# HERITAGE RESOURCE 3: The Du Toit House and Hen House

## Significance and Grading Sheet

KLEINBOSCH MANOR HOUSE			Application in terms of NAHRA			
Site	9/1576		534	<u>527</u>	53 <b>8</b>	
Architect	owner		HPOZ : yes			
Original Use	Homestead	Current Use	Homestead	Gazette-	National Monument 1979 no.379	

### Heritage Significance

Rarity	м	Architectural	H M
Representivity	н	Socio-Historical	
Excellence	н	Contextual	
Integrity L		Technological	
Aesthetic	Н	Slavery	Yes
Symbolic	н	Cultural	н
Associational H		Intrinsic	
Age	н	Archaeological	м







## Site and Structure

The Manor House of Kleinbosch, or 'Du Toit House' forms the centre focus of the werf with flanking outbuildings north ansd south. The original structure was built by Francois du Toit, the patriarch of the Du Toit family. The front long house probably the original structure, but now a H-shape with extended T at the back.

#### Alterations

The building was reconstructed to the 18th century style by P Mamacos architect in 1974, and modern bathrooms added as well as gable ends and modern rooms to the west. The Chicken run was converted into a quest room.

#### Condition

The condition after the fire of 7th January 2017 left the house and chicken run in ruin.

#### Significance Statement

The building is significant by virtue of its' ownership and the high cultural value associated with the formalizing of the Afrikaans Language by the GRA

### Proposed Grading in terms of NAHRA

The grading in terms of the ruined state caused by fire is Grade 3, but in terms of the high cultural value, still a PHS and thus Grade 2

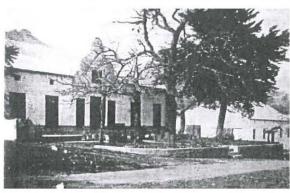
#### Development Opportunities

The development of the house and chicken run can now only be called a reconstruction.

### Recommendations

The reconstruction of the structures needs to be done in terms of the most significant period of the building It is argued that the 1880-1910 period of the GRA and Gedenkskool would be approriate and authentic.

There are adequate records and surveys and a thorough archaeological structural analysis be undertaken.



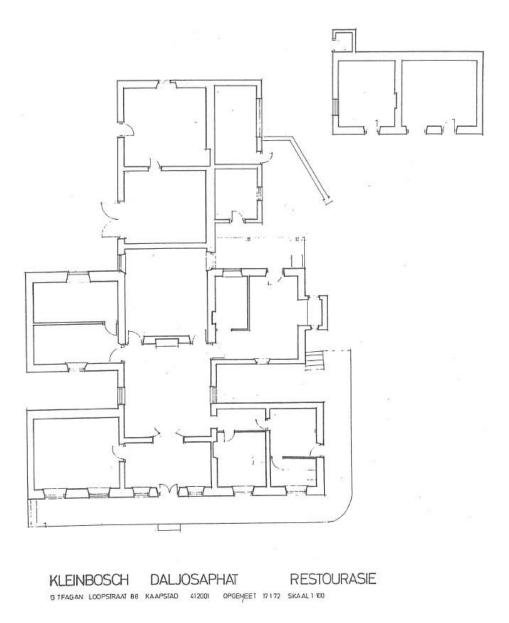


# Grading sheet photographs from Vos 2002 and Albertyn 2018

The H-shaped Du Toit House on Kleinbosch was built c. 1792 by Guillaume du Toit, and is the focal point Manor House building of Kleinbosch. The building went through a number of significant changes, such as the front gable, Victorian additions and a reconstruction in 1975. Sadly, the building was destructed by a veld fire in the Hawequas mountains on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, and still in a progressed state of disrepair.

The building was declared a National Monument in 1979 under the National Monuments Act no.28 of 1969 as: 'The Farm Kleinbosch was granted to the Huguenot progenitor Francois du Toit. The H-shape house was erected by his grandson, Guillaume. The date 1792 appears on the concave-convex front gable' ("Government Gazette 9 March 1979 No. 379," 1969)

The extent of the proclamation was west as far as the western line of the old ring wall, north as far as the ring wall boundary of ptn1, east 10 metres from southern wall of Malherbe House, and south 10 metres from the Gedenkskool building. (Albertyn, 2018)



# Figure 44: The du Toit Homestead as documented by GT Fagan 1972.

