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INFORMANTS : (1) SIPHIKOLELI DLAMINI
REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI
HEARD FROM: OLD PEOPLE & HIS FATHER, MAVELA (MGADLELA REG.)
(2) MBIZIZIKHEWU DLAMINI
REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI
HEARD FROM: MAVELA, HIS FATHER.

AREA :

We originated from the King Mswati at Nkhanini village of the king. We then came here during the reign of Mbandzeni, who brought our first chief Mavela, who died in 1918. He was a prince. Mavela arrived here and stayed at Mhabula's village. Hlaba, one of the Maseko~~xx~~ clan chiefs, was once set to watch for Mbilini's raids. Mbidanzex was one of them, and so was Mashobeni. The person at Mlindzawe area was Malinga, and at Mashobeni was Mdluli. At Mlindazwe was Mhlaba Motsa. When we first came here we found Mgwazi~~id~~lili Dladla, who was looking after the King's cattle range. Mhlaba was the chief of the area. People were also sent from Bhahwini to look after the king's cattle. The Dladla clan was assigned to the cattle range of the king - the cattle were grazing in that area. Later the Dladla clan who were her when Mhlaba came to seize control, ran away, so Mhlaba took hold of the cattle and put them in his Mahashini village to preserve them.

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The Bhadzani people were the royal people who came from the king's village. The Dwalile people were under Sijama. At Dwalile the full name of which is Ndlovumdwalile, was a grazing place of the huge elephant which used to proudly ~~roam~~ roam around the hill, and people observed and noted how proud the elephant was - hence the name "Ndlovidwalile", the proud elephant. Mavela did go to war - such as when the English fought the Boers. He was once sent there.

The Ndlela people are some of our people who are shut in on that side of the border. In fact their origin cannot readily be traced because they were there during the days of Mavela, a king's son.
