



AMAFA / HERITAGE KWAZULU-NATAL SURVEYING FORM

SURVEY OF: KwaSani Local Municipality		DATE RECORDED: September 2013	
PROPERTY NAME: Himeville Fort Museum STREET ADDRESS: 214 Arbuckle Street, Himeville			
GPS. CO-ORDINATES	29.74968 °	S	029.51228° E
		ERF NUMBER / FARM NUMBER: 36	
		ZONING Public Building	
		ARCHITECT / BUILDER	
		CONSTRUCTION DATE 1899	
		BUILDING STYLE Edwardian	
		BUILDING TYPE Museum	
DESCRIPTION: Single story sandstone building, enclosed with high loop-holed wall connecting the buildings, namely the prison cells and old shop. Timber frame sash cottage pane windows. Timber frame entry door with fanlight and added security gate. Veranda with timber posts. Plastered chimney with clay pot.		PRESENT USE Museum	
		OCCUPIED (yes / no) Yes	
		CONDITION (good / fair / poor / derelict) Good	
CONSTRUCTION: Sandstone block-wall with corrugated iron roof.			
ALTERATIONS (with dates): Security gate on front door. Centenary wall (2000). Plastered wall on back wall of main museum building. Added storage- and restrooms.			
SITE FEATURES: Located on main street. It has an enclosed courtyard with high loop-holed fort walls.			
HISTORY: The Fort was built as protection for local farmers. In 1902 it was converted into a prison and a gaoler's house was added. It was a refuge during the 1906 Bambata Rebellion.			
SOURCES / REFERENCES: Nagy D. et al. (1987) <i>The First 100 Years of the Underberg-Himeville District 1887-1987</i> . Underberg: The Historical & Museum Society.			
EVALUATION :(cross where relevant)			
Outstanding importance	X	Significant	
		Contributing	
		Irrelevant	
		Intrusive	
		Vacant / undeveloped	
SIGNIFICANCE (cross where relevant)			
ARCHITECTURAL / AESTHETIC		HISTORICAL	
Important example of a building type	X	Associated with historic person or group	
Important example of a style or period in history	X	Associated with historic event or activity	X
Fine details, workmanship or aesthetics		CULTURAL / POLITICAL / SOCIAL / EDUCATIONAL / RELIGIOUS / ECONOMIC	
Work of a major architect or builder		Associated with any of the above	X
ENVIRONMENTAL		Illustrative of an historical period	X
Landmark in village, town or city	X	SCIENTIFIC / TECHNICAL	
Contributes to character of street or square	X	Example of industrial, technical or engineering development	X
Contributes to character of a neighbourhood or area	X	Important to archaeology, palaeontology, geology or biology	
Part of an important group of buildings		New, rare or experimental building techniques	
MOTIVATION AND STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: It is the last structure of its kind erected in Natal. It was used during war-time and the fort indicates how they protected their towns at the turn of the 20 th century. It also showcases how people went about daily life, and the workings and services provided in the area. This is a listed provincial heritage site.			
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