

- C We are at Dan Hends today, Friday 18 July, interviewing Bangani Mkhumalo
- I wld just like you to intro yourself, your name, who your family are, where they fit in.
- B That's right
- C In other words who your grandfather was & so on.
- B My name is Bangani Mkhathwa, if you will want you can use Mkhumalo
- ? Then my father's name is Mgawu,
- ? my grand " " a Ngwayi, Ngwayi is the brother of Shanyane, Their father is Ndwende. That's where I fit now.
- C Now if you could just tell us where you learnt about Ndwende history
- B First of all I learnt the history, that was 1957, from the ~~old~~ old man who was working in His Majesty's building in Job. He was an Ndwende man from kura - Nongoma.

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Interview

Bongani Nathan Nxumalo AT: DAN HANDS

ON: 15<sup>th</sup> July 1983

B - Bongani

C - Caroline

H - Henry.

C Okay if we can from the point where Soshangane went to lake Sibaya

B Right, Soshangane now he went down to lake Sibaya and he was given everything as I have told <sup>you</sup> that all the privacy of our treasures was taken with him.

E

C And also temporary.

B That's right ~~was~~ to be there temporary called twaNgaba That temporary place is called twaNgaba, Ngaba. Ngaba means something difficult to get

C Okay

B Ta Ngaba, he in that place and he build there so

when he was there. Then Shaka  
decided to follow us very  
strongly, everybody must be out  
no one must be here because  
~~so~~ why I am saying  
Soshangane should \_\_\_\_\_ and  
take the place of KwaZulu  
please all of you must go  
away, so everybody went  
out and we find the people  
there, the descendants of Nguni ga

C Right

B These are the people who have  
said \_\_\_\_\_ now we  
fracked the <sup>late</sup> name of Shaka.

C What was the name of those  
people of Nguniaga

B Nguniaga

C They are called.

B Nguniaga they are Torgas, the

C Didn't you tell me about the

name what was the name that  
you gave me. eh

B These Temba's

C Mm

B Temba is their surname.

C But something else but  
anyway go ahead.

B Ya Temba is their surname  
their Tonga, their national is  
Tonga, ematfusanga, he is a  
Tonga really. so now when  
he come here and then  
Shata follow us, and then  
he said alright, now we  
cut the tree, the tree I was  
telling you about that it  
cries. it says Me-e Me-e they  
call it Undlebe.

H Undlebe-

B do <sup>now they</sup> ~~too~~ trapped that undlebe  
so everybody died there

C Ahem

B And only few went back  
and while he was following  
us they kill him also.

there

C Right Right.

B Now we stayed there and  
then we walk off further  
down, we started to move on.  
we were, until we reached a  
place where we call it  
now kaMadolo bakaMadolo, we  
find people there kwamadolo now  
~~the~~ these Madolos were the people  
that were ruling part of that  
land of Mozambique so when  
we were there we didn't fight  
them as I was telling you  
we were just like "sigola sikho  
nyane" means like we are  
just catching the locusts  
~~but~~ because there was no

hope to fight them. To us they were just women, we were just beating them like children school

So we went on and went on until we build a kraal which is called Magudu II now.

C Which is at this place that we wrote down

B That's right

C \_\_\_\_\_

B Nshayintshayi, now if you go there, you pass Nshayintshayi you go to easiGudu, MaGudu you go kwa Gasa, because there is a kwa Gasa that side

C Ah

B So now, then, that time now is when Thandile has been married to Sumbolo

C Right

B The son of Thandile was  
Mswati

C4H Yobo, Mm.

B this was his son, so the  
son was crying, so <sup>wayetulisa</sup> umntwana, in other, he was  
singing, the baby was crying  
and then he said "siyamdu non  
this is very delicate you can  
not sing it siyamndundugela  
umntwana, #, so the induna  
by the name of Msundza, Mpundza  
Giniidza, he heard the song  
Mpundza Giniidza so he was  
interested, he said what is  
all about, He said no, you  
know my father by this time  
is on the mwala ceremony  
what is that, he said well  
you will never be a king  
without mwala ceremony, ~~so~~  
He said is flat so He said

yes, so now how can we  
get inwala ceremony, you  
go out I will get people  
to go to my place and try  
and find out if they can get  
mawala, so he sent people  
back to where we were and  
find that we are no longer  
there we have gone down  
now — they up to  
eMabudu, when they come.

to eMabudu they fund  
Soshangane. They come with  
cattles and everything. They  
said now we are, Sthandile  
is asking if you can't give  
him, can't he also learn  
how to do the inwala  
ceremony. He said oh by  
the way Thandile is named  
to ku bwe Shangane, amayayo  
he said yes, He said oh?

would be pleased to do that  
So he gave them people,  
the Ntunekas their name is  
Ludlume,

C Mu-

B bus sow was e-e Ee.

C Nkamane

B Nkamane, they come here  
they were given a place  
we call now Ngwane Park  
I don't know what it was  
called before but he  
couldn't see the sun properly  
until they were moved to the  
mountain now these Swazi's they  
called it, they said elwandla  
no its Gasa not elwandla  
Baka Gasa because they are  
from our place, they are one  
of the people from us, so as  
we call our place its Gasa  
so now when these people came

here they start doing anything to Mswali, but he was young by then, doing everything to kwezi until Mswezi grew up

C Mh -

B He grew up and then he is the first Isazi king to have the incwala ceremony. In the proper sense of the Nguni tradition. Isabhuza was the first one <sup>first</sup> <sub>from you</sub>.

C — very important & didn't <sup>know</sup> ~~know~~ at all.

B He is the first, according as far as I know, they can tell you the other thing but its as far as I know. that way

C When DhuBlume Nxumalo came was he the first Nxumalo to join the Isazi king

B Yes, that is the first one

C There were never Nxumalo who came from Zwide's side

You know after ~~divide~~ <sup>died</sup> ~~state~~  
these people that were with him  
where did they go

B Yes, yes, yes, you are right you  
are asking genuine history but  
this ~~Slacklume~~ was the first

C Do you know what happened to  
the other Nxumalo

B The others \_\_\_\_\_ some of  
them are here near Piet Retief  
you can still find them  
and some are there in  
the Transvaal some went  
that other side of which I  
don't have their history but some  
some also went that other  
side of the Transvaal I don't  
know under who but some  
went there, that is why you  
find ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> Nxumalo around Piet.  
Retief. some are as I have  
known them. Some of them

are around Piet Retief, some are  
around somewhere I don't know

B You see; but as far as I know  
the one who was brought  
here is, if you can imagine  
the history because Msuati was  
very young by then, prove enough  
which means the first one  
is Dladlaume.

