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### CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PORTION 22 (A PORTION OF PORTION 8) OF THE FARM KLIPPLAATSDRIEF 82 H.P.

#### 1. DEFINITION

The broad generic term *Cultural Heritage Resources* refers to any physical and spiritual property associated with past and present human use or occupation of the environment, cultural activities and history. The term includes sites, structures, places, natural features and material of palaeontological, archaeological, historical, aesthetic, scientific, architectural, religious, symbolic or traditional importance to specific individuals or groups, traditional systems of cultural practice, belief or social interaction.

#### 2. PROTECTED SITES IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT, ACT NO. 25 OF 1999

The following are the most important sites and objects protected by the National Heritage Act:

- a. Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years.
- b. Archaeological sites and objects.
- c. Palaeontological sites.
- d. Meteorites.
- e. Ship wrecks.
- f. Burial grounds.
- g. Graves of victims of conflict.

- h. Public monuments and memorials.
- i. Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette.
- j. Any other places or object, which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance.
- k. Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance.
- l. Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.
- m. Objects to which oral traditions are attached.
- n. Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history.

### 3. METHODOLOGY

All relevant maps and documents on the site were studied. The site was visited and visually inspected.

### 4. RESULTS

The original farmhouse stands at S27° 22' 48.3 and E26° 27' 15.1". Originally the farmhouse only consisted of three rooms. It was later extended to the east with a lean to-roof to make provision for a kitchen and additional bedrooms. A front veranda was also added of which the southwestern portion was later changed to make provision for an additional bedroom. The original house was burnt down in the Anglo Boer War and afterwards rebuilt (see photographs 1 and 2).

Next to the house on the eastern side are the remains of the outbuildings. The walls were built of sandstone but have partially collapsed. The building now has a flat roof. Most probably it originally had a thatched roof (see photograph 3).

The farm is the family farm of the Van Rensburgs and is still in the hands of the family. The family cemetery is found at S27° 22' 54.0 and E26° 27' 26.0". In the cemetery are some thirty graves of the Van Rensburg family. The oldest tombstones are in the shape of a coffin and were made of sandstone. The inscriptions have weathered away and are now unreadable. The oldest readable date is 1919 (see photograph 4 and 5).

At S27° 22' 38.4 and E26° 27' 11.5" is the cemetery of the farm workers. There are some forty graves in the cemetery mainly of the Tswai family. According to the present owner the Tswai family has been living on the farm for many generations and are still living on the farm (see photograph 6).

No indications of any other important cultural heritage resources could be found on the farm.

## 5. CONCLUSION

The original farmhouse and outbuildings as well as the two cemeteries are important heritage sites, which need proper documentation and protection.

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

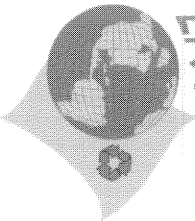
- The old farmhouse and outbuildings be properly recorded and restored.
- The two cemeteries must be properly fenced, cleaned, protected and recorded.
- The history of the Van Rensburg and Tswai families be recorded
- A management plan be compiled for the heritage sites on the farm

## 7. REFERENCES

A personal interviews with Mr. Willie van Rensburg on the history of the farm.

## 8. SITE DATA

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**ENVIRO-GIS**

<p><b>Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.)</b>  Establishment of a country estate on Portion 22 (a portion of Portion 8) of the farm Klipplaatdrift 82, Registration Division H.P. North West Province.  The site is approximately 30,00 hectare, which will entail: approximately 30 residential dwelling units, clubhouse with indoor recreational facilities, outdoor recreational facilities, employee units and entrance control office.</p>
<p><b>Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved:</b></p>
<p><b>Full location of Province, Magisterial District/Local Authority, property (e.g. farm, erf name and number:</b>  Portion 22 (a portion of Portion 8) of the farm Klipplaatdrift 82, Registration Division H.P. North West Province.</p>
<p><b>Location map must have the polygon of the area to be surveyed on it and full geographical coordinates for all relevant points and where applicable indication of the area to be developed (footprint):</b></p> <p>The site is situated adjacent to the north of the Vaal River and south of the R504, approximately 35km south of Leudoringstad and 20km west of Bothaville, north and south of the Klipplaatdrif Road.</p>
<p><b>If possible an aerial photograph of the specific area showing the location of all site.</b></p> <p>(Udo, Willie has a whole series of aerial photographs. Please contact him.)</p>

