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The Wits Alumni office received this collection from Wits alumnus Michael Sutherland in 2013, and deposited it at the Historical Papers Research Archive. It contains various published items, as well as a news clip with the obituary for William Sutherland, a stalwart in the South African Labour Party, who resided in Matatiele, East Griqualand (n.d.).

Michael Sutherland also submitted a framed original photograph of the first graduation at Wits University in 1922, which is now housed at the Wits Alumni office. The photograph depicts Jan Hofmeyr, Sir William Dalrymple, HJ Hofmeyr, Jan Smuts, Prince Arthur of Connaught, Sir Robert Kotze and Dr Theodore Reunert.

COLLECTION

1a-b "The truth about the Municipal crisis" by WM Sutherland, Mayor, 23 March 1914
English and Dutch version, very fragile, damaged by sellotaping

2 "The story of a crime being the vindication of the Transvaal Strike Legal Defence Committee in connection with the Great Strike on the Witwatersrand in 1922", 28th May 1924

Brochure which was published and sold for the benefit of the Strike Victims Dependents Relief Fund, by the Committee, 54 pages, fragile
Included in the publication is the print of a photograph of General Jan Smuts at the age of 29, with a note that the authenticity of the portrait has been questioned. Further included a sketch by Jim Edwards, entitled 'Killed at Benoni, March 1922, and listing the victims.

3 "Land of the Primitive: East Griqualand and the Transkei (Union of South Africa)", 1937
Brochure published by the South African Railways and the Kokstad and District Publicity Association, 24 pages, severely damaged by moisture with pages stuck together

4 "Municipality of Matatiele, East Griqualand, 12 February 1952
Brochure published for the Jan Van Riebeeck Tercentenary celebrations, 16 pages