C Did he come with people

B No, ~~to~~

C I see.

B Now you wanted to know  
about Dladlaume.

C Yes, did he come with people

B ~~No~~ Yes, No, he came with his  
son only as far as I know. They  
were two only, there was  
no need for other people because  
these are the people who know  
everything

- C But now there are lot of Nyumalo in Swaziland
- B It's quiet a long time ago.  
18<sup>th</sup> Century.
- C So you ~~do~~ think they just naturally increase
- B Yes, in fact I'll tell you why as you ask why there is plenty of Nyumalo. just you hold on like that, now lets talk about the coming of Shudume here
- C Ya
- B So now Mswati grew up, he grew up nicely because he grew up with u— from the beginning from childhood up to until he start dancing the incwala ceremony
- C Right
- B That was Mswati, on that Shudume now, then follow, meanwhile

— then follow the others  
the others which are called,  
the one that I've said they  
are ~~start~~ ~~the~~ not using the  
M that's he one

C Oh yes, yes

B Now, this one, he came by himself  
as one man only, and he  
was young, I don't know whether  
was led by us or what has  
happened I don't know. But he  
was, he got to be, to be  
the Magacula <sup>dow-</sup> here  
at Madlangupisi. They call

Aholho They look  
after him we haven't got  
the history for this

C Do you know what his  
name is

B Yes, its Matsanga

C Matsanga Nxumalo

B Yes Matsanga but we haven't  
got the history for him

we can't trace the history backwards, we can't trace the history anyway, Now I am telling you about now these are the second one. Then came another one his name is Ngolokw

C Eh - an

B Ngolokw also came by himself, He was staying with Ngoyika, waka Khumalo

C Khumalo,

B Ya here at Shiselweni where you come from, he was just staying, just staying with them. Now don't forget Ngolokw is the son of ho Nkhonkheni,

C Right

B So Ngolokw stayed with them,

C So can we say

B Kukhisekhelo of

Ngolo tsheni of ho ukhukhelo, one  
son of Mgundi,

C And Mgundi was the brother  
B Mgundi was a brother of  
~~Laidan~~, Yes, ya, so now  
he came and stayed with  
the Khuvalo, until the Khuvalo  
introduce him to Msawati  
Now 1842 where ~~x~~ you —

— 1842 then Nauweve  
came to Swaziland, now before  
we come to that I want to  
tell ~~what happened~~ <sup>what happened</sup> about Joshua<sup>gane</sup>, Now  
when Joshua<sup>gane</sup> was  
down at Magudu.

C Magudu II

B Yes Magudu II now which  
we call it insongo yemakhosi  
which you will never understand  
and I would like to go —  
now the insongo yemakhosi  
goes out, if the insongo yemakhosi

come out, it means that it indicates that the king is going now. The Isogo yemakosi stays here.

C Muu.

B ~~other people say toilet~~ it comes not true ~~it comes~~ here back here. It can't go down but it comes back so. it indicate ~~please~~ now you are gone so now when it indicates Seshangane went back again eTzini, we'll talk about eTzini, it's where he was buried at eTzini If you can find the people there called BakalMyeni just write it down. Myeni.

H Myeni

C How do you spell it. Myeni'

B Ya Myeni, eNHshani they

call it Ntshaneui Myeni,  
e Ntshaneui. Blala.

C Give me a piece of paper  
afterwards.

B Oh ya, I'll give you

B \$

B, e Ntshaneui near Tozini, if  
you can ask these people  
here ask them, the people  
the surname of Myeni.

C keep the writing.

B If you can ask them  
nicely, say can they direct  
you what do they know  
about the ~~man~~ grave So Shangane  
though we, he was not buried  
because he was put with —  
so they would — about  
it, Then So Shangane is the

father of Mawewe. So he had two sons. That was Mawewe and Ngila. When Mawewe and Ngila were down there so Mawewe had Infuzeya which is a regiment libutho. Ya infuzeya so Ngila had Tzinellova because though Ngila was ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ supposed to ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. So now Ngila become greedy

C Can you stop there, it seems that he's <sup>in the</sup> Ndwandwe history, it seems that the it often happens that the one brother is king but the one brother is strong

B Mmu

- C Soshangane, now we  
have Hawewe and Meika
- B Yes ; that's right.
- C Is there anything special  
~~about~~ to Ndawandwe that one  
brother is allowed to  
become strong like that
- B No its not allowed to  
be like that but it  
happens; naturally even  
your brother could be  
clever than you, you  
may be <sup>the</sup> younger one among  
the brothers but you become  
more clever. That's what happened  
to Alzila had a regiment  
which was called izindlovu  
so now they start, they  
want to fight one another  
they wanted to fight one another  
In fact according to what I found

out they fought. So Mswane  
was ~~sick~~ beaten by his  
younger brother's regiment, so  
he flew to Swaziland with  
his own people, came to  
Swaziland, He came this side  
of \_\_\_\_\_ as you can  
see this side.

C Ya, ya

B We got this people of Ngomane  
I am sure you have heard  
about Ngomane around the  
the Komatipoort. These people  
we grabbed them we came  
with them here. So Mswati  
heard that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ now  
he said but what is all  
about he said well my  
my brother now is king  
he said but ~~is~~ your brother is not  
a king we all know

you are asking he said but  
well but brother has just  
taken over so what is the  
idea now? No me, I am  
going back now; where e-  
kwanonona its where I am  
going. To do what. I am  
going to fight the \_\_\_\_\_  
and take my land. Usutu  
say no my uncle ~~you~~<sup>that you</sup> can't  
do why should you go on  
away. No, he said but what  
can I do. He said no no I  
am going to see to it that  
I give a good thrashing to  
Mzila. So the Swazi people gave  
us 12neabutfwo we went  
back. O-I was told by the  
king that he has even seen  
the person who has given  
me riding to Mzila.

