

DATE : 22 June 1970.

INFORMANTS : (1) MABUNTANA MDLULI  
REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI  
HEARD FROM :  
(2) JOHN MCOSHWA ZULU  
REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI  
HEARD FROM :

AREA : HHOHHO

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#### Guguka Royal Place

Mswati built for his elderly wife, LaShelemba Nkambule, a home here. LaShelemba Nkambule begot Malamba. The place was to be Mswati's resting place on his way to Hhohho. When the white man came they expelled the descendants of LaShelemba Nkambule and Malamba. These people went to report to the Queen Regent, Gwamile. Gwamile said that they must move away from the land of the white men and go <sup>to</sup> the land of the Ndwandwe. Ngobe Kunene was made chief of Guguka by Mswati. Ngobe Kunene came from Mbekelweni at Langalibovu. Mabhala, a resident white man, spoiled this land and claimed that it was Europeans land.

When Mswati came to ~~the~~ Guguka the chief man of the area was Ndlaluhlaza. Mswati sent him across the Komati. The Ndwandwe ~~people~~ people were also expelled from this land. The land became known as Guguka.

#### Mswati - his wars and Hhohho Royal ~~homestead~~ Village

Mswati's induna was Mathsafeni. Mswati first built his homestead at Ludzudzini, then at Mjindini and from there he went to build the Hhohho Royal village. Mathsafeni was in charge of the King's army. Mbandzeni made Sihlelo and induna after Mathsafeni, and Sobhuza II made Mpopoli induna. Mpopoli's son is still a minor today. At Hhohho Mswati found the following clans: Malambe, Gwebu, Magagula and Nkambule. Hhohho was built as a resting place for Mswati whenever he was on his way to or from a war, or when he had not planned to attack anyone. Eludzudzini was built for the Incwala ceremony <sup>on</sup>. After the Incwala ceremony all regiments had to come to Hhohho to gather there for national meetings. The army was always sent out from Hhohho Royal ~~the~~ Village.

Mswati attacked the Shangane and also the people of Lusaba. Khambi was a contemporary of Mathsafeni. He ~~was~~ spied on people and told many tales to the king. In the end Mswati became tired of him and killed him for being an informer. Khambi was Mswati's greatest Incetu (one who looks after the king's food and belongings).

At the death of Mswati Mathsafeni sent out an army to capture cattle, but the warriors were defeated and many princes died in the battle. This was a great blunder. According to Swazi law and custom the army or soldiers are not sent out until the new king has been installed. The warriors were soon engaged in heated arguments amongst themselves, and they went into battle still divided. The Inyathsi regiment - Mswati's regiment - was completely destroyed.

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