Haarlem is situated approximately 60 kilometres from Uniondale, on the road to the Langkloof. The area was originally laid out as a White township in 1856 by JC Taute. The first missionary was Friederich Prietsch, who came from Anhalt in Germany and supported by the Schmidt fund, hence the original name of the mission station: Anhalt-Schmidt. The Berlin Missionary Society took transfer in 1860, but the village had already been named Haarlem, after the city 19 km west of Amsterdam in Holland. Board area proclaimed by Proclamations No. 112 of 1963 and No 103 of 1980.