H Mu

B Yes he had seen him with  
his naked eyes. —  
we give him the hiding  
up to Nampula, you  
know where Nampula is  
if you can read that, you  
know the boundary of  
Rhodesia and Mozambique

C Mhm

B Its where the grave of  
Ngila is from today.  
He is, that one is the  
father of Ngungunyane.

H Mhm

B So we came back

C Mhm.

B So Ngila, Mawene was happy  
so he thought that Ngila is  
killed, they said but we couldn't  
kill him <sup>you brother</sup> just like <sup>that</sup> you  
know his grandfather was

killed by ~~the~~ ordinary man; just  
a commoner and that commoner  
was killed you know, ~~the~~  
~~in~~ this way.

C Not yet

B Now exactly the same as what happened to ~~the~~ here. So he was not supposed to be killed because is a brother of Naweue you can't kill the brother of his Majesty, you can't kill the brother of Maklou; either you can't do that. Even how wrong he can do, you can't an ordinary person can't you got to live him like that you can't do anything because he is a brother of otherwise if you kill which means, so Naweue said but why didn't you

Kill him. They said but how could we kill your brother because it would be as good as killing you. He said we are alright, okay so he left him so Mswati still insisted to Mswati, He said but how can I stay here, I am the king I can't stay <sup>here</sup> with you, you are a king and I am a king so I cannot stay with. But said don't worry much

"I'll give you the land, You look to the east I look to the north. Nothing that I will take from you and nothing that you will take from me. So we swear we said now on our own we swear where Mswati would die is where we will die. That's what Mswati said. He said I will die where

Mswali would die so that's why whenever you touch the Dlamini's you are touching us.

C Mhm mmm

B Obviously then you want a war with us, then we give you a war if you want a war so now that is an agreement

I am pleased if you file it out for me  
because it is there. Even if you go to England you find it is there

C No - no

B Mawewe is the king -

C That book I have told you about that I have, I don't have it with me though its still at Mhlosheni.

B Written by who

C Gis Bain - professor Barnard at Wits University

B Yes, maybe I might get it. I'd

love to get it. yes, so now  
Mawewe then he settled  
here where I am. He had  
one son. His son was  
~~Hanyana~~

C Alright

B The one that he bought  
here okay, then he went  
to Mdluli's Matsafeni. As you  
they can show  
you eMatsafeni. It's a name  
of person is Mdluli, that  
was induna of Nswabi.  
We bought a girl there by  
the name Thengase Mdluli.  
Thengase Mdluli, <sup>Oshe</sup> He bore my  
grandfather Ngwazi. Ngwazi  
bore my ~~as~~ father Ngawa.  
Ngawa bore <sup>Bongane</sup> ~~the~~ Me Bongani  
the young one.

B You see now, so that what it

is, I am trying to tell you exactly  
the \_\_\_\_\_ what happened  
so now the sister of  
Ngwazi is Nkomoyosigwe, the  
sister of Ngwayane is  
Mthunjwase.

C Right

B ~~if~~ alright, now Mawewe died  
then Hhanyane took over. When  
Hhanyane took over, Msawati  
also, Msawati died first, Mawewe  
died thereafter. Then after that  
then Mawewe, took - Hhanyane  
took over and Mbundzeni  
took over, now during the  
time of Mbundzeni, now is  
when you hear uVovolwenkulu  
yaseNkwegumlilo, when that old  
man I am telling you is late  
he used to say. uVovo lwenkungu  
yaseNkwegumlilo kathanyane siwubhe  
shezela

C say it slowly

B U Vava /we nkunzi yase Nkwezi  
uVava a bull of Nkwezi  
umilo kaThanyane okwasa  
the fire of Thanyane until morning  
kwadla ~~survive~~ bhezelwa Wawa  
did we blow it. It was blown  
bhezelwa nganadlwandle  
by the Ndawandwes. It was  
wawubhezelwa NgamaNxumalo  
blown by the Nxumalos  
ubogezu ukhuphuke intakadala  
You must wash and come up Intaka  
habu ubuthosi bonakele rebukeli  
Nabu the royalty is spoilt. There is  
~~sebumethu nqethu~~ <sup>Confusion in the royal family</sup> That's all they  
used to say about my grandfather  
now

C Um - um

B Yes, I was told by Gatsthane  
Mfiba who used to look  
after Thanyane. That's the man  
I was told <sup>told</sup> the history. He  
said boy I know your  
grandfather I can tell, tell you  
anything.

And then after that you look  
after my own grandfather which  
was Ngwadi before my father  
was born. Then there was a ~~grand~~  
with Thanyane, he couldn't <sup>talk</sup>  
understand one another, please put  
me right.

C Mum

B He was ignorant \_\_\_\_\_ but  
but it right \_\_\_\_\_ but it straight  
\_\_\_\_\_ unfortunate. but I  
don't like it. But happened  
~~was~~ is that when the people  
the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ the nationalist  
of the Afrikaans government.  
In fact before \_\_\_\_\_ is the  
Afrikaans government, they wanted  
him to pay the tax. So he  
didn't know the ideology of  
the tax. He said but why  
tax, what for, they said But  
we want you to pay tax, he

no - \_\_\_\_\_ & can't pay  
tax, No & don't understand  
why, I can't pay tax  
so he resisted to pay  
tax. And then he sent  
people to go and report to  
Mbandzui that there are  
people from Barbetton that  
say he must pay tax  
no, I am not going to  
pay tax. So the people  
reported to Mbandzui, Hey  
go and tell my cousin  
~~the~~ please the bone of a  
white man will never  
ever ~~say nothing~~. I wonder  
if can you ~~too~~ understand  
what is the meaning

C They are here to stay

B Ye they are here to stay  
they will never get away  
they are here to stay

C Could you say that in sibwati  
B Ithambo Lemlungu kaliboli  
Yes, ihambo lemlungu aliboli  
Angalwi nabo, He mustn't  
fight them until three times

C + \_\_\_\_\_  
B But the third time he said  
aww, this is so strange  
Do you mean to tell me my  
cousin <sup>come here to sat</sup> says that. They say  
that's what your cousin is  
saying. He said ~~them~~ <sup>let me go and see</sup> x my  
cousin. Then history said since  
they were born it was its  
first time for them to meet  
and see one another.

