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What does Jan Smuts, Anglo Boer War heroin, Emily Hobhouse, and an Italian contessa have in comm



Magnolia leaves and flowers

In his new book, 'Wonderful Trees of Pretoria', Eric Bolsmann writes that the tree was planted by J

Emily had a lively correspondence with Jan Smuts. In a letter dated 29 October 1911, she referred



The magnolia tree at Smuts House Museum

“It is the Magnolia Grandiflora – my favourite of them – and I feel sure it would do well in Pretoria and if



Palazzo Capponi in Florence

A plaque at the magnolia tree states, “The seed from which this magnolia tree grew was sent in 19

This information is repeated on a plaque at the Place of Quiet, erected by the Pretoria Metropolitan

‘Wonderful Trees of Pretoria’ will be available from 1 April.



An undated portrait of Emily Hobhouse
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