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A.T.B. 415. [Situated in the most inaccessible part ("kwa Manzipambana") of the most inaccessible part of Zululand (enKandla). Msikiloza moved there after attack by a Zulu band in Shaka's time, but there was no particular campaign against them] "– they simply submitted . . . about the year 1821-22.

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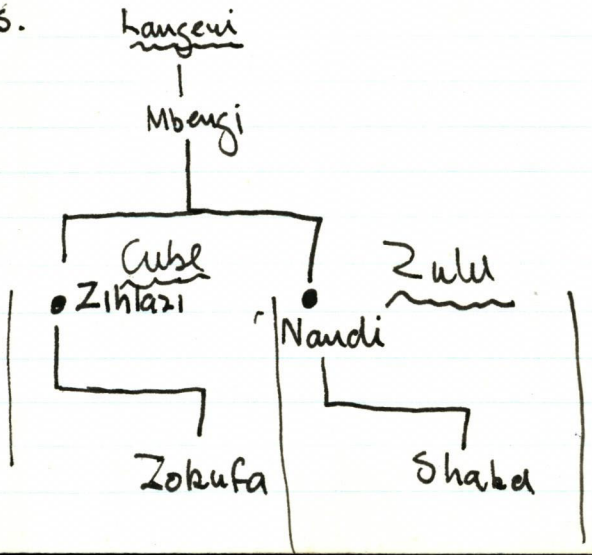

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Zobufa. — "Uptubeni" 71.

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Siganauda (d. 1906)

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Ndabanungi — Mjadu (d 1920

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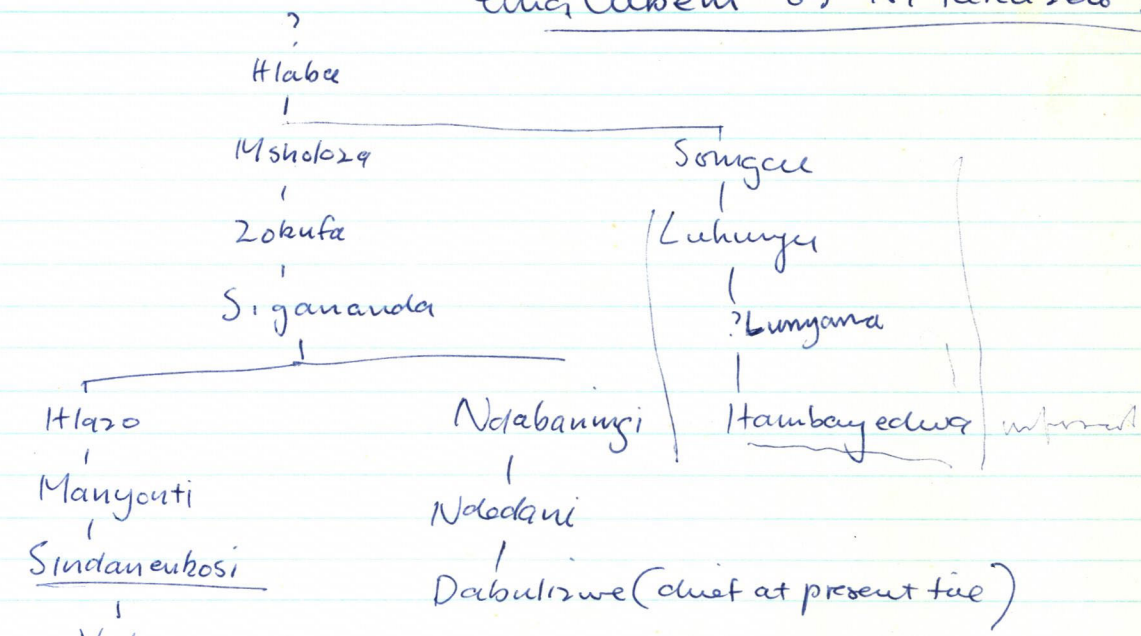
Moledane (now chief)