## PHOTOGRAPHS



**No. 1 The old farmhouse with its lean-too and front veranda**



**No. 2 The additional bedroom added to the front of the house**



**No. 3 The southern view of the outbuilding**



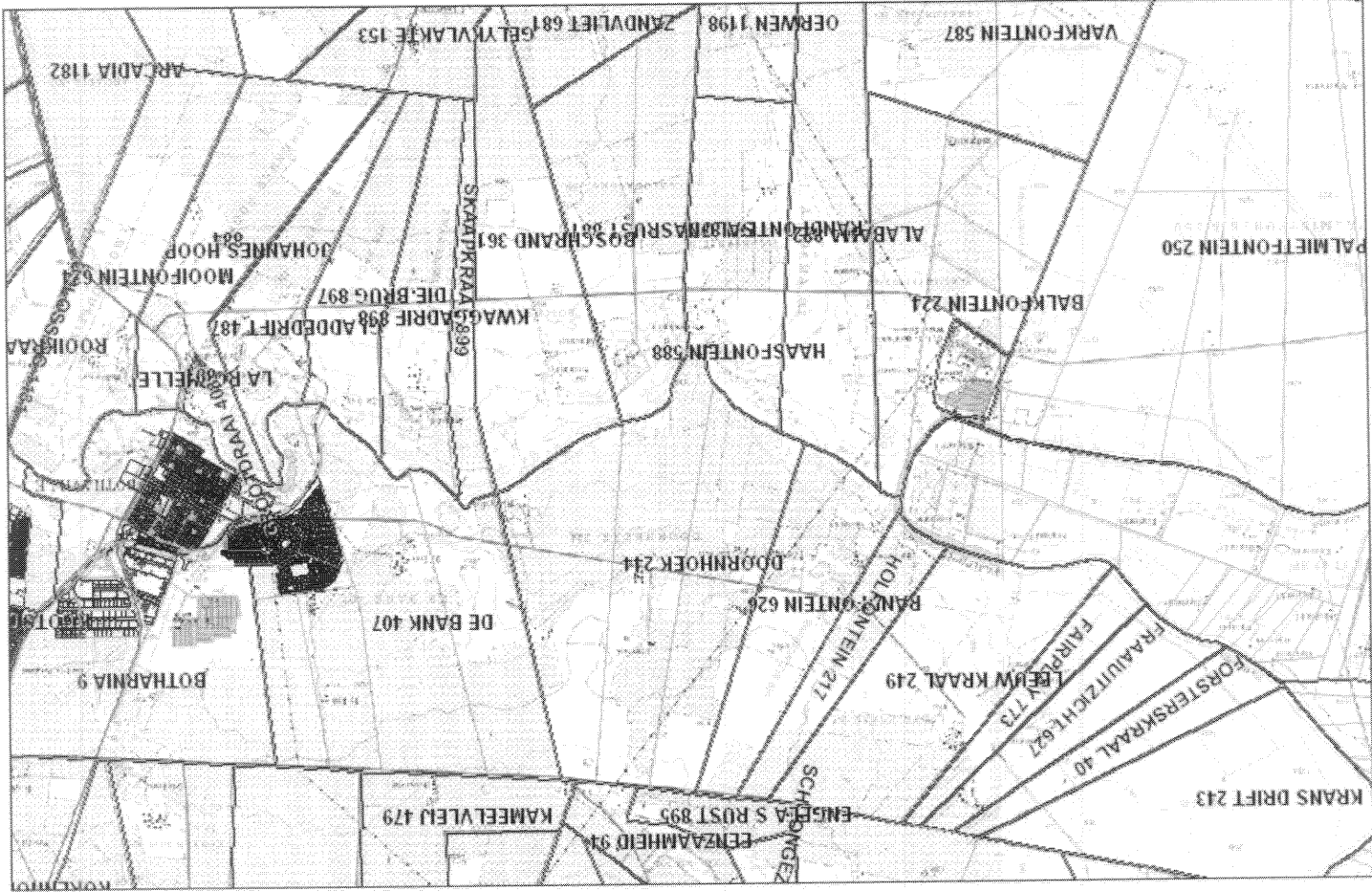
**No. 4 Some of the handmade tombstones made out of wonder stone**



**No. 5 One of the oldest tombstones made of sandstone in the shape of a coffin**



**No. 6 Cemetery of the farm workers. Many of the graves are hardly recognizable.**



MAPS



