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INFORMANT : CHIEF NGCOBOBO GAMEDZE

REGIMENT: MASOTSHENI

AREA: VIKIZIJULA

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM : NGINDI, ~~MY~~FATHER.

We came from Singceni. We were of one man. Our king was Mandlenya. Then we separated homes until we were all chiefs. Our father was Shiba of Mandlenya. As we each grew up we separated and we became prominent men within the areas in which we settled.

.... we inherited from the Thabedze:-

Ludzaka
Shiba Gamedze
Mandlenya
Babili

Nhlangoti
Mavubulane
Vikizijula
Gamedze (present)

Vikizijula is a praise name obtained after undergoing serious quarrels with rivals.

Around this area we have these chiefs:-

Mandlabovu Fakude ; Mdlaka Gamedze; Mandlenya Gamedze; Ntengenyane Dlamini; Klebe Mdumezulu.

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The first prince to be brought here was Mnyafula during the days of Mswati. He had been expelled from the Royal village because he was 'cheeky'. Another one was Lasi who arrived during the days of Mahlokohla. Zondawake arrived during the days of Mehhwane. He established his home at Gogobelano. There was only Mngomfula, the chief being Mbuni, here at Gogobelana. He could not sleep at night. Birds troubled him until he offered a bullock to Maphungwane people who controlled the area.

~~Magojela~~
~~Maziyela~~ saw the arrival of another convoy of princes to settle here. Magojela was of Tichene regiment.

Tikhula arrived at Magojela's area at Mastsonjeni. The servant of Magojela was Maziya.

~~Being~~ When the convoy of princes of Lasi arrived in this area the chief was Mphundle. It happened just recently, long after the death of Mahlokohla. Even when the second group of princes arrived it was the days of Mphundle. The Magongo princes are even today under Magojela. The Maziya and Mahlalela never fought nor quarrelled. It seems as if there are Mahlalela remains at Shiselweni.

Towards the east is Mhawu Gamedze in Mocambique. The modern border fence encloses the Maziya area - an area as wide as a day long journey to the east i.e. as far as Majolo. That is as far east as the known soil extends. ~~At~~
~~xx~~ its end starts the sandy soil flats of Mocambique.

The Maphungwane people were well known for their war services. They helped King Mswati in such wars at Mshadze. Their chief at the time was Maliwa.

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The Maziya clan surnames:-

Maziya - Mqanqu- Myameli- Mtsimkhulu- NinaNaqeda uBembo ngeku klehletela.

QUESTION A

How did the Gamedze people of Madlenya people come to be here. Where were they from?

We originated from Lubuya. There came here Mlotshwa from Singeni. There came Ludzaba who bore Shiba, who begot Madlenya.

PRAISES OF MPHUNDLE

Thy brow is like that of Mashandzi loMaphilini
Days of death are numbered.
You proudly stabbed
For a man of Siheshe
You stabbed for Mafavuke of the Vilaws
You slaughter the cattle which never accepted
But why are those of Magida accepted.
Our heavy weight of Maphungwane
Which is too heavy for Maphungwane men
The solitary figure with no solicitors
Why did the elders have solicitors
Whose ways all lead to the villages.

MEHLWANA

The looming figure above mountains
The land for commoners settlement
Produce water for me oh spring, and let me drink.
For hither to I have drunk of iNkanakana
Our Mqanqo who entwined two ways
Even these to Madudu and thou to Thukela.
