

DATE : 30.6.70

INFORMANT : (1) NGUDU SHONGWE
REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI
HEARD FROM : A MEMBER OF LONDOLOZI REG.
(2) EPHRAINE NSIBANDE (INDUNA)
REGIMENT : MASOTSHENI
HEARD FROM: KELEMU SHONGWE OF MCADLELA REG.
(3) NDLALAMBI SHONGWE
REGIMENT : LONDOLOZI
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HEARD FROM: GRANDFATHER OF NYATSI REG. AND FATHER, PHIKA
SHONGWE.

AREA : MNGAYE

This area in which we are today was given to Mngayi because he was a hero and so the king rewarded him with the area. Mngayi was from Hhohho and was a son of Matsambo. After Mngayi followed Sikhulu after whom came Hhabele, and then came the present one.

Mngayi was assigned by Mbandzeni to the area. To begin with Mngayi stayed as a warrior at the King's homestead. Then later he went to stay with Mandlenya and the king sent Luguba Dlamini of Mphumakuoze to instruct Mandlenya to allocate this area to him to stay in thereafter.

Then the village had to shift and cross the river. As they crossed the river, because it was in the days of war, Mngayi left a wristlet in the river. There was an army following them and it seems as if it was from the king. * On finding the wristlet of Mngayi they (the warriors) realised that Mngayi had crossed the river and so they no longer were eager to cross and follow him because they feared him. Then Mngayi settled on that side of the river, where he established his village. On the upper side was Luguba Dlamini as his neighbour. Mngayi was between Mandlenya and Luguba.

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We do not intermarry with Sikhondze, Gamedze, Madonsela, Ngqamphalala. The surrounding chiefs of the Shongwe are Mamba whom we found; Ngqamphalala, Amakazimbele; Gamedze found here; Mkhweli found here; Phunga if Dlamini; Nceka of Dlamini who came later. The Shongwe people found Gamedze.

The whites have taken part of the Shongwe area. Gadlaza took the area of Mvangati and Henwood (Londela). It remains uncertain: the first one had only asked to graze his cattle but later Henwood's son came and fenced the whole area, so much so that even the chief's village is inside. But the Shongwe know nothing about this. All this happened ~~without~~ without the knowledge of Shongwe. This happened during the days of Sohuza II.

Lineage : Mngayi
Sikhule
Maphilisa
Hhabela - the present one.

PRAISES OF MNGAYI

Nkome Zawela umanen zamphindelela
Cattle crossed twice.
Zathi Nazika Ngwane zamtheli nkolo ngwane esiphunde
Until when they were at the royal kraal they him on the knop.
Ufike kubeSutju wajlaba wafiku kaSoshangane wahlaba
You were valient both against the Shangane and the Sotho.
Uhlabela amakhosikhosi owkana
You fought for the entire kings.

Line three should read - Undlebe zimpece zikhawula entanyeni
Thy ears are so pendulous that they reach the neck.