



FAMILY TREE

After the Singos, Ramabulana conquered the Ngonas who were the residents of Venda they found Vhafamadi and Vhakwevho staying together at Luonde. History tells us that there was a war between the **Mashaus** and **Vhakwevho** at Luonde where we were staying with **Vhakwevho**. We the **Mashaus** ran away and crossed Luvuvhu river and the **Vhakwevho** were chasing us but failed to cross Luvuvhu river because the water from the river came very strong and dangerous. The **Vhakwevhos** said "Hotoufa madi" rovha ritshidovha rovhafara. From the statement "Hotoufa madi" that's where our praise Vhafamadi/Mufamadi was born. From Luonde after you have crossed Luvuvhu river you arrive at Ha-Mashau.

Ha-Mashau is made up of the following villages:

- Khunguwa
- Ha-Madima
- Mahunguni
- Nandavhala
- Tshamatangwi
- Tshamurondwe.
- Maangarelo
- Tshilaphala
- Ha-Murumba
- Murunzini
- Doli

- Ha-Tshitemba
- Tshivhade.

- Tshiapule
- Bungani
- Crysfontein/Givetshandani
- Lwalani and
- Ha-Thenga

The original map of the borders of Ha-Mashau starts from Mpheni to Gondonabada and to Ha-Masia through Tavha river. The original name of Bungeni is Bungani which originally falls under Mashau.

These were the following Chiefs who ruled Ha-Mashau since then:

Chief Matsindevhe Rammbwa



Chief Dyambeu



Chief Madala



Chief Vele



Chief Radzanduma



Chief Magweni



Chief Mashau Mammbeule I
(He had 25 Wives)



Chief Mugolidwa

He did not reign for many years he was killed by a leopard when he was hunting. At the time of his death, he only had a daughter(Tshikumbu) but his wife was pregnant and when the boy. was born they named him **Musimuvhivhudzani** (because when he was born his Father was no more). His uncle Mr. Mafanzhoni was appointed to be an acting Chief because Vhudzani was still a young boy.



Chief Mafanzhoni

When Vhudzani had grown to be a young man Chief Mafanzhoni told him that he can't be ruled by a child. Looking at the situation the Elders of the Family took him to Ha-Mudzhadzhi/Modjadji for refuge because we were related to them. According to the traditions that were passed from generations to generations. All rain Queens from Ha-Mudzhadzhi/Modjadji their biological fathers are Vhafamadi vha Ha-Mashau or Ramabulanas.

Vhudzani grew and went and mobilised an army of King Makhado from Ha-Ramabulana. Mr Fhimani and Mr Madala his uncles were instrumental in convincing King Makhado.

Vhudzani went to Ha-Ramabulana and convinced the Venda King to give him an army to go and fight Chief Mafanzhoni in order to reclaim his Chieftaincy position. The army was seen in a place called Lwalani and people ran to Mashau Royal house to warn them that Vhudzani has arrived with the army from Ha-Ramabulana to reclaim his Chieftaincy.

This was around 1800 where there was a Cold War between Makhado and Davhana, the sons of King Ramabulana. Chief Mafanzhoni was aligned to Davhana and the army of Makhado that came with Vhudzani was lead by the army General Funyufunyu. These were also the times

where the Tsongas were entering Venda from Mozambique led by Albasini/Jiwawa and they became bodyguards of Davhana. Chief Mafanzhoni ran away with his Family and Vhudzani took over as a Chief and he was given the name of his Grandfather Mammbeule and he became Chief Musimuvhivhudzani Mammbeule II.



Chief Musimuvhivhudzani Mammbeule Mashau

(He married 27 wives)

He took the cattle that came back from Ha-Masia after Tshikumbu was married to Masia Royal Family and he used the same cattle to marry vho-Nyamushavhela as Mufumakadziwadzekiso. According to the Venda customary law and tradition you don't just get any cattle to marry Mufumakadziwadzekiso, they must be the ones that came back when your sister got married.

The 1st born from vho-Nyamushavhela was Mr Mushavhela/Demedu because vhudzani said “Ndovha ndoshavhela Ha-Mudzhadzhi(Vhulovhedzi). The 2nd born was Mr Tshivhonammbi/Netshitungulu and the 3rd born was Mususumeli.

(Mr Mushavhela, Mr Tshivhonammbi and Mususumeli). Mususumeli was a beautiful young lady who was killed by the Zulus/Mabunyu during the war around 1800. The Zulus believed that she was to be married by a Zulu King. The Zulus lost that war and they ran to Zimbabwe. Most of them were killed at Lwamondo on the mountain next to the valley that was invincible.

Some of them were killed at Matangari river in huge numbers because of (zwifho). That was the year when Mr Mufahotho the Elder brother of Mr Khwara/Tshidumbu from Mrs Luvhengo(one the wives of Chief Vhudzani) was born, because we had many casualties where a number of people had died.

Mr. Mushavhela

Mr. Mushavhela's children(Demedu was his other name) Mr Mmese, Mr Muvhango,Mr Luvhango, Mr Mangowe , Mr Mphothwana/Phothwana and 2 girls namely Lavhengwa and Edzani). From the 2nd wife Mr Mushavhela gave birth to Mr Musandiwa and Mr Mukhuvhukuvhu.



Mr Mmese

(Mr Tshiakale, Mr Makwarela, Mr Tshikumula and Mr. Pandelani) Unfortunately Mr Pandelani was killed before he could start a Family.



