

Social Engineering and Family Tree

Name	Father/Mother	Sons/Daughter	Grandson/Granddaughter
Sahle Selassie (husband)	Wossen Segad/Zenebework		
Wugire (concubine)		Derge	
Buzuneshe (wife)		Haile melekot	Menelik II
		Haile Mikael, Syfe, Amarkegne Tenagnework, Bekineshe, Tinfyesh	Ras Mekonnen
HaileMelekot (husband)	Sahle SelassieBezunesh	Menelik	
Ijegayehu (wife)	Adeyamo		
Tidenkeyalesh (wife)			
Menelik (husband))	Tewdrowes II/Tewbech Ali		
Alitash (wife)			
Bafona (wife)	Butle HaileMariam		
Tsehaytu (wife)			
Abechi (concubine)		Zewditu (f)	Wossen Regad Wodajo (m) Zenebework Mikael
Other concubines		Shewa Ragad (f)	Iyasu Mikael Ali Abba Bula
Zewditu (female)	Menelik/Abechi		
Araya Selassie Yohannes (husband)			
Guga Welle (husband)			
Ras Mengesha Kafay	Yohannes/Selass Dimtsu Welle Butle/	Romanawork Seyum Mengesha, Tigray	
Shewa Regad (wife)	Menelik	Iyasu V	
Mikael Ali abba Bula (husband)			
Name	Father	Son/Daughter	Grandson/Granddaughter
Iyasu V (husband)	Mikael Ali Abba Bula		

Romanework (wife) Sebele Wongel Haile (wife) 13 more concubines	Mengesha Yohannes/Kafay		
Mekonne (husband)	Welde Mikael Gudessa/Tenagnework		
Yeshemebet (wife)	Ali Abba Jiffar/Wolete Giyogis	Haileselassie	Romawork, Tenagework, Assefa Wossen, Zenebework, Tshai, Mekonnen, Saleselassie
Mentewab (wife) Other unknown (concubine)	Wale Butle	Yilma Mokennen	Yeshework
Sehin (wife)	Mikael Abba Bula/Fantayhe Fantaye husband/Gabru	Itege Menen Asfaw	<i>5 husbands: Dejazmach Ali, Amede Ali, Aba Deyas, Ras Seged, Haileselassie</i>
Asfaw Janitirar (husband)			
Haileselassie (husband)	Mokennen/Yeshemebet Ali	Romanawork Teagnwork	
Altayech (wife)	Asfaw /Sehin (mother)	Asfaw Wossen	
Menen (wife)		Zenebwor Tshai Mekonnen, Sahle Selassie	
Asfa Wossen (husband)	Emperor Haileselassie/Mennen Seyome Mengesha/Wentewab	Ijigayeh Asfaw Wossen	
Wolete Isreal (wife) Medferiawork	Abebe Dametew/Wossenyelesh	Mariam Senna, Sehin Azeb, Sifrash Bizu, Zera Yacob	

Name	Father	Sons/Duaghters	Grandson/Granddaughter
Ijigayeh (wife)	Asfaw Wosen/Welteisreal	Samson, Rahel, Mehert, Aster, Bekere, Yishaq	
Fikre Haileselassie (husband)	Habte Mariam		
Tenagnework	Emperor Haileselassie/mennen	Aida,	
Destu Dametew	Dametew Ketena	Amha, Iskinder, Seble, Sophia, Hirut, Tsige Mariam Retta, Mentewab	
Ras Andargachew Abebe Retta	Messai	Solomon Andargache	
Ras Yilma emperor's brother Unknow spouse	Mokonnen	Yeshework	
Ras Seyum (husband)	Mengesha Yohannes/Kafay	Welet Isreal Seyum	Ijigayehu Asfaw Wossen
Tewabech (wife)	Mikael Ali Abba Bula/Geti	Leul Mengesha Seyum	
Atsede Asfaw (wife)	Asfaw Derege	Kebedech Seyum	
Unknow wife			
Unkonw wife			
Welete Isreal (wife)	Seyum mengesha/Tewabech	Lielt Ijigayehu	
Price Asfaw Wossen	Emperor Haileselassie/Mennen		
Prince Mokonne	Emperor Haileselassie	P. wossen Seged, Mikael, Dawit, Taffari, Beede Mariam,	
Sara Gizaw Abera	Dejezmach Abera Tedla		

Ras mengesha	Seyum/?	Ribka, Mikael Sehul, Yohannes,Estifanos, Jalyee, Seyum, menen	
Aida Desta	Desta Damtew/ Tenagnework		

Social Engineering

The Shewan dynasty relied heavily on three factors that were rarely deployed by other contending dynasties of the region, mainly these factors were either regarded as unholy or they were, particularly one, was an unavailable at the time the Shewan dynasty began to emerge as a power to reckon.

