

FURTHER INFORMATION

Architect: Mr Gerard Moerdijk

Builder: Mr Cornelius Pretorius of the firm Firma Du Plessis, Bloemfontein.

Sculptors: Peter Kirchoff, Frikkie Kruger, Laurika Postma, Hennie Potgieter, Ernst Uilman and Anton van Wouw.

Material and execution

Gate: Iron.

Laager wall: Terrazo work (mixture of pieces of marble and cement). Designed by Moerdijk. Clay model by Frikkie Kruger. Cast by the firm Lupini.

Woman and children : Bronze. Designed and executed by Anton van Wouw. Cast by the firm Vignali in Pretoria.

Balck wildebeest: Granite. Plaster models by Ernst Ullman. Carved by the firm Sinclair.

Corner figures: Granite. Designed by Frikkie Kruger, Carved by the firm Sinclair.

Buffalo head: Granite. Designed and carved by Hennie Potgieter.

Historical frieze: Italian marble. Clay and full size plaster models by Peter Kirshoff, Frikkie Kruger, Laurika Postma and Hennie Potgieter. Carved by Italian stone masons in the studios of Prof. Romano Romanelli. Hennie Potgieter and Laurika Posthuma stayed in Italy for a year to supervise the carving.

Cenotaph: Granite. Executed by the Mr Cornelius Pretorius.

Niche: Granite. Executed by the firm Marble Lime.

Floors: Marble. Cut by the firm Marble Lime.

Windows: Belgian glass. Installed by Mr P.C.L. Smit.

Doors: Teak.

Dimensions and mass:

Wagon laager: 64 wagon, 4,6 x 2,7 metres high.

Monument

Hight: 41 metres

External dimensions: 40.5 x 40.5 metres

Hall of Heroes: 25 x 25 metres

Cenotaph Hall: 34.5 x 34.5 metres

Concrete in the foundation: 18 288 300 kg

Frieze:

92 metres x 2,3 metres. It is the largest existing marble frieze in the world.

Mass: 180 metric tons.

Cost

Total cost of the Monument: R719 202

Total cost of the frieze: R120 000

Dates

Duration of the building process: 1937 – 1938 en 1940 – 1949

Work on the frieze: 1942 – 1946 models in South Africa. End 1947 and 1948 carving in Italy.

Laying of foundation stone: 16 Desember 1938

Inauguration: 16 Desember 1949