

Rachel Ella Benjamin - My Ancestors  
British

Born on ST. Helena Island, South Atlantic Ocean.



My ancestors are African Zulu.

The Zulu are the single largest ethnic group in South Africa and numbered about nine million in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Traditionally grain farmers, they also kept large herds of cattle on the lightly wooded grassland, replenishing their herds mainly by milking their neighbors.

The Zulu are known for their weaving, craft-making, pottery and beadwork.

In 1890 Dinuzulu was captured by the British and exiled to the Island of Saint Helena (my home) for seven years, for leading a Zulu army against the British, due to annexation (seizure) of the coastal plains of Zululand.



Dinuzulu Khetshwayo 1868-1913 was the king of the Zulu nation from 1886-1913. He succeeded his father Cetshwayo, was the last king of the Zulu's to be officially recognised as such by the British.

ST. HELENA AND LONDON (FEBRUARY-JUNE 1895)



Zulu customs and values are respect for elders, love for community and solidarity, parents-child relationship, fellowship and hospitality.

by Rachel Benjamin