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- INFORMANTS : (1) MPITHA DLAMINI
REGIMENT : MASOTSHENTI
HEARD FROM: OLD PEOPLE
- (2) GOMBOLO NKHOSI
REGIMENT : MASOTSHENTI
HEARD FROM : FATHER OF NGULUBENI 1971.
- (3) JOHN MHLABATSI (INDUNA)
REGIMENT : MALUNDANE
HEARD FROM: GRANDFATHER, LOGWAJA OF NDLAWELE REG.

AREA : MBELEBELENI

The Nkhosi people at Mbelebeleni stemmed from the Royal kraal at Shiselweni. King Somalolo sent out his wife Lamini and gave her this ~~xxx~~ share of Mbelebeleni as her share. Her first born son who was a chief was Mantinti I, followed by Mthenga; third was R Velebantfu; fourth was Mantinti II who recently died.

It was just a common thing that the king used to distribute land amongst his children and so this land was given in that manner. To start with, that is before we came here, the land was under Mnyamane an induna by the surname of Mhlobatsi. He was Mantinti's induna. We are not sure if there were any other clans, but as you may remember if a place is under an induna, who is not a Dlamini, and if at any time the king sends his child to that particular place the induna, no matter how great he is, falls under the royal blood.

The name of ~~the~~ the place is Mbelebeleni. It was the first Mantinti's village. When the king went up to Mdzimba Mantinti went up with him, but he returned to this place which had been already offered to him - as a share for his mother. In fact Mantinti never set foot ~~xxxx~~ alive in this area. The person who came here to rule was Mthonga, who was from that side of the border fence at Velezizweni. But Mantinti I was buried at Mbilaneni, then Mthonga came to this place. It was during the time of the return of the princes to Velezizweni that Mthonga was instructed to go back to his own area at the rock here at Mbelebeleni.

The Lubuya battle veterans are : Malokoma Guliwe, Ouda Shabalala, Zondwako Shongwe. Then it was the days of the Mshadza and Bulu wars. It was by the King's hand as allies of the English. It was during the days of Mthonga. He was also a brave man. Velebantfu was a chief during the days of King Mbandzeni.

Mnyamane - was the son of Malimane, who was sent by the king from Shiselweni to look after this land which was given as a share to Mantinti's mother Lamini for the king. Then at the death of Malimane Mnyamane remained at Mbelebeleni looking after the land. The queen arrived at the induna's village. But later the queen went to Velezizweni where she died.

Our neighbouring chiefs are :- Vezi (Mkhomanye); Mthangile who came after they had been long here; Mamba.