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Smith, Wilhelmena

(1886 - 1975)

Born	18860101, Australia
Died	19750624, Herberton Queensland Australia
Occupation	Jockey, Sportswoman

Summary

Bill' Smith was a successful North Queensland jockey in the early 1900s. Viewed as small in statue and eccentric in behaviour, it was not until his death in 1975 that it was discovered that 'Bill' Smith was actually a woman, thus making her Australia's first female jockey.

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