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REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI

AREA : LUDZAKENI AT LUCOLWENI

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM : GRANDFATHER

I will explain to you about my ancestors.

My great-grandfather belongs to the village of Liba of Ngwane village - the first one. The first one was Liba. It was during the days of Ngwane the king. They migrated from Ngwane rock (Atsheni LaNgwane) to settle at the porch of the mouse eSikhakleni religundwane. It was Liba who built there. Liba begot Bhekwane. Then after that he went across in search of cave fortresses in Swaziland because of wars. Then Bhukwane went across as far as Lucolweni, where he ~~begot~~ begot our forefathers. He begot Mzwakuba. Mzwakuba begot Nyatsi - the Nyatsi is ~~followed~~ followed by Ndlavele regiment. My father is born of the Ndlavele regiment man. These are brothers - one the elder and the other the younger, I myself am born and bred at Lucolweni. ~~At~~ At Liba of Ngwane at Ludzakeni the village was built just below a king's village - in fact the king's village had founded the Liba village - and the cattle kraal mud flowed into the Liba village, hence its name "eLudzakeni" - ~~ix~~ in the mud. Bhukwane had many children such as Mahagane; Mahagane begot Tfolo, Tfolo begot Mlotshwa, Mlotshwa begot ourselves. I am born of a brother to Mlotshwa. "Bhuda madoda onjengedoda" "A man dreams like a man"

Ungene ngeidlawane Mlangeni KaLobama

You have come in a grass bundle torch light at Lobamba, Mlangeni

Uyingebe bakushayile

You look limp - they have beaten you

Udumdumu Lwenhlavu zakumalinda

Thou art the 'boom,boom' of bullets of Malinda

Unhlavuzikhale kabi kwelase Ngudeni

Thou art bullets which badly cracked at Ngudzeni

Sijada esimagonda abomvu

You of red shins.

I cannot finish Liba because the same Liba ~~is~~ went as far as Singceni and as far south as Ngwane Rock, even as far across as Qembeni. The headquarters of all Liba's descendents is at Ludzakeni. This village was named Ludzakeni because of the king's village, at the time when the king migrated to Mdzimba. Then Silele was brought here to build, just above Bhukwane's ~~is~~ village, where they followed the manure of the cattle from the King's village to that of Bhukwane which was below. Then he shifted to the Mouse Porch. He was with Ndvungunye at the Mouse Porch. On our arrival here Somhlolo was at Zombodze.

Ngwane

His wife was LaMelusi. At the time the Ngwane village shifted from the Lubombo mountain down to near Lavumisa. Ngwane was already living as a boy. He was then taken and hidden at Godlwako, the place now called Ngwane Rock. He was hidden from the Tembe raids - the Tembe were pursuing the Swazi. Ngwane took kingship when the village was at Shiselweni, where he grew up.

QUESTION A

Do you remember any of Ngwane's sons?

JOSEPH DLAMINI cont...

Here are the sons of Ngwane:-

Ndvungunye, Somhlolo, Mswati, Mbandzeni, Mahlokohla, SobhuzaII.

The chieftainship of Bhukwane

To begin with Bhukwane was not the rightful chief at Liba. The rightful one was Vezi I. He was the elder - Bhukwane came after him in birth. Bhukwane was brought here to be a sentinel ~~xxx~~ against Zulu raids. Vezi was ~~a~~ not a strong man mentally. Consequently, our village has people of that nature and there are many. Then at the time the younger brother was brought here the elder was enlisted into the military forces to the battle of LaMgabhi, where he fell. Bhukwane survived him as chief of this area. ~~xxxxxxx~~
The main wife of Bhukwane was LaMqumbela. The genealogy is thus :-

Bhukwane

Tfolo

Mahangane

Nlotshwa

Vezi (recently died)

The Zulu impi used to molest us so much that ~~xxxx~~ most of the noble men died at the Mhlathazeni battlefield against the Zulu. That was during the wars of Shaka. The thing that tells ^{us} about the Shaka Zulu wars in Swaziland is a Shaka range which is face to face with Mbulungwane hill. It was at this range that Shaka used to rest during his attacks on Swaziland. It is said that there ~~xxx~~ ^{is an} accius tree under which he used to rest. In the same range ~~xxxx~~ is a big rock, which is also a sign of a Swazi warrior who fell in a battle against the Zulu.

It looks as if there were other clans such as Mjimulezi Shongwe who also fought wars against the Zulu- he also fought in Basuto wars. Perhaps here and there were bits of the Simelange clan. Mjimulezi's home was at Nzaneya in the Lucolo range. Together with Mjimulezi was Mahlasela Msibi, who also fought many wars. Neighbours ~~xxx~~ were english and boers. The Ciba people and us are one. Ciba is born together with Sonyezonem, who fell at Mhlathuzane. He is born of Ndvungunye.

Malambule - from eBhadeni to Chief Magububundu to Mbabala down to the bushveld at Mbilini, then across to eSihlahleni.

Mbilini of Mswati - he is my grandfather.

Prince Malunge of Nyakeni - was the brother of Somhlolo.

Ndvungunye - was together with Liba whose wife was LaMndzebele.

Mndzebele - they have their own area at Mhitisini.

Langeni - under the house of Bhukwane. One of them is at Lusitini village.

Mahagane's induna was Jubindaba Mziyake.
