

A Comparative Study of Clan Names and Clan Praises in Khumalo and Msogwaba Settlements

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ABSTRACT The focus of the study is on the comparative analysis of clan names and clan praises in Khumalo and Msogwaba Settlements. A sample of twenty respondents or informants from each settlement was considered for interview in relation to their specific clan names and clan praises. Random sampling was used to obtain the information which represents the population of both settlements. A combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches was applied. The need for special collection, identification, classification, differentiation, description and interpretation seemed evident. These are the fundamental and key traditional aspects for historical, social and cultural life of every person. These are the global aspects that are not confined in folk poetry and folk sayings only, but they cut across all the literary and linguistic aspects. They are illustrious and notable reflections of the clan. They are rich in imagery and filled with historical and cultural narratives. Furthermore, they depict clan, sub clan, lineage and nation.