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REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI
HEARD FROM:FATHER, MGUDWA
(3) NGOTI
REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI
HEARD FROM :

AREA :

ka-Manana

We are the natives of the Ngwane soil. We originated from the upper part of the Mkhonde River. Our forefather, who surrendered to the Swazi was Chief Kholwane. ~~Of~~ Of course we had kings prior to this. Then as Kholwane surrendered to the Swazi king he was given a chance to choose a good area in which to settle. So he chose the very Manana area of the stoney mountain. There he found the princes of Phunga, who were ~~x~~ the sub-chiefs of the area. They were the people who introduced him to the area and orientated him ~~and~~ and his people and showed him a piece of land to settle on. We are natives of this area. We originate from the upper reaches of the Mkhondo, where we had a village of Buseleni. We surrendered to Mswati, the king of the Swazi.

The genealogy of the Manana kings is thus :-
Ndzinisane - the first one who ruled us when we were at Shiselweni.
Kholwane - who ruled us when we arrived here.
Mafihlo - Kholwane's son.
Mafilalo
Mashila - his son
Mashila - begot the present chief.

Mswati in his exploration of the country found us ~~here~~ and made us surrender.

There has never been intermarriage between the Manana and the Ngwane clan (Dlamini).

We had to come and be introduced by the Phunga people in this place, because they were the first in the area and had been ruling this very place. Our migration from our first habitat was influenced by wars. When the Ngwane kings came exploring the very area as we were powerless we just surrendered. The other clans that I know of are the Nkambule clan, and at the ~~oh~~ other far end the Maseko people. At this place when we arrived there were no people as the Swazi could not settle on mountains. We managed because we were the remains of the Basuto people who had once inhabited the mountainous place. On the very mountains where we settled were ruins of the former Sotho villages or shelters.

The ~~Swazi~~ Swazi king (Mswati) started from Shiselweni and went as far as Hhohho, where he settled. Along his way he killed the few scattered Sotho clans and pushed the others ahead of him, whilst others surrendered - such as ourselves -, and others were captured. Then from Hhohho the Swazi king returned to Mdzimba.

I'm not sure if the Nkambule people were here on our arrival or not. In reality there was a village across the way, but it was burned and the people escaped to other places. Other natives of this area are the Gwabu clan. After we had surrendered we weredeemed full citizens of the Swazi kingdom - so that we could enjoy all the benefits of a citizen of that time. The first to surrender were the Hhanteleka people.

The Manana people were never promised indunas.

Besides the Nkambule people there came no other clan ~~before~~ before the Swazi.

MAPHOYISA MANANA.....

What we heard was that the Zulu once fought an unsuccessful war at Lubuya against the Swazi. But there had been no concessions in our country. It was once under the government and then it went back to the nation. Here amongst the Manana people was once a king's camp while he was on the way to thenorth.