C u.  
B It was ~~the~~ <sup>its</sup> first time so he  
took his horses <sup>and</sup> ~~say~~ <sup>everythg</sup>  
and say let's go. So he find  
Langaliboru lase Mbekeweni.  
That's Mbendzeni Langaliboru  
lase Mbekeweni was there at

at lobamba lomdzala. When he came they said they Hhanyana is here now, He said what, they said Hhanyana is here now, getting quickly gotten in the Kraal and Hhanyana came in and said Hey man ~~things~~ are not going well. He said what ~~is~~ you all about; He said I am telling you, I have been reporting all the time that the are just here, see what's one here and they say my people must pay tax and they said you said "thambo lomlungu aliboli;" Is that true. Mbauze said cousin it is true don't fight them. They are here to stay, please don't thambo lomlungu aliboli. He said oh my cousin you are a

coward.

He said please my cousin don't. So he said alright now; he went back. He when he was there he couldn't take the pressure. Couldn't take the pressure and then he fought after fighting. Took the money away, the money that he was collecting, he took it and ran away with the money back to Mozambique back to Mozambique, — back to Mozambique. He had the head of cattle and then ran away to Mozambique while he was back to Mozambique. Then the — while new Portuguese <sup>government</sup> called, they took him, they put him I think what you call island. I don't where island of what but they

him on the island?

C Yaka.

B Yes, I think its Yaka, they put him in the island so now my grandfather Ngwaza and the others they went to go and see him there while he was down here, then he saw (emakhos,) again comes up again then he said this is the end of me now, He tell his brother \_\_\_\_\_ that this is the end of me, Do me a favour please, take everything Take this stick everything now, you are going to crown my crown prince is Muntun write it down here please this is very important — Muntun

C Okay

B He said but now change his

name now, is no longer Mauku  
is Mangolwandle. Water of a  
sea because I am dying  
here in the sea.

H Mangolwandle

B Mangolwandle he is the  
brother of Myekwa, Mangolwandle  
He said now, the mukonge  
says Mangolwandle saying  
ngawauatha nina nifokazi

ngokubaba na hgoleshuguka

Kanti abengabababeli, kwaku

babela ingagi zamadedda. He

said its the sea ~~the water~~  
that I cannot drink because  
its very bitter. When they say  
his son now Mangolwandle  
So now he came back

Ngwad came back. Ngwadi  
is my grandfather. Before  
my father was born he  
came back he got a  
girl there by Ntshalintshali

- C Uh.
- B The surname of the girl is  
Lantshalintshali.
- C Uh uh
- B He got her back.
- |
- B Then my father was born  
already now when he come  
back. Now there was a  
bloody query now. Mkhonjwaee  
is the brother of Thanyazua.
- C Uh.
- B Like we can easily say if  
the King Sobhuza had his  
own sister in the same  
mother. And then the sister  
starting a query saying

no that brother of ours I cannot  
hold that, I must hold it.  
Now Mkhonjwase said no-no  
no - I will take the responsibility  
of \_\_\_\_\_. Then its when  
that was the day it was  
the end of the kingdom of  
the Gaza, of the Ndwandwe  
Mkhonjwase took over the  
power and says \_\_\_\_\_  
got annoyed he said he  
leaves everything, The secret  
stone, everything, everything  
he left and say hell with  
it I am going to leave it  
till today as it there today  
till today its there. We have  
never heard about it anymore.  
So Mkhonjwase took the control  
I am sure I'll point out because  
I want you to know very well  
You know the - our former

prime minister - Nkandla.

C Ya, ya

B His father, Maxibane, if you can go to him and ask him nicely. Have you ever seen Ngwadi with your eyes, my grandfather. He will tell yes they used to go there, my grandfather, he grew up under my grandfather's care because his father Magudulela his mother is Dzumalo from our place is the sister of Maseve

C Mu.

B Very much related with them very much close related so I am telling you the the proper if you can go to Maxibane now he can tell exactly what I am telling you now. So there

was a confusion, that confusion  
was boiled out to something to  
destroy our kingdom.

C Mu, I see

B Till today, so now come  
Ma Ma - Magolwandle.  
Magolwandle was not powerful  
at all to tell you the honest  
fact. Not at all, he wasn't  
so powerful. Came out and  
then things didn't go well  
well for him. He died early  
He was together with king  
Sobhuza

C Mu -

B But he was older than king  
Sobhuza.

C Mu -

B And then he had his son  
Sogasa. Sogasa then pull out  
with a little bit and then the  
Bantustan started and as you

C know this \_\_\_\_\_

B Ya, ya  
B and everything like that Sogaca, he wasn't so very much good because he was a man that wasn't doing so very much well <sup>looking</sup> after ~~the~~ our administration as such. I am talking about the finish up of everything as you can see!

C Uh

B Then he had his son, he pointed out now. Mandanda then we are trying to make a fire of him \_\_\_\_\_

B So now you have got the really history ~~of Ma Guder~~ about the Nxumalo

C Right, now I am going to ask some few questions again

B Okay.

C. ———. said. Lazicze  
was married to Sowhlole  
who was Sile

B. Sile, the ~~one~~ Sile, that  
one that was, he also  
came from our place the  
one that bear what, they  
call what, that the what  
name, they called Daka Vele  
zigweni.

C. Vele zigweni

H. Ya, ~~the~~ Vele zigweni, khabo Sifuba  
ba

B. Ya ~~Vele zigweni~~ khabo Sifuba  
the one of Vele zigweni they  
were supposed, you know if  
they bear a son these were  
the people supposed to be a big

C. But they didn't

B. They didn't because it was a girl

C. Ah ha, I see, Sile was also

married to Sonkhlo

B That's right

C Uh - right.

