

**WAR GRAVES AND NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT,
No. 28 OF 1969****DECLARATION OF THE PROPERTY INCLUSIVE OF
THE KAFFRARIAN MUSEUM COMPLEX THEREON,
CONSISTING OF THE OLD MUSEUM BUILDING AND
THE DAINES BUILDING (OLD PUBLIC LIBRARY),
SITUATED ON THE CORNER OF ALEXANDRA AND
ALBERT ROADS, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 10 (1) of the War Graves and National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Gerrit van Niekerk Viljoen, Minister of National Education, hereby declare the property inclusive of the Kaffrarian Museum Complex thereon consisting of the Old Museum Building and the Daines Building (Old Public Library), situated on the corner of Alexandra and Albert Roads, King William's Town, to be a national monument.

Description

The property inclusive of the Kaffrarian Museum Complex, thereon consisting of the Old Museum Building and the Daines Building, situated on certain piece of partly freehold land and partly land, being Erf 3363, King William's Town, in the Municipality of the Borough of King William's Town, in the Division of King William's Town, in extent two thousand nine hundred and forty-six (2 946) square metres.

Certificate of Consolidated Title 102/1972, dated 24 January 1972.

Historical and architectural interest

The Kaffrarian Museum originated from the Natural History Society, which was founded in King William's Town in 1884. The original museum building, which was designed by the architect P. E. Treeby of Johannesburg and opened by Mrs James Weir on 5 October 1898, was extended in 1953 and linked to the Daines Building in 1974. This building, originally erected as a public library thanks to the efforts of Thomas Daines, a pharmacist at Grey Hospital, was designed by the architect S. Stent and opened on 23 July 1877.

These two late-Victorian buildings, which have been combined to form the Kaffrarian Museum Complex, reflect Classical and Neo-Gothic elements. The museum itself is also well-known for its magnificent mammal collection, the largest of its kind in South Africa. 10/2/1111.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN, Minister of National Education.