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- INFORMANTS: (1) MBANE MSIBI  
REGIMENT : MLONDOLOZI  
HEARD FROM : ELDER BROTHER
- (2) MAMBOSEGO DLAMINI  
REGIMENT: MASOTSHENI  
HEARD FROM : FATHER
- (3) ~~MBSABANE~~ JOBE DLAMINI  
REGIMENT : BALONDOLOZI  
HEARD FROM ~~X~~ : FATHER
- (4) MGWENYA SIMELANE  
REGIMENT: MASOTSHENI  
HEARD FROM : FATHER

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AREA : STEYNSDORP

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The clans in this area are Mbokane, Madvonsela, Matsebula, Nkhosi. The first to come were the Msibi followed by Madvonsela and then Nkhosi. The Mkhonta came later.... The Gama people came first followed by the Madvonselax, during the days of Somhlolo.

QUESTION A

~~XXXXX~~ Are most of the clans here Sotho or Nguni?

Most of the clans are Basuto; some are Swazi.

The Msibi came and we the Dlamini followed.

Mswati sent <sup>Mbilini</sup> ~~Mbilini~~ to come and rule this area; he was a prince.

QUESTION B

Were the Msibi Swazi or?

They were Swazi already.

In fact this place was given to Mbilini to rule. Then later the king banished Mbilini because he was ambitious. He wanted to usurp the king. So he was banished and went for refuge to the Zulu. He often organised the raids against the Swazi.

...Mbilini was expelled after the death of Mswati.....

In fact the clans which inhabited the Mdzimba ranges were mixed with Mdebele and ~~Ma~~ Mabhoko people who fled in the face of the Swazi. They then moved to the Transvaal to the far north.