C I've got here that Sile's home  
was Embidlimbiddini

B Embidlimbiddini

C Is that correct

B That's right, its correct

C Which is near Mankayan

B That's right, embidlimbiddini

C Uh -- that something. now  
did you ever about the  
Ndwandwe king called Xaba

B Barni

C Xaba

B of Ndwandwe

C Ya

B From who, just may be

C In the ~~time~~ — like ~~total~~  
Langa time of somewhere

around. You have never heard of  
that

B No never

C Okay, Ngwane.

B Wait a minute you said  
Xaba.

C Ya

B Ah, ah. you are mixing, the  
Xaba that you one talking  
about they are together with  
Baka Langalibalele.

C Langalibalele.

B Xa Banga Libalele, There, there  
at Escort emtshengi. You  
know what Escort is

C Ya with the Hlubis

B Lekh.

C Do you know anything about  
the Hlubis

B Me Hlubi, emathlubi ngokuhluba  
\_\_\_\_\_ oh yes

- C utatazela banashiy a zabuya  
C slowly, go slowly for the  
tape recorder.
- B You mean tatazela <sup>kamashuya</sup> zabuya <sup>umashuya</sup>  
ezabuya sasenwa, Amaklubis  
yokuhuba iija solidini  
ngozipho. I know them very  
well.
- C What do you know about  
them.
- B Yes I was taught the history  
about the Klubis.
- C Tell me.
- B You know the Klubis one of  
the people of certain things  
which have happen. Like for  
instance now I have told  
you about the history of  
Maurel.
- C Ya.

B I'll go back and tell you the history of Ngwala what has happened. Okay Ngungunyane okay.

C Mu

B Now the Mathlubi of Langalibalele when Langalibalele was caught because Langalibalele once fought for the land.

C Ya, ya

B When they were caught, that's why he believe really, it's a certain belief some people really belief that things cannot happen - things happen. When mu--- or--- Langalibalele was caught by the whites when he was caught it was ten-o'clock they said it was ten-o'clock the sun sat ~~at~~ on ten-o'clock until tomorrow morning. That's why they said Langalibalele

C ~~ta right~~

B utangahbale, utatazela zamasiya  
ezabuya za sengwa. When  
they said Zabuya zabuya;  
they mean that the boys  
had to bring the cattle  
back and then lets milk  
them because the sun is  
set already.

H Mr.

B ~~to~~ Such a strange thing, we only  
read the Bible about Jesus  
Christ ~~to~~ where the son is  
set but we have never  
heard of a human, but they  
they use to say, Umkhulu  
velingansi Kodwa awunganya

Bhungane God you are big

but you are not as big as  
Bhungane

C Bhungane.. I see, do you know anything about Bhungane.

B Bhungane is also emathlubi

C Ya

B Yes,

C Did you ever hear any other praise of Bhungane?

B I have heard so many praise of Bhungane but unfortunately I didn't follow, I just wanted to follow it thoroughly now

C Uh-

B Uh - now the emathlubi if they are going to be buried you know what they used to do - emathlubi. If they bring their king to be buried, <sup>those</sup> things happen. They say the stone, the hole had to crack in the middle then they put him in.

today it sounds strange  
but if you can follow  
the history steadily everything  
can be strange. ~~beca~~ as you  
can hear that Jesus Christ  
the sun is set and what not

- C Do you know anything  
about Iziyendane.
- B Who is that.
- C Iziyendane is supposed to be,  
you know sometimes you see  
these people ~~where~~ <sup>near</sup> their hair  
like this, and then stretch their  
hair and put something like clay  
and —
- B Oh siyendle
- C —
- B ~~the~~ Ya siyendle - oh  
siyendle, ya siyendle, —  
siyendle is some a thing that  
e - when somebody has got

that spirit

This ~~x~~ emasloti ~~aa~~ eku - ~~the~~

C Ya, ya

B Then he put siyende now  
this siyende in fact you  
know he put something as  
it is reddish something.

C Ya, ya.

B Now I'll tell you where it  
comes from. This is not always  
that it comes from a Nguni  
because I always talk about  
the Ngunis or Ngunis or the  
~~Swazis~~ or any thing like that  
you never get this. This thing  
it comes from Bandawe, Ndawes

C Ndawes

B Yes, these people they are  
there as you pass - e -  
— Mozambique you go as  
far as places Shijawe its  
where you get Bandawe, when  
they talk about Ndzaue, very

very, very bad people surely  
because if you kill ~~unadawne~~  
if you kill them, you happen  
to kill them, that's why we  
are suffering today. If, its  
there in the Bible, if you  
open your Bible you find it  
if you kill them then you find  
that some people fall under  
this syendle. You are going  
to hit something they start  
singing a certain song and  
everything like that they start  
putting a cloth with some  
certain colours and something  
like that and then put  
that something like that  
hudrumane, we call it  
hudrumane -

C Hudrumane?

B Ya. Now this ~~people~~ is  
syendle but the syendle

is always in the bandzane  
the one with Ndwandwe is  
bandzane that one. When he is  
a Nguni he doesn't have to  
have that reddish thing..

C Ah.

B No, no, the Nguni do not have  
that

C I see, did you ever hear  
about Hlubi people having flies

B Yes, they used to have but  
not with the

C red

B Yes

C Mu I see, then so the  
Kholo branch of the Ndwandwe  
is. Soh-

B Ikhohla

C Ikhohla

B Ikhohla

C Khoekhoe, Sohanyane is, Sohaya  
indlungulu's side was zwile

B Inside,

C I see, what, did you ever hear that, somebody else told me that there was a third branch of Ndawandwe?

B Who was he.

C Some Thondosi, Ka ——, some of Mkhafjwa, some of Uthiyane, some of Majolo,

B I've had of Sonthondosi but I don't know who is the son of what.

C Malusi:

B Mkhafjwa or it should, its very far now, very, far

C What about this word Mangelle. (spell it)

B Mangelle of what

C Its just a word that they say with Ndawandwe.

C ~~Ema~~ <sup>ngcwana</sup> ~~gqo~~ engeni, emantwayane have you ever heard of

that

B From where

C I just got it from a very old woman.

