier geplaas word



BEËDIGDE VERKLARING

Ek, die ondergetekende, Elizabeth Maria van der Merwe, gebore Kirsten, verklaar soos volg:

Ek is die kleindogter van **Friederike Wilhelmine Kirsten** (oorlede 03.04.1960) en **John Frederick Kirsten** (oorlede 24.04.1944) wat albei begrawe is in die Kirsten-familiekerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702 Constantia).

Ek versoek dat die aansoek om opgraving van die oorblyfsels wat aan die Suid-Afrikaanse Erfenishulpbrongentskap (SAHRA) gerig is, toegestaan word, **met dien verstande** dat met die oorblyfsels op 'n waardige manier gehandel word en dat daar op 'n geskikte plek op die genoemde perseel (erf 4702 Constantia) 'n gedenkteken aangebring word, wat die oorledenes, en in die besonder die betrokke familienaam soos Kirsten en Van der Pol, in herinnering roep, ten einde die geskiedkundige betekenis wat hulle vir die omgewing gehad het, soos dit onder meer weerspieël word in benamings soos Kirstenhof en Pollsmoor, te erken en te eer.

Handtekening *J. F. Merwe* Datum 2006.07.12

Adres Church Street 02

..... Durbanville SAPS

..... Durbanville

Kommissaris van Ede

Handtekening *J. F. Merwe* 2006.07.12

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2006-07-12

BEEDIGDE VERKLARING

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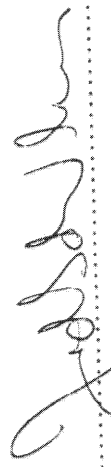
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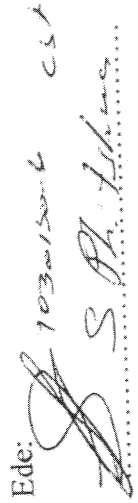
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Die planne vir die herbegrawing en herdenking soos aan my voorgestel dra my goedkeuring weg.

Handtekening:  Datum: 4-11-06

Adres: Posbus 624
Franshoek.
7690

Kommissaris van Ede:  10321506
Handtekening: S. Ph. A. ...

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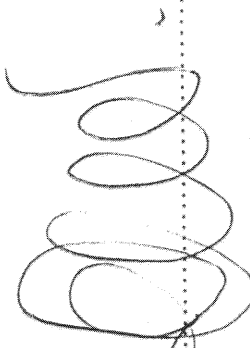
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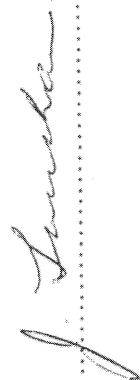
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Handtekening:  Datum: **21.04.06**

Adres: **VURSELSTRAAT 26**
1017 HK AMSTERDAM
THE NETHERLANDS

Kommissaris van Ede:

Handtekening: 

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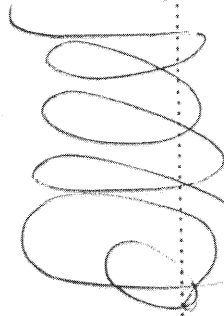
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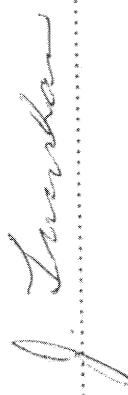
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Handtekening: 

Datum: **21.04.06**

Adres: **VIJZELSTRAAT 26**
1017 HK AMSTERDAM
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en wie begrawe is in die Kirsten-familie kerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702

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Handtekening: *J.J. Steyn* Datum: *21/04/2006*

Adres:
10 Cromwell Lane
Noordhoek Manor
Noordhoek, Cape

Kommissaris van Ede:

Handtekening:
J. Teversham

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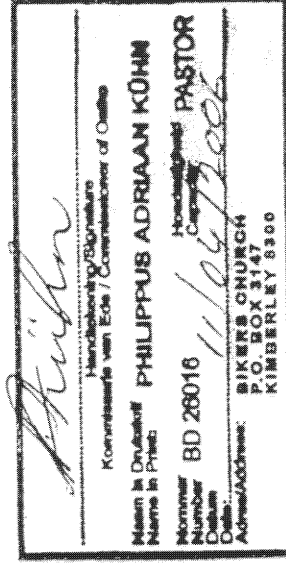
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Handtekening: *W.F.K. Cronje* Datum: *10/4/2006*

Adres: *Auguststraat 10*
M. Monument Laagte
Kimberley 8301

Kommissaris van Ede:
Handtekening: *Philipus Adriaan Kuhn*

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BEEIDIGDE VERKLARING

Ek die ondergetekende, **Hester Fouche**, verklaar as volg:

Ek is die **kleindogter** van **Johanna Jacoba** (oorlede **02.06.1933**)

en **William Ferdinand Kirsten** (oorlede **14.02.1952**) en wie begrawe is in die

Kirsten-familie kerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702 Constantia)

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Die planne vir die herbegrawing en herdenking soos aan my voorgestel dra my goedkeuring weg.

