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We came from Shiselweni and arrived here where we were given Sidvokodvo mountain and that white stoney mountain across there. It was given by King Mswati. We originated from the Shiselweni district at Godlwako.

Here are the chiefs or ancestors of the Nkambule people :-

Mosumphe

~~Mtsimuni~~ Mtsimuni

Mbandzeni

Mtilankhatsa

Fakisandla

We were the first people at Shiselweni. When the Dlamini arrived we ~~surrendered~~ surrendered. Then we migrated with them to Hhohho and returned to be given the Sidvokodvo mountain. The other clans that were with us formerly at Shiselweni were scattered Sotho.

On our arrival here it was the chieftainship of Mbandzeni and his mother, Madsolomafisha. Our migration from Shiselweni was caused by the fact that we were great indunas.

When ~~was~~ the Mshadze war the king favoured our ancestors. Seeing that this land had no border and the king favoured or loved our ancestors he suggested that he (Nkambule) should come and rule this place instead of joining the summoned military forces against the Mshadza Sotho. Although we were sent to come and settle here we were not independent, and so all our affairs were reported to the king. The reason for the king keeping the Nkambule behind ~~x~~ instead of them enlisting in the wars, was their remarkable beauty, and the king felt that they were fit to produce wives for the king. (In fact we came here to look after this area. On our arrival we established ~~our~~ our own village for the Nkambule clan. In the former village (Usyhakatsi) was Prince Mgidla, who was then banished because of his ambitions. He was acting as a real ~~xx~~ king - he celebrated incwala ceremonies with the kingly rituals. Our neighbours were the Simelane, Mdzebele etc. The Nkambule people never fought or quarrelled with anybody. There were never any prominent war officers amongst the Nkambule.

The lady who was married to Mswati was Madsolomafisha Nkambule - in reality Madsolomafisha is the mother of Mbandzeni the king. The Mvikimvili people of Dlamini followed the Nkambule clan and came to settle here. In fact ~~they~~ <sup>there</sup> came here with Nkambule, Mvubu Khumalo to look after this warrior because he was pugnacious when unguarded and might cause ~~xx~~ strife. Nandzi the sister of Madvolomafisha, who was also a wife of Somhlolo - in fact the former should have been the queen but she died young and then Madvolomafisha took her place.

The Simelane came from Zululand to ask for refuge from the Queen mother LaZidze. Mgcoyiza's descendents remained and lived at Shiselweni. Then Mswati killed 30 of Mgcoyiza's wives. Mgcoyiza fled and came to ask for protection from the Nkambule people.

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