B Uh

C It may be confused you know  
— ah

B We haven't got all the history  
of one story now we were supposed  
to take the history of Somaphunga  
What happened to Somaphunga the  
son of Izwide

C Okay

B The son of Izwide, the son of Izwide  
he went back now to kwaZulu  
you know that, he had to go  
back to kwaZulu. ~~He~~

C Ya, ya

B Now that's why

C and he knouted to the  
Zulu king

B He knouted to the Zulu king

now he belongs to them

Now Somaflunga his ~~son~~  
son is Mgojana.

C Mgojana

B Yes Mgojana

C Ya, Ya

B and the another one is

~~called~~ Maunguyana, the  
other son of Drvide was  
Sikhunyana, Y

C Ya, Ya

B Ya you have heard about  
Sikhunyana,

C Ya

B Yes, I don't know what  
happened to the ~~po~~ history of  
Sikhunyana but anyway his  
son was Sikhunyana, <sup>but</sup> the  
people are pointing out somewhere  
in \_\_\_\_\_ there are people  
descendants of Sikhunyana. They  
are there in \_\_\_\_\_

but eventually to come to end  
to conclude everybody if you  
go to kwazulu now ~~now~~

Nxunalo you ask him but  
why some they say you are  
Shangaan. He could tell you  
that yes I am shangaan  
Have you ever heard that.

C Ya, ya.

B Yes have you heard it

C Ya.

B Yes whoever in kwazulu  
that is Nxunalo will tell you that  
I am shangaan. If you ask  
him he would say our king  
is there up there our king  
Soshangane. All over as far as I  
know because then there is  
\_\_\_\_\_ everything has to  
come under Soshangane. like  
the people of kwazulu \_\_\_\_\_ after  
Shaka then came the brother.

Dingane then after Dingane  
then came another brother  
again.

C Uh.

B Can you see brother to  
brother that's what was  
happened, to us it has  
come only once from a  
brother to this one.

C Yes, ya.

B Now, let me come back,  
I hope you will let me  
finish up with ~~it~~ Mgila  
kaloshangane.

C Uh.

B Mgila kaloshangane ~~had~~ <sup>after</sup> that  
then had a son, his son  
was Nguyunyane. Sorgungunyan  
ungungunya ab afazi namadoda

C Uh.

B Isithilia esingabhalwa wonyi

nagsba ingaze iihale inyoni  
izawute muello. Umganu wakham  
emini keBaudakazi kwathii ntambu  
wakhshiloka. That is Ngungunyane

now. Ngungunyane in fact was  
a chief. Chief —— However  
he was chief for his side  
so now Ngungunyane was  
there then he was a  
problem with the Portuguese  
in fact he was not fighting  
the Portuguese, he was fight  
the ba — — what are these  
people — — the Nyempales  
the people called Nyempales  
Nyempale means a house in fact  
it's a wrong word we call them  
Nyempales but when they say  
Nyembale they mean the house

Nyumpale - come Nyumpale they  
mean come into the house  
so we call them Nyumpale so  
Soshayane was fighting them  
- I mean Ngungunyane was  
fighting those people. —  
the people, they were so  
smart in going to report so  
they went and report to the  
Portuguese. Some, this man  
want to fight you, they said  
what, you want to fight  
~~us~~, they said yes so they  
invited them in. Say come  
and help me let us fight  
him. It when the war  
started. Songunyane was  
fighting them until <sup>to</sup> the  
people who are called  
Topics of Modlane. I am sure  
you have heard of Edward  
Modlane.

C Oh ya, ya. ~~He is a Tjopi~~

B He is a Tjopi

C Ah...m

B So they were fighting, there was a fight. So he were beating them left and right Ngunungnyae was beating them so after beating them, now the Portuguese coming, they got hold, they wanted to help the people there, now when they were helping so, you know the whites were shooting with the gun so we have got what we call myori, have you ever seen an inwala ceremony. Have you seen the picture of his Majesty

C Yes, yes, yes

B So now they were shooting at top of, when they shoot on top then every body fall down when the whites come nearer then they wake up and start killing everybody

B Now the portuguese said  
I don't know what they say but  
there is a saying of it. The  
Portuguese said Eyi this is  
difficult to fight these people  
because they have two  
heads. You shoot them  
tomorrow they come up, so  
this Nyenpane said.  
No' they haven't got two  
heads they have one head.  
You mustn't shoot the one  
on top shoot the one under-  
neath. And they went like  
so the Portuguese started shooting  
like flat. So now Ngungunyane  
was captured and arrested  
and then we had the iinduna  
is Khoza is Magiguane. So  
Magiguane fought like a  
bustard after Ngungunyane  
was arrested. Take Ngungunyane

. Tonewha

They took him to send him overseas. Ngungunyane is the one that has married the aunt of this one which is called what is the name of your aunt anyway

H Muegnase

B Eh not Muegnase — mai  
— — Myingili.

H Myingili

B u/o Dingili, Myingili got married to kwaGasa. We paid lobola from the morning until the sun set

C Ya

B Giving hundreds, hundreds, even the last key Sobhuza asked what kind of lobola can you give. ~~Lobola~~ we have never seen lobola. Lobola was only seen for kwaGasa. That all. The people who paid hundreds

and hundreds and it has never happened in the world since. So Mjingili. So after Ngungunyane was captured she came back, she died here. So Ngungunyane is ~~s~~ he said <sup>now</sup> the tree grows up. The tree that is said if you cut it today - tomorrow you find it. Yes they say that

B He ~~said~~ I swear you Spelanyane. Spelanyane is one of Mondlane. He said you Spelanyane to your children & children there will be one of your children will be born who will bring my land back, you fight the white man

so the land to come out. So until Edward Moundlane came out, that was ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> fight.

prophesied. And then, em.

remain now, this magiswan. he fought, he fought he had magic he would turn to anything

C Mu

B He would be turned into a cow everything. fighting like hell. So the soldiers had to go to one place. Oh pity man if you can go to Mozambique — have you seen this woman carrying something its a statue but carrying something its a woman. have you seen it, its there today even today its there, don't know the name of the woman is Johana something