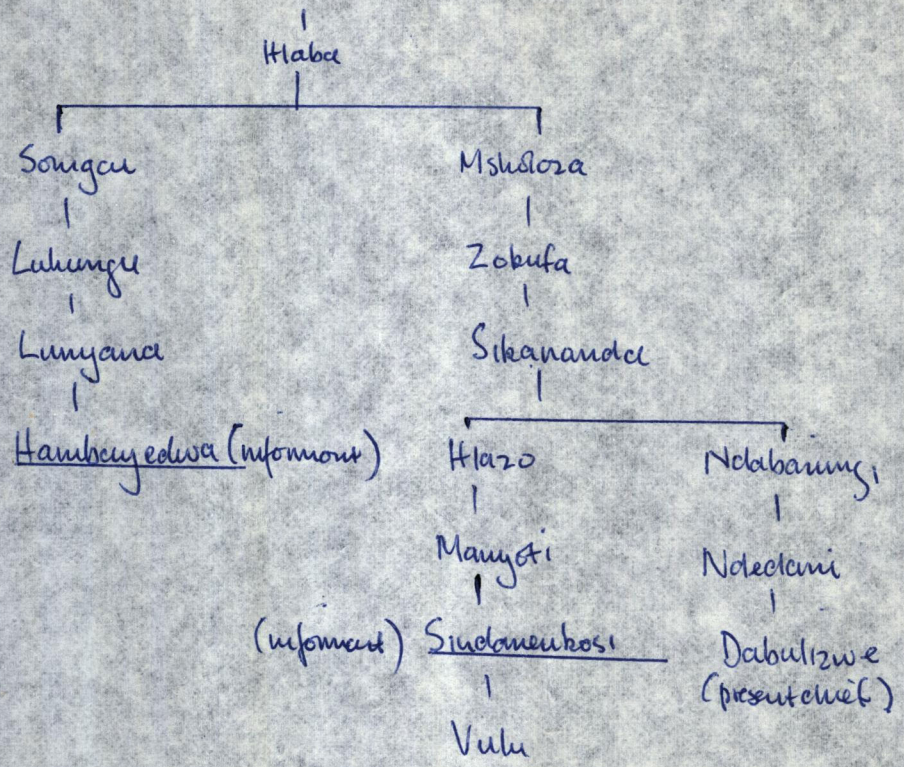
Info 12/4/70 from Sindanenkosi Shezi

Note. All informants give Shezi as Isibongo of emaCubeni as in Takazelo.

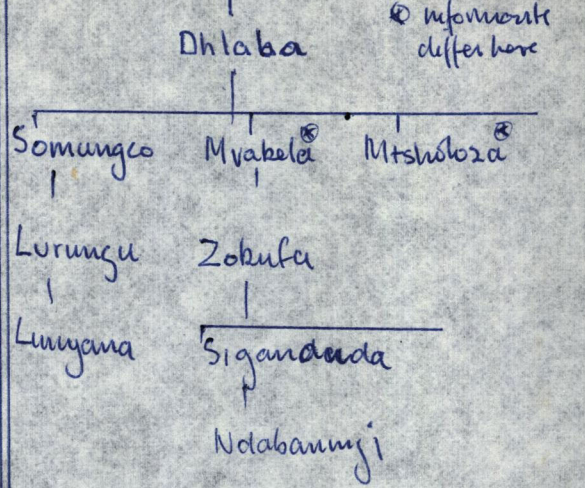


Genealogies of Shezi people (frequently known as Cube)

Collected Nkandla 12/4/70



James Stuart.
(back 8 generations to Shezi)



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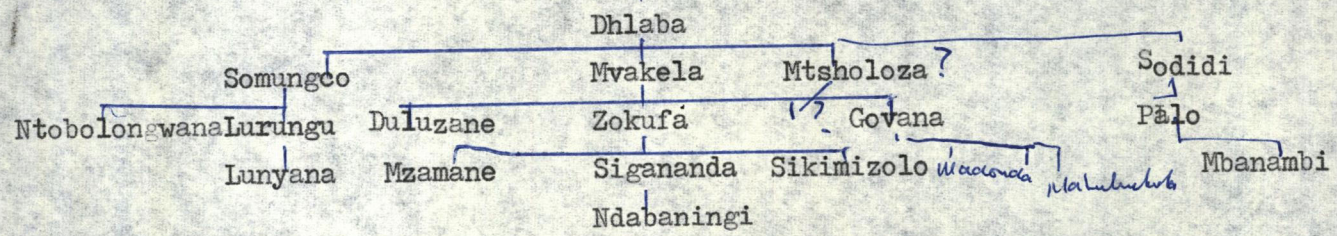

