

DATE : 21.6.1970 (Q)

INFORMANT : (1) ? LUKHELE  
REGIMENT: MAGAVENU  
HEARD FROM: FOREFATHERS OF NYATSI, NDLAVELE REG.  
(2) NGOTA NKAMBULE  
REGIMENT: LONDOLOZI  
HEARD FROM : FATHER.

AREA : PHUNGA

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Magalela was going with Sonyezane. He held the medicine which was used as a wand with which the warriors were poked as they went into the fortress. This was Magalela Maphalala. They killed and brought back cattle to the king as their spoil.

The lineage of Lukhele kings:-

Tigodvo

Mongo

Nhlangotsi

Dambuza

Mabhoko

Myanga

Mentiwa

Velaphi - recently died - his son is not yet installed - his brother rules as chief regent.

Tigodvo used to stay with the ancient Ngwane king, ~~Saka~~ Soyaka.

Dambuza was a valient war veteran. He fought side by side with Sonyezane. Dambuza became chief induna when the king brought his wife to preside at Ngobelweni and this village was then the king's village. Magalela was their war herbalist who used to protect them by his medicine.

Mabhoko - he was also a war veteran of Mswati.

Lukhele surname and its sub-surnames:-

Lukhele - Mdluli- Nabonkhosi - Mhlathewezihulu Qomazitha wakngwane.

A Lukhele maiden was married to Somhlolo and bore a girl by the name of Ncubunjwane, who was married at Lubombo. She was Dambuza's sister.

The Mdluli and Lukhele do not intermarry as they seem to be closely ~~rela~~ related.

The last Zulu raid killed Dambuza and Sonyezane. In fact Dambuza died in the Lubuya skirmishes. In the actual ~~Lubuya~~ Lubuya battle died prince Gobizembe of Ndlovu at Melashwa's place. During that ~~ix~~ time it was the reign of Somhlolo in Swaziland and Shaka in Zululand.

The Lukhele neighbours are Ludzibi Mamba at Mboke; Makhivane Mnkofi; Mgubudle, Melashwa, Manana, Simelane Simelane. In fact we were the first to come here. The Manana ~~skxxx~~ and Gwebu clans were captured by Songezane and he incorporated them into his subjects. The king favoured that and warned him not to kill them.

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In fact we were Somhlolo's heralds in his joureny from the south to the north. So we went ahead paving his way by driving off the Sotho that we found.

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