

DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 10 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Johannes Petrus van der Spuy, Minister of National Education, hereby declare the historic fort known as Post Retief, with 10 metres of surrounding land, situate in Fort Beaufort, to be a national monument.

Description

The historic fort known as Post Retief, with 10 metres of surrounding land, situate on a certain piece of quitrent land called Post Retief, in the Division of Fort Beaufort, and measuring as such one thousand five hundred and twenty-eight (1 528) morgen.

Deed of Transfer 20651/1960 (paragraph 3. p. 6), dated 28.12.1960.

Historical and architectural interest

Post Retief was designed by Major C. Selwyn and built in 1836 to protect the Winterberg District. The farm on which this fort is situated originally belonged to the Voortrekker leader Piet Retief and sections of the old walls of the Retief home are included in the fort.

The buildings of this fort form an important historical and architectural group which depicts the military history of South Africa. (10/2/425.)

J. P. VAN DER SPUY, Minister of National Education.