There is a snake near to  
that woman — e — this is  
the story. So while the  
induna was fighting the  
soldiers had to go somewhere  
its only one place not  
somewhere else. So they  
had these magic snake  
here which would hit  
all the soldiers just like  
that dying like. So <sup>①</sup>  
woman said No I can  
kill the snake. ~~They~~ <sup>②</sup> She  
said yes I am going to do  
it. <sup>①</sup> They said how are you  
going to do it. So she said  
she would do something. She  
went nearer — my staff is there  
she start cooking their soft  
porridge, cook the soft porridge  
when it was still very hot  
she took something and put

tree pot here and then she went on under the tree and then the snake went - Xh - comes in that pot, then they kill it, that woman won that war. Was won by a woman

B Now his son — follow Maneue now, now its 18, its early 19. now they are coming fast, they are coming following us, they are running following us. Now its no longer good there where they are. Its where they are now as you hear them say them say Gasaukuulu, that's where they are. Is where they are now they were following us until where they are now. This is

whole

They are now. This is Ngunguyane now what has happened. This is now Ndzila. Now I've given you about Ngolotjeni Loukhoumeh and Loukhonkhele, these are the ones now that are here at Zithlotheni. I have given you something about baschwandle. The one that I haven't got the proper history is this one of eKhambeni surely we haven't got the history of those.

the don't appear anywhere as far as I know. They are just like people because they were just by themselves. The way we follow the history ~~they~~ say from Zwile but when we trace <sup>from</sup> Zwile we can't

get where do they connect.

C Do you know anybody there who we might go talk to to try

B Please try maybe you can get the proper history but not as far as I know because they ~~can~~<sup>will</sup> never tell you what used to happen even backwards. We have try our best to ask them. Now if you go to Zimbabwe you will find the place called Gaza. Do you know that

C Ya I know

B Its there. These are the people of Njila now. They went that side.

C \_\_\_\_\_

B Ya its Gazaland.

If you can go to Khosars now, before the

arrival of Jan van Riebeek, 1652,  
of <sup>the</sup> April. Still remember the date. 1652.  
They asked whose ruling that part.

~~unclear  
you're  
saying~~  
there, It is still existing here. It's called  
~~is not quite  
exactly where~~ c. Entembeni  
it is C. St. Magnuri.

B. Not Magnuri, but ask them.  
~~I don't know where~~  
There is a place called entembeni, anyway  
The name

cannot just like a mushroom come.  
It proves that there shld be somewhere  
that it comes from. Okay?

Now, let's come to Langa now. Now I  
can tell you.

C. No wait before you go to Langa,  
can I just ask you a few questions

B. ~~What~~ Okay

C. Do you have any other info. about those  
3 Kings? About where they came from  
before Magnuri,

B. That is before Negundi. What I know is that  
they came across G.T. as well. But I  
don't know how they happened to come  
down here. But, for the good information  
to prove that if you go to

*Answer*

So that Matswana now, there are the people who had their own kraal which was called en Tembeni. That's why Ndlw. wes gwez also a kraal called en Tembeni.

C Now " wes a kraal, who was king at that time.

B The king at that time was Mkhando. Now if you can go back, I always refer you back, If you can go back to Kwa-Zulu, + ask nicely) Please, is there any place called en Tembeni, surely they will ~~show~~ take you

That is where he got the name from  
Mkhando. Now from Mkhando now,  
there it comes other people ~~said~~,  
like Gasa; ~~said~~

/ ~~not~~ asking me to write down.

We've got a Gasa, as you can hear  
people saying now, baka Gasa. They  
mean us. Now I'll tell you much about  
this Gasa. You just wait! Okay?

Now when we come to Gasa now, you hear  
some of the people saying that when you call  
Mkashwa, ~~is~~

we are not Mkashwa, we are  
also Nxumalo. This is wrong. Mkashwa  
~~actually it~~ was a name, like everybody has  
a name. - But actually Mkashwa  
~~it was~~ now it is a surname. If you  
say Mkashwa (downward)

C. Is it sibongi, or is it unavalelo ?

?

B.

show you Turde ~~stade~~ stadium.  
This is v. important now. It's where you  
can get a clue of it now.

To prove that what I am telling you  
is genuine, We mustn't write a history  
that is not existing, I don't like a history  
like that, So now this is what happen.  
Partly ~~I will~~ come ~~to~~ start from Ndusdwe  
me, dwelling a -

Now Ndus, I understand his grave is  
round about Magndur,  
explaining where " is

? Then after Ndusdwe came Skotiskay  
Sikova. To prove that the name  
Sikova is existing; No wonder the  
Daimins ~~that~~ they had a prince that  
is called Sikova, the son ~~of~~ the  
<sup>Agree</sup> late, His Majesty. Now he get the  
name from there. Now from Sikova,  
then come Mkhando. That Mkhando.  
We've got my brother son at home  
who is Mkhando.

repetor

about Nxumalo + the book.

No other books read.

B From Mayolos I was asking how about we Nxumalo's come to be ~~what it is now~~ where we are now.  
So someone was explaining to me.  
He says "Do you know why we Nxumalo,  
that's why we are, my father was  
V. V. Light is complexio. You remember.  
My father was VV light complexio. So I  
used to ask why. So they tell me, no, the  
point is this, they got mixed marriage  
with the ~~Aborigines~~, that's where it come  
from. That's why the Dlamini you find  
them they are light, their mothers are  
Nxumalo's.

repetor  
complexio

If you go to C.T just ask about Langa  
Cater. If they show you Langa Cater  
+ then you ask them if they are

As even at the border post here, they knew him very well. If you ask about him he used to cross without a passport, no problem.

Border  
Crossing

I know the people thoroughly. I used to remain with the old people. That's why I know his history perfectly, or because I used to be allowed to stay with the old people as well.

- C One more ques. Have you ever read any history? a book yourself?
- B Yes I have, the one that was written by J.S.N ~~Nathwala~~. Naunak
- C What was that called?
- B Myarlonke.
- C What is it about?
- B This is all about the Naunaks also. But he start write anyway. But it will lead you where I am telling you.

C. Oh you think ~~they~~<sup>he</sup> are still alive  
Ya best still alive

B. I've just lately seen him in  
'78. You take the road, as if to  
go to Vryheid. There's a chap there,  
his name is Mtabatshini, of  
Mleko, If you ask that man if  
he can show you a descendant of  
Nkotshane-Somephanga, he can show you.  
I want to give you some tips so you  
can know which people to knock first.  
And then I got it from another man,  
whom I think my cousin here, Dlamini  
? shld know him; Doli Sadlwaks.

