

DATE: 15.5.70

INFORMANT : NDIYA MADONSELA

REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM : ~~XXX~~ MBABANE & MSHAFUTSE

AREA : (INTERVIEWED AT ESULWINI)

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QUESTION A

We know that you are cattle ranchers and that Mbabane ~~a~~ town is named after you. Can you tell us more about yourselves?

We came from Shiselweni with the king. Our ancestor died at Lubuya battle against the Zulu. Then we stayed with the king at Ludzidzini in Mswati's Royal homestead. Then came the days of Mshadza war. Our grandfather ~~f~~ got a praise name 'as one who beat guns'. He was crippled, so much so that even wives he was given by the king. Then the king assigned to us one cattle ranch which hitherto was under the supervision of Magotolwane Madonsela, who was expelled after the arrival of my grandfather. LaMasuku and LaVilakati went to establish his home known as ENgwembeni. He was given the king's cattle ranch to look after.

Later there arrived prince Soshangane who was also given a place at Mdzimba to settle. Thereafter, all the king's cattle around were brought here ~~x~~ to Mdzimba to my grandfather. Then later the cattle were sent back to their places. That is how we stayed here. Then later we were returned to Zombodze. We stayed as cattle ranchers of ~~the~~ the king, until the time of the town - the town was named after Mbabane, because the whites were submitting themselves under Mbabane. If I remember well there must be a stone (?) just below the ~~Roman~~ Roman Catholic Cathedral which has the inscription "Mbabane - Esulwini". Then ~~today~~ today I cannot tell where Magotolwane's descendents are. My father married Fazane, the sister of Mbabane, offered to him by the king. Fazane was married to Mdunge Shongwe who left Ludzidzini for Mjindini.

MM QUESTION B

What do you know about Cleopos Kunene?

Nothing.

QUESTION C

Do you know Mnkankoni?

Nothing of significance.

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