Handtekening: **H. Fouche**

Datum: **20 April 2006** .

Adres: **36 Cherrywood Gardens**
..... **Soweto West**

Kommissaris van Ede:

Handtekening:

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Statement / Verklaring

Hester Mariette Fauche
5506710042082
PO Box 7332
Somerset West
85525 (w: (Cell) 092 777 6850

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Verklaar in Afrikaans / State in English

Ek is die klein dogter van Sophanna Salooz (oorlede 1933-06-02) en William Ferdinand Kirsten (oorlede 1952-03-14) en wie Be Grawe is in die Kirsten Familie Kerkhof in KIRSTENHOF ERS 4702 (CONSTANTIA). Ek versoek dat die opgraving van die oorblyfsels toegeestaan word soos aangebui in die aansoek gerig aan die SUID-APRIKAANSE EIGENSKAPBEWAGINGSAGENTSKAP (SAHRA). Die planne is die Herbegrawing en Herdenking soos aan my voorbestaan via my goedkeuring hier.

SUID-APRIKAANSE POLISIEDIENS
BEVELVOERDER
GEMEENSAPDIENS SENTRUM
SOMERSET WES
2006-04-20
COMMANDER
COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRE
SOMERSET WEST
SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

Ek is vertrouwd met die inhoud van die verklaring en begryp dit. Ek het / geen beswaar teen die aflegging van die voorgeskrewe eed nie. Ek beskou / nie die voorgeskrewe eed as bindend op my gewete / nie.

Date: 20 April 2006 Hester Fauche
Handtekening van verklaarder

Ek sertifiseer dat ek bostaande verklaring afgeneem het en dat die verklaarder erken dat hy/sy vertrouwd is met die inhoud van die verklaring en dit begryp. Hierdie verklaring is voor my bevestig en verklaarder se handtekening is in my teenwoordigheid daarop aangebring.

te Somerset West
op 20 April
om 16h15

Peterse 70451907
KOMMISSARIS VAN EDE C.S.T.
Sapd. Hoofweg, Somerset Wes
Tel: 021-8501303/1325

SUID-APRIKAANSE POLISIEDIENS
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BEËDIGDE VERKLARING

Ek die ondergetekende, **Josephine Johanna Steyn**, verklaar as volg:

Ek is die **suster** van **John Peter Kirsten** wie op **30.03.1991** oorlede is en wie se as begrawe is in die Kirsten-familie kerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702 Constantia)

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Die planne vir die herbegrawing en herdenking soos aan my voorgestel dra my goedkeuring weg.

Handtekening: *J. J. Steyn* Datum: *21/04/2006*

Adres: *10 Cromwell Lane*
Noordhoek Manor
Noordhoek, Cape

Kommissaris van Ede:

Handtekening: *J. Teversham*

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NOORDHOEK

BEEDIGDE VERKLARING

Ek die ondergetekende, Josephine Johanna Steyn, verklaar as volg:

Ek is die **suster van Alfred Walter Kirsten** wie op **09.06.1995** oorlede is en wie se as begrawe is in die Kirsten-familie kerkhof in Kirstenhof (erf 4702 Constantia)

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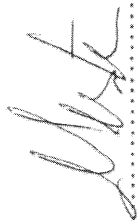
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Handtekening:  Datum: 9-5-2006

Adres: STRYLSBOEKSTRAAT 3
KLEINBAAI
7270

Kommissaris van Ede:  Tluso

Handtekening: 

MAN ROAD 16
GANSBAAT S.A.P.S. CONSTABLE
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Appendix 2:

***Kirstenhof and Environs Ratepayers' and Residents'
Association***

P.O. Box 107 Steenberg 7947

Tel (021) 701 9433

E-mail

05—06—2006

City of Cape Town
3 Victoria Road
Plumstead 7801

Attention Ms L. Poole
For the Director of Town planning

**APPLICATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE CONDITION,
REZONING & DEPARTURE: ERF 4702, KIRSTENHOF**

Dear Madam,

The above application was tabled at our Exco meeting of the 5th of June 2006 the committee were unanimous in their decision that they have no objection to the above application.

Yours truly
L.D. Halliday
Chairperson

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