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Mrs. C. J. Stead,
Director,
The Kaffrarian Museum,
King William's Town.

Dear Mrs. Stead,

In reply to your letter I'm afraid I can't help you very much. I have just returned from a trip overseas and all my notes and references are in packing cases in Grahamstown.

Speaking purely from memory I think I obtained most of my information about Graham's tree from Cory's "Souvenirs and his Rise of South Africa". I think Sheffield also refers to the matter. It would be interesting to know whether Mrs. Snyman has any evidence for her belief that it was a Kafirboom. In my opinion her idea is extremely improbable.

Quite apart from any other considerations the early Dutch pioneers in the Eastern Cape were far too busy trying to keep alive to worry about planting ornamental trees around their

primitive homesteads. I can hardly imagine Lucas Meyer, in the isolated position in which he found himself, doing anything of this kind.

I have now retired from the teaching profession and will probably be settling down in Grahamstown or East London.

This week I received a letter from Mrs. F. McCallum of Bulawayo, who had just finished reading "The Valiant But Once". She tells me that she is a great granddaughter of John Brownlee and that she hopes to be able to write the history of the Brownlee family. This should prove of particular interest to King William's Town.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

F.C. Mettrich.