That man was very old. He know  
Khayane with his naked eyes & he knows  
he has seen Nkandzane himself as well

C. So is he still alive?

B. No, he is late now. In fact, that  
Doli he was a soldier of Habela.  
He was a white man from Barkerton, I  
can't remember, but he was a soldier  
of Habela around here.

if you want the proper info , you  
must get it from the original people .

B.C. Do you think that I will still find  
Now. people at ~~Kwe-~~ Nongoma ?

B You can still find Sotha here , the  
descendant of Somaphunga ;

? Nkotshane ka Somaphunga. We were  
staying with them at block 2 , Block  
4 Johannesburg. That is Jeppe Mens Hostel.  
I stayed there nearly 10 years. I stayed  
there about 10 yrs. I've been in job  
10 yrs. So that there was a descendant  
of Nkotshane ka Somaphunga .

Somaphunga ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> a son of Zwide.

C. So the third one <sup>who you're talking about now</sup> was a descendant of  
Somaphunga . So that's 3 people that  
you heard from .

B Yes !

C. You don't remember his name ? !

B. ~~That one of Somaphunga~~ Man, I only knew that they are  
descendant of <sup>Nkotshane</sup> Somaphunga - But I  
know where they are now .

the history I was told by the old man. Now he used to say "Look boy, I can tell you, I know it because I used to <sup>look</sup> after your grandfather.

- C. The 2 sisters are both late now?
- B. They are all late. As I got the history other. The old man. He started giving me the history, he said, "I know the people <sup>meleswa</sup> thoroughly." He was staying with them, <sup>ques. 2</sup> listening; i that kraal. The ryl kraal, the kraal which we call the ryl kraal, <sup>or ryl kraal</sup>, was e Mangwene. That e Mangwene was the ryl kraal to Shanyane. But it right. Mangwene is for Shanyane, - Then entembeni, that's for Ngwati now.
- C. Who else did you hear the history from
- B. I was just hearing the history from different people, but, as far as I can tell you, who else who gave me the history. I go the history again to one gthe Ndw. again from kwe Nangoma again. Because the good information,

b. Right, so can you see now? The people  
he was lighting for, they were saying  
"father" to Mamewe. And they were  
grandchild of Doshangare. Now, he  
stated to tell me, "Now look, boy,  
I served you to your grandfather, & I've  
served to your father, now I am serving  
to you, that what he used to tell me.

Now look, I'm serving you now.

" He used to say, how I just do

look after your grandfather who was  
Shanyare. Shanyare is the son of

Mamewe. After that after he looked  
after my grandfather who is Ngwadi, also  
the son of Mamewe. There were only  
2 boys, Mamewe only had 2 sons..

+ 2 girls. 1 daughter is Nkomawesizwe  
at Somastako there her had my  
cousin who is called Sihloko! And  
another was Nkonyware. There was only  
4, 2 girls, two boys, according to

to, I don't know how can you call it,  
I always see it in the bioscope. But  
he used to have, ~~for my father~~  
we call it in siweti, hipro pack  
He used to light for my grandfather.  
He just light for my "you know"  
when they are sitting around.

You will never understand that system

C. No you must explain it to me.

B. You know we take, we cut a certain  
tree. We make it so thin, like  
matches. And we put it to light. Meanwhile  
the old people are sitting, just like that.

C. Why is that done?

B. Well, because they didn't have paraffin  
they didn't had gas.

C. Oh, for a light!

B. Yes lighting, this old man was, he  
was lighting for my grandfather.

C. And your grandfather was?

B. Ah. I tell you. First of all,

C. Son of Navene?

repetition

So he was telling me what happened.  
How the war has started.

He was telling me the war started from  
Lurde 18 centuries, exactly 18 centuries.  
I can't remember <sup>where</sup> it was "to or  
5, but it is 18 ~~centuries~~ anyway -  
Now I wldn't like that we shld start  
with the war 1st. Preferably, I prefer  
that we shld start prong out from  
Nolwandre.

C ~~One~~ ~~far~~ I agree, can I ask you one  
another ques. Who else have you heard  
history from -

B ~~the~~ Yes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> one was Mpika,  
his surname was Mpika, we used  
to call him Katskhanu. This was his  
name Katskhanu Mpika. I will tell ya  
why, I got it now solid from him.

Katskhanu Mpika was a very old man  
He was about 100 + something. Ya, he  
died in 1973-4. Just now. He used

Aosh + Zerde, they are brothers. Aosheng  
was as general, army; in other words,  
he was a field-marshal, we can  
call it in English. So now he was  
telling me exactly what happened.

In fact he started to tell me from  
Nduandwe. Nduandwe was the  
founder; I can start from Nduandwe

C. Can I just ask one ques. before  
you begin. Did he tell you where  
he heard it from?

B. Yes. <sup>He told me that he heard it because</sup> He was from Nongoma. Because  
that's where we come from. We are  
from Nongoma. We are the descendants  
of Nongoma Tshilane, where you've got  
Zulu land today. /That's where we come from/

C. So he heard it! When he was a  
child from old people?

B. He heard it when he was a child. He  
was a descendant of <sup>the</sup> King of  
Somaphunga is a son of Zerde

He asked me, who your surname, I told him  
Nkumalo from Swaziland. He said, oh, I  
can see, you are a descendant of  
Soshangane. As I didn't know much  
about it so I ask him who Soshangane  
are is. But he was about 70, between  
65 + 70 yrs, I can't remember very well

C. Do you remember his name.

B I can't remember " " " ", but I remember  
his brother's name, Ndabayezulu.  
Ndabayezulu was his brother.

" was a rickshaw puller.

I am sure you remember - John.  
When the rickshaws were pulling, yes,  
he was pulling one of the wagon.

C. His abengo?

B Was also Ndw, Nkumalo. His surname  
was also Nkumalo. As he was telling me  
about Soshangane, how did he happen to  
flew, going down to what is Mozambique.

And then he told me that Soshangane  
was a brother of Zwane.