

Fig. 2. Champion's plan of Mgungundlovu. Rev George Champion

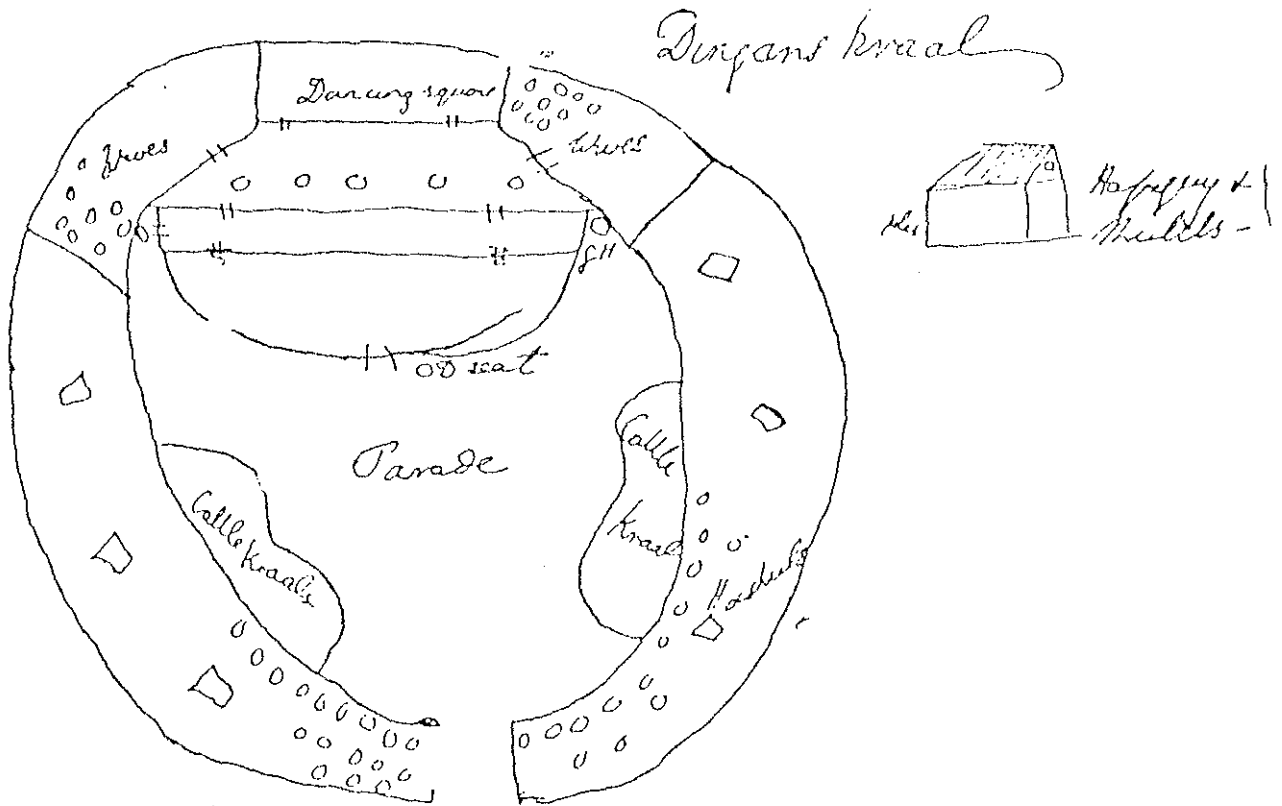


Fig 3. Smith's plan of Mgungundlovu.

CONTEMPORARY DESCRIPTIONS

During the first few years of occupation Dingane was visited by the traders Fynn (Stuart & McMalcolm 1969) and Isaacs (1970); both of them have left descriptions of their visits, though not including plans or drawings of the site. Dingane witnessed a build-up

of interest in his territory marked by the arrival at Mgungundlovu of missionaries from 1835 onwards, followed in 1837 by settlers interested in occupying part of his land. The missionaries Gardiner (1966), Champion (Booth 1967) and Owen (Cory 1926) left useful but fragmentary descriptions and drawings of