It is also important to note that the Shewan dynasty was not, unlike the European dynasties, w armed with sufficient firepower and base, to challenge and destroy contenders to the throne, and/or weaker partners to bring them to fold. They had only the desire and appetite to rule others without the necessary tools to do it. That was why they were fanatic and obsesses with acquiring weapons and gun from foreigners. So much so, one emperor was so crippled with desire and such obsession to own weapons he had to make a unprecedented diplomatic grave error to arrest, English diplomats that lead to his downfall. The was so The shewan dynasty was rather prepared to fracture and sale of land and the people of contending forces to foreign powers. That was the reason Menelik II handed over in a silver plate Bahere Negash, including Djibouti, to Italy and France respectively. Not only the land was handed over to foreigners but also subjugated people were sold in tens of thousands as slaves to the Arabs and Europeans, as a source of finance as well as to weaken and control the regions. A case in point Menelik, together with his wife- Tshaytu Butle, had 80000 slaves at their disposal to be sold.. His grandson, Lij Iyasu had sold in a single stroke 40000 slaves from Adal and Afar regions to Arabs at a time when he assumed the throne without the blessing of the church. He was also reluctant to accept the French offer of Djibouti's reunion with Ethiopia if he was to support of Alliance against Germany during Second World War.

The Shewan dynasty was less interested in maintaining and keeping existing Ethiopian domain at all costs, as expect from any ruler in charge of dispensing responsibilities entrusted upon. They were mainly interested in asserting power in the region as long as it served their personal interest. Once they felt their main challengers were fractured and posed no threat, then they started the process of striping off the land either to sale or incorporate to their own domain.

Once the Aksumite Empire was partitioned Among the Shewan and Europeans, the remaining part became easier to break and incorporate, say for example Raya to Wollo And WelKait Tsegedey to Beremedir with little or no resistances. The number of Raya nobilities who fought Haileselassie after his return from self inflicted exile can be cited as examples. Emba Alagie that had seen off the Italians at the time Ras Alula and Ras Mengesha at the close of the 18th century twice once more was revisited by the fascist Italians in 1933 only for the emperor to flee to safety living behind people like Dejazmach Abera Tedla, grandfather of Telahun Yegzaw to defend the region. Abera Tedla was subsequently shot twice on the head and ultimately succumbed to his death in Adushe Adi, Tewejebo.

The people of Raya then paid heavy prices in exchange for their services in defending from the returning emperor, he confiscate their land and distributed to Amhara warlords, He appropriated 37 hectors for of land for himself, 49 for Asfaw Wossen, 19 for Leke Menkush Taddisse, 9 for Ras Abebe Aregay, These and other warlords then allowed Amhara settlers in move in to Raya and take lands. Places like Kobo, Men Defera (a place name pure as Tigrigna as it can be) were taken over by new settlers and the Rayan became serfs on their own farmlands.

Two factors deployed by the Shewan dynasty were intermarriage and use of free garrisons easily obtained in mass recruited from Oromo people who were recent immigrants to the country who were just about finding their feet in their newly homes.

As can be seen from the chart the Shewan dynasty extensively outstretched its female members to catch and pacify members of other contending claimants to the throne. The intermarriage of some was close to incestuous both sexually and politically to say the least. This way threats were thwarted.

The second factor that was mentioned above that was available in great numbers of manpower from the Oromos was used to expand and conquered the east, west and southern Ethiopia, ironically the Oromos at times appeared to be maneuvered to work against their long term self interest by the Shewan rulers. This resource of manpower was not available to the previous Warlords to implement their ambitions to control other regions.

Finally, and there is always final, when political machinations run out of steam, and the empire built was about to cave in , military operation as a last resort was used to hold on together the collapsing empire but to no avail as the Derge proved to be the case. But before or parallel to military operation taking place some fanciful grand designs were put in place; as it did in Russia with the Bolsheviks, the EPRP/MESSON emerged an progressive uniting forces; but cynics would have as forces desperate to defend and keep the existing statuesque of the ruling class and ethnic group by other means to prop up the Amhara upper hand. 70 odd years later In the end the Bolsheviks failed to bring the change about promised to the Soviet Union largely because the Bolsheviks mainly were interested serving Russian interest, albeit in disguise, at the expense of the