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Papers andArticiles

Mageza ka Mkontshwana ch. Mjadu kaSigananda 21/2/09

Mjadu elamas Ndbaningi. He is a kehla of Ndhluyengwe regiment He lives at Ntingwe, Eliase's store. I grew up in ciixxx vicinity of the Mome. I ca e there from Kwamagwaza where I was born. I came before I could alusa I am of the Mavalana regiment. I wasborn about 1888... Cetshwayo once took refuge at Mome, after Ulundi impi. On arriving he took refuge in a fine set of caves on the immediate sight of the waterfull. When nothing was on, no dagner, eh would go and stay at the inxiwa of Siganandа's Enhlweni kraal. Frm that point to the caves the distance is about a mile and threequrters of that distance there was a kind of 'causeway' or inclessed path, made with branches and leaves, in this form ∩ high enough for one to walk if slightly beinding the neck. One stil lfinds marks of axes in the trees indicating where this path was. One thingabout the path was that it pruposely did not lead to the caves, it led to a deirection amost opposite to them It led to the river above the fallys where it suddenly stooped giving appearance that the peson travelling that way inteded goingright on to the forests beyond, whereas there was a secret apth, carefully concealed leading to the left back to the right of waterfaull (lookingat it from mouth of mome vaeley) and then to the caves. The caves are l rge and roomy ; a num er of them. I have visted same. Zimbila stay there now. there is an isitunzi about the palce, because of its having been the king's hding place. The zinduna are said to have lived below the fall, where some small amdhlangala were year before last.

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/ ives deta ls of the ghosts which haunt the Mome valley. /

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Usikananda Umkulutyane Amacubi

ATB 415

ZA79 Father: Sokufa. Age:80. Residence: Sokufa's district.
Remarks: Chief son of Sokufa. Has been a refugee in Natal and a policeman. Returned 8 years ago and favourable to whites.(?)

ATB 415. "The only Cube chief whose name has entered at all into history, was Siganandа, son of Zokufa (or Zwekufa), of Msholoza, of Dlaba. Though tribal independence had come to an end with the supremacy of Shaka, Siganandа, nevertheless, enjoyed a long and peaceful term, through the reigns of Mpande & Cetshwayo, as tribal head". [He received Cetshwayo when he had fled and made him safe] "in the tribal stronghold of Manzipambana, with a bodyguard of his own Nkonto-mopondo lads (July 1883)." [In Feb 1883 he received his body and buried at a headman's kraal Lubungu.]

Colenso Dep. 24.5.80. Usuthu made Dunn

Uluhungu Isixepi Amacubo

ZA79 Father Sotobi. Age:70. Residence: West side of the Nkandhla, on the Nsuzi River, in Sokufa's district.. Remarks: Second in command of the Isixepi Regt. Has a few men under Sokufa.

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Comparitive Genealogies of the Shezi or Cube people.

