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In this early photo of the cycad collection above the Dell, note the dense poplar grove on the slopes and Silver Trees on the ridge in the background.
(Elliot Collection, National Archives)



1914 Cycad amphitheatre planted with over 200 plants of 13 species and paths cut and banks planted with hardy ferns.



1915 Cycad collection greatly increased through co-operation of the Union Forestry Department.



The development of Kirstenbosch began in 1913 with the cycad amphitheatre, in the heart of the Garden.

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1913 Nursery site selected near Bath Stream and part of it terraced and a workshed erected.



Dell shed built by Garden staff.



Henry Harold Welch Pearson, founder of Kirstenbosch, died on 3rd November 1916 at the age of 46, exhausted from over-work, and ultimately from pneumonia following a minor operation. Fittingly, he was buried on a rise overlooking his beloved cycad collection, and his grave is backed by an enormous Moroccan Atlas cedar, sent to Kirstenbosch from his colleagues at Kew.



Original Director's house.