other nations under the Soviet Union. Unity that serves the interest of one group at the expense of other, no matter how cleverly designed will eventually be exposed and collapse. One example of slogans of unity that failed to reckon the diverse consistency of the people living in close proximity is the case of EPRP operating in Tigray Mountains and ridges during the 1976 armed struggle. During that time the EPRP obtained a cache of arms from the Palestine Liberation Front. This arms came through Eritrea and took long time to reach their destination in Tigray, but instead of arming the peasants of Tigray, as many of the young peasant who eagerly volunteered to Join the front were turned back being told the army (EPRP) was not in need of more fighters . - Which was not the case but false assertions? That said, the weapons obtained from Palestine were constantly and secretly moved around and buried underground to keep them safe from prying eyes of hostile forces operating in the region..That was a grave error committed by the EPRP. But as I will explain, you cannot teach an old dog a new trick. If the Tigrayan peasant were armed with the weapons obtained from a foreign land, the front would have been defended well and stave off the TPLF attack that indeed took place and destroyed the Front for two reasons: one:, the TPLF would not want to be seen attacking Tigrians to its detriment, if many peasants of Tigray origin were killed, it would have been difficult for the TPLF to operate in the region, The second point: with more armed men/women on its side, the EPRP could have been strong enough to defend itself and ward off the attack that took place. The question one could ask is then: The EPRP did not wish to arm more Tigrayan who then could disrupt and pose a threat to the existing socio- economic-military statuesque and structures with the Amharas at its helm. The EPRP felt threatened by the presence of more Tigray in its army than it did from the Derge. History tells us that during the reign of Menelik no Tigraian was allowed to join the national army by decree, because you know the reason. Menelik worried too much of Tigray than he did from the Italians. The plan was that once the EPRP left Tigray - and there was a plan to move on to other parts of Ethiopia but proved difficult, at times fatal. A, case in point the unit of EPRP that moved to Wollo was wiped out by the Amhara peasants. The plan was the cache of arms would be distributed to the Wollo, Gonder or Gojjam peasants, once militarily bases are established. The irony that the Tigrayans who sheltered the EPRP, at the time of their great need are considered a threat, when other nations were hostile; the Tigrayans were not trust worthy to be armed to defend a cause. In the end, things did not go to plan, in the conflict that erupted between the TPLF and the EPRP, the later was defeated and the cache of arms were taken by the TPLF. What they feared most it happened! Ether the TPLF found out about the secret place the arms were hidden themselves or the peasants in whose courtyard they were buried would have told them their whereabouts to save themselves from being implicated by the victories TPLF.. The point is it is not only the conservatives but the liberal and/or radical members of a society dominated for quite some time by single ethnic, race or religious groups would always harbor elements of discriminatory practices. One size fit all unity that denies diversity of people as it exists on the ground, be it ethnic, race, religion, language, etc, is dead in water and cannot be masqueraded under false pretences. One cannot and ought not say people are one and the same when they are not unless one has an ulterior motive to hide. Difference have to be recognized and resolved to amicable terms. You cannot bury your head, like an ostrich, and deny what is. Let alone, to be fooled by the noisy ragamuffins chauvinists Neftenagh waving tricolor flag calling for unity whilst at the same time their hands are stained with blood of those they clamor for to join,

even people with innocent and good intentions calling for unity under one flag one nation motto, hard to be believe and follow.. Because, some are big time, others small and some are not even aware that they have minuscule elements of chauvinistic ligament in their blood and get offended when they are reminded of the detrimental consequences of their acts. The chauvinists are as always driven by visceral appetites to gobble anything and everything that stands on their way. They have eyes but they do not see, they have ears they do not hear, they have Brains but it does not process information. What they have that works is their mouth with canine teeth and big offal with a lot of acidic enzymes to pulverize other peoples' needs. The claim to know better for their victims than the victims themselves. They and are prepared to fight for the



identity of Rayas, Welkaites than the Rayans and Welkotote themselves. They do not operate within the limits of reason and customs. They do not recognize the right of an individual or group of people the right to decide for themselves. They would do it themselves - period

Now you may ask the purpose of writing this article, denying a peaceful rest to the long dead persons. Well, it is to Ken what actual had happened in the past and never to endure the same ill treatments again; never to be taken for a rid by accepting the face values of what were promised would happen. We have to take charge of our destiny and not delegate anyone else in our name.

It looks Leij Iyasu and Ras Tefferi conspiring against Ras Seged to take away his wife Itege Mennen Asfaw - a nice of Iyasu and betroth secretly to Ras Teffri. It is said, Ras Seged reconciled with Teffari and later on fought siding Ras Teffari against Iyasu to revenge the plot

Iyasu hatched to take away Itge Mennen from him.

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