

SOGA, JOTELLO FESTIRI (1865, Transkei, South Africa – December 6, 1906, East London, South Africa). *Veterinarian*. Son of Rev. Tiyo Soga and Janet Soga (née Burnside). Married Catherine Watson Chalmers, 1892.

EDUCATION : Royal (Dick) Veterinary College : 1886, graduated MRCVS.

CAREER : Practised veterinary medicine : 1886 – 1889, Cape Colony; colonial junior veterinarian, Cape Colony : 1889 – 1894; district veterinarian, Cape Colony : 1894 – 1895; assistant veterinary surgeon, Cape Colony, 1896 – 1899; practised veterinary medicine and farm supervisor, Cape Colony: 1899 – 1906.

CONTRIBUTIONS : First South African born citizen to qualify as veterinary surgeon; with Hutcheon a major role-player in combating rinderpest in Cape Colony and Bechuanaland Protectorate; proved that krimpsiekte (nenta) of sheep and goats is caused by the plant *Tylecodon ventricosus*; investigated medicinal properties of South African plants in pioneering studies with Professor A Smith; involved in early vaccination campaign against contagious bovine pleuropneumonia in Cape Colony; founder member of Cape of Good Hope Veterinary Medical Society; particularly noteworthy was that he managed to achieve despite having to work in an official and social racist environment.

HOMAGES AND DISTINCTIONS : Commended by British High Commissioner, Lord Alfred Milner, for special services in Bechuanaland Protectorate to combat rinderpest.

WRITINGS : No published reference available; Disease “nenta” in goats. *Agricultural Journal of the Cape of Good Hope* (1891), 140 – 142; Rinderpest. *Agricultural Journal of the Cape of Good Hope* (1892), 287 – 288; Inoculation for lung-sickness. *Agricultural Journal of the Cape of Good Hope* (1895), 295 – 296; Stamping out rinderpest. *Agricultural Journal of the Cape of Good Hope* (1896), 647 – 648.

REFERENCES / OBITUARIES : None

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