

DEATH OF MRS W DOWSON

The Museum was recently informed of the death of Mrs W Dowson at the age of 97 years in the Mooihawe Home, Bloemfontein. Mrs Dowson – who formerly was a Miss du Toit – was the first lady ever to be appointed a staff member of the National Museum.

Mr M Levisour, Honorary Secretary of the Orange Free State Museum notified Miss du Toit of her appointment as “assistant to the Superintendent” on 22 December 1914. She assumed her duties on the first Monday in January 1915. In the Minutes of a meeting of the Museum Committee on 12 February 1915 it was minuted that: “The Committee . . . have chosen Miss du Toit as assistant in the Museum out of 29 applicants; she has given so far satisfaction.”

Miss du Toit left the Museum on 30 November 1915 and in 1916 married a Mr Chapman Dowson.

The Council, Director and staff of the National Museum herewith wish to convey their sincerest sympathy to her family and friends, with their sad bereavement.



Die Museum help met die vervaardiging van 'n hulpmiddel vir opieiding in die SAW. Hierdie buitebande is by die Museum gegiet en soos die gevegsvoertuig is dit dertien keer kleiner as die werklike