

Shoshong, Via Mahalapye. B. P.

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Mr. Silas Molima,
Mafikeng.

My dear Friend,

It is a long time since we have seen each other is it not? But I do not forget you but often think of you, & your visit here with Rev. O. Wathwa. I saw your cousin the minister sometime ago - last April, I think. He is a very nice man, I think. I am writing to ask your kind help, as I always turn to you when in difficulty about Secwana. We have Chwen's Bakaa here, & 10 miles away Kalamare, we have Legoc's town of Bakaa. Can you help me, please, with some information about the Bakaa. Of course, I know that it is said they came from the Barolong & that they brina tshepi & thow. I want to know the names of their Chiefs down to Masingi Father of Chwen & Legoc. Can you answer these questions - When & Why did the Bakaa leave the Barolong? Who was the Barolong Chief at that time?

When & why did the Bakaa begin to bind the flow?

Is it unusual for a tribe to have two totems such as iron or hammer & an animal such as the elephant?

Where did the Bakaa go to live first when they left the Barolou?

Who was the Bakaa Chief when they left your people?

Did the Bakaa ever fight or take part in any tribal wars?

What is the real origin of the name Bakaa? I know it is said that the Barolou Chief said "Ba ka a" or "Bakaa" - but is that the real origin?

So much for the Bakaa. It is said that the ^{Bahurats} are the fathers of the Bakwena, who again are ^{fathers of the} the tribes of the Bamainwa + Binwaketse. So far so good!

But I want to know where do the Barolou come in, also the Bathata, as well as smaller tribes such as the Bamalele, Baltho Kwa, Bapidi etc.

You used to help me in my difficulties long ago, & I hope you will, kindly, help me with the above.

I am very sorry that Bechwana did not support your "Koranta ea Bechwana" better, for it deserved their support. Give my kind greetings to all my old Barolou friends. With kindest regards to your wife and yourself

Yours faithfully
Edwin Lloyd

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