Rietpoort is situated approximately 100 kilometres north of Vredendal, past Bitterfontein. Rietpoort consists of three farms, Stofkraal, Lepefontein and Rietpoort. The land was given to Johannes Frederik Ouwies and his descendants on 04 February 1852 by Crown Grant. During May 1913, local history has it that Father Cornelius van’t Westeinde of the Roman Catholic Missionary Society was the first Missionary to visit the area and settle there permanently. He first lived in a cave close to water, that served as school and church. There is, however evidence that Genl. Louis Botha, after an investigation, confirmed in writing that the Dutch Reformed Church was the first missionary there. However, both stayed on and today, the majority of inhabitants belong to the Roman Catholic Church. Board area proclaimed by Proclamation No 232 of 1959. The Mission Council initially administered the town, until this was taken over by the relevant Department in the Administration House of Representatives, in terms of the applicable legislation.