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INFORMANT : VELAMUVA MALINGA (INDUNA OF CHIEF MAGCOLO MABUZA)

REGIMENT : MALINDANE

AREA: MGOFELWENI

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM: GRANDMOTHER, DAUGHTER OF NDABAKAWAMBE

I am young bu I will tell you what I heard from my elders. I understand that the Mabuza clan who came here were from Shiselweni. The first man was Mqobho. He was going to King Mswati's Royal ~~x~~ homestead. He was going to take up duties there as a supervisor of the fetching of water by the wives of the king. It was a bad time. The king's wives used to go and fetch water. The first one to draw water from the well used to stir up the mud in the well. That man was known as a brave man, a hero. On his arrival he threatened the king's wives, until one day he saw the naughty one who was stirring up the mud. After Mabuza had arrested the woman the King gave him an axe and instructed him to go and build a home and name it 'Mgefelweni', just because he was patiently watching the well to find out who the wicked woman was. Mabuza was the first chief in this area. His son, who succeeded him after his death, was Mayika, who begot Mhlaba, who begot Mphaphela, who begot Mvankeli, who begot Magcolo, who is the present chief. I am his induna.

QUESTION A

Were the Mabuza natives of Shiselweni, and were they found there by other Swazi?

They were natives of Shiselweni, where they lived. Here at Mgefelweni Mabuza found the Ngwenya clan. He was assigned to that clan and was instructed not to worry them. He was great because he was sent by the king to this place. It was during the days of Mswati. The Ngwenya clan are a Sotho clan. To begin with the Mabuza people were there to block the Zulu raids, and finally they were under Mshengu's chieftainship at Mashobeni.

Mshengu and Mbuza were sent ~~her~~ there to be a barricade against the Zulu raids, which were conducted by a Zulu chief by the name of Mdzinwa. Some chiefs children ran away from Mambatheni, one of whom was Ndabakawonbe. This was during the Mdzinwa war. Here at Mgefelweni he found our chief Mhlaba Mabuza. Then Ndubakawonbe asked for refuge from Mabuza, and he was granted not only protection, but also land to settle on. The land of Ngcandzeni was given to him for settlement. The evidence is that the of of Mambathweni here at Mahlangatha is the third one - his name is Mzolini. The evidence on our part is that it was during the third chieftainship at Mgefelweni, that is when partition took place, Today the present chief is the sixth chief since.

The neighbours of Mgefelweni are:- Chief Mzolini, Chief Cetshwayo, Chief Mshengu Mdlul~~xi~~, and Matlendeke Fakudze. Mabuza came before Mzol~~xi~~ini and Cetshwayo, but Fakudze seems to have come first.

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