



AMAFA / HERITAGE KWAZULU-NATAL SURVEYING FORM

SURVEY OF: KwaSani Local Municipality			DATE RECORDED: September 2013		
PROPERTY NAME: The Underberg Railway STREET ADDRESS: Old Main Road, Underberg					
GPS. CO-ORDINATES	29.79326°	S	029.49763°	E	
				ERF NUMBER / FARM NUMBER 5/17	
				ZONING	
				ARCHITECT / BUILDER Unknown	
				CONSTRUCTION DATE 1916	
				BUILDING STYLE Edwardian	
				BUILDING TYPE	
		PRESENT USE			
		OCCUPIED (yes / no)			
		CONDITION (good / fair / poor / derelict) Good			
DESCRIPTION: Single storey railway station. Corrugated iron gable roof, red face-brick walls, steel-frame side-sash windows and awning windows on the side, timber door, lean-to veranda supported by timber posts in the entrance, chimney.					
CONSTRUCTION: Red face-brick and plastered walls, corrugated iron roof					
ALTERATIONS (with dates): Painted roof and plastered walls, concrete paving.					
SITE FEATURES: Two train tracks run alongside the platform. Opposite the platform is a corrugated sheeting warehouse where a train track leads into. Along the train tracks is an old iron signal structure and a couple of white painted railroad switches.					
HISTORY: J.A. Vanderplank donated the land and the railway was built in Underberg, to great upset of the inhabitants of Himeville, the proclaimed village. This started the infamous Underberg-Himeville War; or rather feud that continued into the 1970's. The railway opened in 1916 and transported goods and travellers. The railway is currently not in use.					
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		Significant	X	Contributing	
				Irrelevant	
				Intrusive	
					Vacant / undeveloped
SIGNIFICANCE (cross where relevant)					
ARCHITECTURAL / AESTHETIC			HISTORICAL		
Important example of a building type			Associated with historic person or group		
Important example of a style or period in history			X Associated with historic event or activity		
Fine details, workmanship or aesthetics			CULTURAL / POLITICAL / SOCIAL / EDUCATIONAL / RELIGIOUS / ECONOMIC		
Work of a major architect or builder			Associated with any of the above		
ENVIRONMENTAL			X Illustrative of an historical period		
Landmark in village, town or city			SCIENTIFIC / TECHNICAL		
Contributes to character of street or square			X Example of industrial, technical or engineering development		
Contributes to character of a neighbourhood or area			Important to archaeology, palaeontology, geology or biology		
Part of an important group of buildings			X New, rare or experimental building techniques		
MOTIVATION AND STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:					
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