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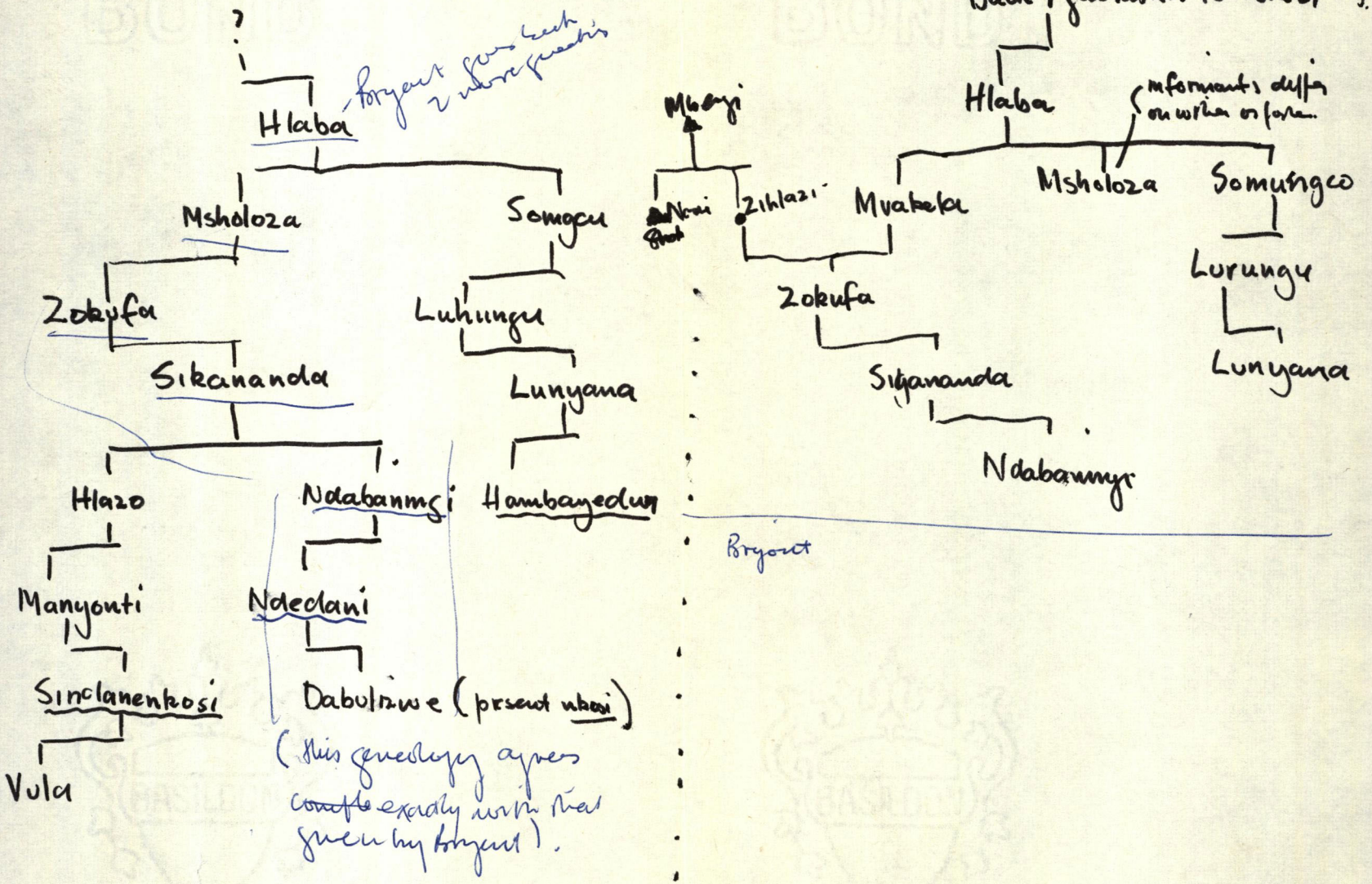

Sokufa Umlanbongwana Amacubi
AT.B.

ZA79 Father: Sotobi. Age 95 Residence: Principal kraal south of the wagon road to the Empandhlani on the west bank of the umhlatusi. Remarks: Is a very old man . Has about 1000 men. The Amacubi tribe has never been conquered by the Zulus.
ATB. 416. Fathers son.
Geog place

Sikanandce

C4274 / 44 B-D 25/11/84

[Has heard from Res that S. has quarrelled with Ndakuko over
cattle taken from Zimbabwe

"Siganandа"

Essays on Surrender Gr S 43·2.

Atma mahima of Dinu Sr S 115 (old)

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Mfanawemahlozi, ka Lukungu

Cuba

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Umzamana bro. of Sikanonda,

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Goes placed

Sokufa

OC [redacted]

Failure to surrender 7-10-79 (17973) 179/130 SoS 74

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Sokufa

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Titimbili (C3864)

Zibhobhu - Surrender. 2.
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