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SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

DECLARATION OF THE GRAVE OF ADAM KOK III, KOKSTAD KWAZULU NATAL AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE SITE

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), in terms of section 27 (5) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999), SAHRA hereby declares the grave of Adam Kok III, situated on Erf 347, Kokstad, KwaZulu Natal as a National Heritage Site.

Statement of Significance

"The grave of Adam Kok III is testament to the determination of the Griqua Nation's resilience to colonial expansion. His reign, as leader of the Griqua nation, faced an increasing Boer presence in the territory under his control. He made several efforts to confront the rising threat to his rule including appealing to the Governor of the Cape Colony, leasing land, and entering into numerous treaties. When the Boer incursion became untenable, Adam Kok III migrated southeast across the Drakensberg Mountains, to an area that was mainly populated by Xhosa speakers, where he formed a small politically dominant minority and established the territory of Griqualand East with Kokstad (named in honour of Adam Kok III) as its capital. Once settled, Adam Kok III succeeded in establishing a self-governing territory with a Griqua government that raised its own revenue through taxes, traded licenses, and fines; and in 1867 printed its own currency, backed by livestock and grain. Adam Kok III was a well-loved Griqua leader who defended his dynasty against colonial encroachment in the central western regions of South Africa.¹ In the 1980s sections of Griqualand East were incorporated into the "homelands" of Transkei and in 1994, after South Africa's first democratic election it became part of the Sisonke District Municipality (now the Harry Gwala District Municipality) of KwaZulu Natal"

Schedule

The demarcation of the sites is as follows:

Site Name	Erf No / Farm	Province	Nearest Town	Municipality		Survey Diagram	Deed
				Local	District		
The grave of Adam Kok III	Erf 347	KwaZulu Natal	Kokstad	Greater Kokstad Local Municipality	Harry Gwala District Municipality	67/1912	1500

¹ Adam Kok III <https://www.longmarchtofreedom.co.za/BronzeStatues/Statue/618aa9f1faf6d2fddee410cc> Online, Available at www.longmarchtofreedom.co.za [Accessed 20 June 2023]

Coordinates:

Site Name	Point	Latitude	Longitude
Grave of Adam Kok III	A	-30,550897	29,425165
	B	-30,550822	29,425122
	C	-30,550767	29,425245
	D	-30,550844	29,425294



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