

<b>Archaeological Site Report</b>	<b>SiteNo</b>	9/2/409/0018
	<b>Site Name</b>	Bloukrans Battlefield, Farm Rama 929, Estcourt
	<b>Date</b>	District: Bloukrans Memorial
	<b>Project</b>	
	<b>CaseNID</b>	
	<b>Coords</b>	-28.850416, 29.842925
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Site Category: Monuments & Memorials

**Directions:**

From N3 take Colenso Ladysmith turn-off and head for Colenso. After about 7km turn right and go about

**SiteComments:**

Archive Import History: The Voortrekkers who suffered most during the night of Friday, 16th February, were those whose laagers stood at the Moordspruit and the Bloukrans River. The first to be attacked were the laagers of the Liebenbergs, the Rossouws and the Bezuidenhouts; next the Engelbrechts, Greylings and Bothmas fell victim to the attack. Many ghastly incidents took place there during that night of horror. The memory of these events lived on in succeeding generations. At the instigation of Gen. Piet Joubert of the Transvaal, the remains of the victims were exhumed from their scattered graves and re-interred in a communal grave on 16th December, 1895; the remains of Gert Maritz were also transferred from Maritzdam where he had been buried near Loskop on the Little Tugela. The reburial was a great and solemn ceremony, attended by a large crowd including old Voortrekkers like Marthinus Oosthuizen. The monument was erected in 1897.

Visual Description: About twelve km from Estcourt along the main road to Colenso, opposite Chieveley railway station, a farm road turns off to the north and after crossing the railway line and the Bloukrans River, reaches the Bloukrans Monument. Colours: Site Features: Bloukrans Monument commemorating Voortrekkers killed by Zulu impi in February 1838 Condition: Good Construction Date: erected in 1897 Materials: Catalogue: , No: , Significance Category:

Damage Types: