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INFORMANT : *Mphundle* MAZIYA *o vanus etc S*

REGIMENT:

AREA: MAPHUNGWANE

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We came from that side. We are Bushmen. We migrated to Sigulusomazimakazi, and then later returned to establish ourselves here at Maphungwane. We were Bushmen and short, but later we became taller than the normal Bushman. The Bushmen dominated us and so we came to settle here.\* At Mdumegulu we found a calving elephant. Some of our people remained there, x and then we went as far below as Mazimakazi, from whence we returned to Vokovoko. From Vokovoko we settled at Mjonela. From Mjonela we came to settle at Shololo.

The Ngwane - started from Tembe and migrated to below that side of the Lubombo. They went as far as Shiselweni where they found Sotho whom they fought i.e. at Mdzimba. But it was not so easy and so they came for allies from us at Maphungwane. With our combined forces we fought and conquered the Sotho. So the Swazi settled there as they are today. The evidence for this is that even today there are still Sotho objects at Mdzimba ~~xxxxx~~ mountains.

After that we returned to this place. The Mahlalelas we left where they are today; the Langa clan is ours and those of Lomasha. These clans are all ours: Maphungwane, Lomasha, Mahlalela and Langa. The Ngwane were inferior to us; we were x the superior. The Ngwane rose up because of rain-making, and we ~~xxxxx~~ remained the inferior.

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I am emphasizing the words of my father. Indeed we came from up there to Sigungu of Mazimakazi, from whence we returned to Lubombo. We first settled at Tshelane and then at Shololo.

QUESTION A

Where were you when you were still short?

We were where the Bushmen were - I do not know the place.

QUESTION B

How did you become tall?

I do not know.

QUESTION C

Why did the Maziya go to that hill?

It is where they originated. I do not know the name of the hill. I only know Mdumezulu, where we found the calving elephant. It was long before the Swazi migrated to Mdzimba. The Maziya found no people at Mdumezulu. There were no wars occurring during the journey of the Maziya.

At Mdumezulu, where we waited for the calving elephant and were x on the verge of death from starvation, we became separated. There were those who pushed on and those who remained behind for the elephant. The latter were christened Mahalela because of waiting. After eating the carcass of the newly born elephant calf the Mahlalela followed us, but when they came to us we no longer accepted them and drove them off as far as the

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Nkomazi River, next to Mawewe land. All this happened before the Swazi came to Mdzimba.

The Mngometfulo - were at Manyiseni. They are of Zulu origin.

Madolo and Tembe - they were at Delagoa Bay.

#### Maziya Genealogy

Mafu  
Maphungwane  
Jilobi  
Ngwegweni  
Nqobongo  
Butinba  
Sigwemyana  
Mazokololo  
Mandzindza  
Maliwa  
Mehlwana  
Ngubane  
Mphundle - present

When they were at Mdumezulu they were under the leadership of Mafu: on their arrival here Maphungwane was their leader: the driving of the Mahlalela to the Nkomzai was under Mlambo's leadership: when the Maziya and the Swazi began to know one another and to combine forces it was the leadership of Maliwa. They combined during the days of Ndvungunya. The Maziya and the Ngwane used to combine forces even when they fought the Madolo people.

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We were here and Ndzimandze of Ngwane had his home in the bushveld. The Ngwane came to kill Ndzimandze. Hence we felt that if they could kill Ndzimandze they could kill us. So we decided to ask for protection from the Swazi. Thenceforth we fell under the Ngwane, because we thought that under them we were secure.

That Ndzimandze was there in the bushveld, which extends as far as the Nkomazi River, long before the Swazi migrated from Shiselweni. He was our neighbour. The chief of the Ndzimandze at that time was Ngwenjama.

The Separation of the Langa Clan from the Maziya - It was during the chieftainship of Nqobongo when the leader of the Langa clan, Moyenjane, detached himself. The cause of the separation was the fact that hitherto they had contributed to the Maziya anything they got, such as when they killed a leopard they usually contributed the claws and the moustach which were the ~~precious~~ precious parts. At that time they sort of revolted and detached and went to the Bushveld. Their chiefs:- Mayenjane (Maliwa); Mbandzeni who had undergone circumcision and later fled to Gasa; Jozane was the first born who later returned to re-establish a new home in the ruins of Mbandzeni's home. Mbandzeni had fled when he heard there was an army approaching who were going to kill him. He never returned from Gasa, which is across Ngwenya River, past Komati Poort. He died there. Then ~~Jx~~ Jozane remained a chief. On his death Mantanta succeeded. Mantanta was then succeeded by Zwakumbane, who was followed by Mlimi, the present one.

One of the princes was Mnyafula whose home is at Lukhetseni.

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