Mr Muvhango

(Mr Mphephu Lucas, Mr Nemakhavhane /Matamela, Mr David Munzhedzi and Mr Joe Nndwammbi)



Mr Mangowe

(Mr Matios Nndwammbi, Mr Johannes Mafune, Mr Tshinamufhi)



Mr Mphothwana

(Mr Ramathuthu, Mr Marubini) Unfortunately Mr Marubini passed away before he could start a Family.



Mr Luvhango

(Mr Luvhango gave birth to Mr Mashau Absalom, Mr Andries, Mr Mphaphuli, Mr Steven, Mr Makhado and Ms Masakona.



Chief Musimuvhivhudzani

Mr Tshivhonammbi/Netshitungulu

The sons of Mr Tshivhonammbi were Mr Nethavhakone and Mr Shandukani.

Mr Nethavhakone

Mr Nethavhakone gave birth to Mr Nndwammbi and Mr Tshibvumo.

Mr Shandukani

Mr Shandukani gave birth to Mr Thinandavha and 2 daughters Khavhatondwi and Livhalani.

Chief Musimuvhivhudzani

Mr Mufahothe

Mr Mufahothe- Mr Ben Mashawana and Mr Alidzulwi.

Chief Mammbeule Musimuvhivhudzani

Mrs. Masala.

She was from the Royal house of Tshisaulu. She gave birth to the following sons.

Mr Tshikalange, Mr Mphephu & Mr Matevhu. Mr Tshikalange gave birth to Mr Mutshutshu, Mr Mutshutshu gave birth to Dr Fholisani Sydney Mufamadi, Mr Vhonani & his brothers.

Chief Musimuvhivhudzani

Chief Khwara/Tshidumbu became Chief and he had a number of children.

After the death of Chief Khwara his son Mr Mukhaswakule became Chief.

Chief Mukhaswakule/Nduvheni had sons and daughters and after his death his younger brother Mr **Ngwedzeni/Maligana** became an acting Chief because the son of Chief Mukhaswakule was still young.

Chief Thavhayamipfa/Vhudzani became Chief up to this day.

THE BATTLE FOR THE THRONE BETWEEN MR MUSHAVHELA AND MR KHWARA

Vho-Nyamushavhela, Mufumakadziwadzekiso of Chief Musimuvhivhudzani Mammbeule Mashau came from Tshitomboni tsha Ha-Mmbubana. Kholomo dzo malaho khaladzi(Tshikumbu) a

Vhudzani ndi dzone dzo malaho mmea Vho-Mushavhela/Demedu, Vho-Tshivhonammbi/Netshitungulu na Mususumeli.

Mususumeli ovha akhomba yo nakedho mashudu mavhi ombodi vhulaiwa nga tshifhinga tsha ndwa Vhavenda vhatshilwa na Mabunyu.

Ngamurahu ha udzama ha Khosi Mammbeule Vhudzani. Uya nga maitele a Tshivenda musi hutshi vhewa Khosi, khadzi ya musanda itea umalwa Ha-Ramabulana.

Munzhedzi khaladzi a vho-Mufahotho na vho-Khwara ombodi malwa Ha-Ramabulana. Khwara ari hungasi malwe khaladzi anga wenda mama damu nda musiela hadzhena vha ndu khulwane Vhuhosi. Ndi tea uvhudzhena Vhuhosi.

Vhanndu ya Mashawana/Mufahotho vhari vho-Mufahotho ndi mukomana wa Khwara vhana vha mme muthihi. Ngaulwela Vhuhosi vho-khwara vho pandamedza mukomana vho-Mufahotho vhashavhela Ha-Mutsha(Ha-Mugivhi) ha mulamu wavho. And he was later given the area of Mashawana by Chief Mphaphuli & Chief Mugivhi to be a Headman.

After the matter of Chieftaincy of Mr Mushavhela did not go well he named one of his sons Muvhango and the other one Luvhango. Mr Mangowe one of his sons was given a Head manship of Doli to try to make peace in the Royal house. Mr Mushavhela's house was not happy with that kind of settlement. There is still a hill/mountain at Doli named after Mr Mangowe.

Chief Mmbubana of Tshitomboni the uncle of Mr Mushavhela, Mr Tshivhonammbi and Ms Mususumeli recalled his nephew Mr Tshivhonammbi(Mr Netshitungulu) to Tshitomboni with the aim of making him a Headman. He became Mukoma of Tshitomboni until he passed away and was buried at Tshiendeulu tsha Tshitomboni. He was later succeeded by Mr Nethavhakone his son as Mukoma and Mr Nethavhakone was also buried at Tshiendeulu tsha Tshitomboni.

Due to the fact that the house of Mr Mushavhela was not happy about how the Chieftaincy was twisted they left Ha-Mashau.

Mr Mmese stayed at Dandani now Superama with his Family Mr Tshiakale, Mr Makwarela, Mr Tshikumula Johnson and Mr Pandelani.

Mr Muvhango relocated to Mauluma with his children Mr Mphephu Lucas, Mr Nemakhavhane, Mr David Munzhedzi and Mr Joe Ndwammbi.

Mr Mphothwana relocated to Tshakhuma with his Family Mr Ramathuthu, Mr Marubini and their sisters.

Mr Nemangowe remained with Mr Luvhango at Ha-Mashau while he was still a Headman at Doli and when he became angered by a bad lifestyle of Chief Khwara he openly told him that he was not a rightful Chief to the throne and that nearly costed his life. Mr Luvhango relocated to Vhulovhedzi/Bolobedu.