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Dear Professor Matthews,

I am working at present on a comparative study of Tswana kinship terminologies, and am writing to you in the hope that you may be able and willing to help me with information about the Rolong. I enclose a list of the terms that I want, and shall be most grateful if you could let me have it back soon filled in as fully as you can. I shall of course make due acknowledgment for any material that you care to let me have.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for sending me the first two numbers of the "Fort Hare Papers". I liked them considerably, and hope that you will be continuing the series now that it has been so successfully launched.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

I. Schapera

MATERNAL RELATIVES

MATERNAL GREAT)GRANDFATHER		Rra mogolwana
Mother's father		Rra mogolo
Mother's father's brother-elder	Rra mogolungwe Mma	Rra mogolo
	younger Rrangwanagwe Mma	Rra mogolo
Mother's father's sister	Rra Kgadingwe Mma	Mma mogolo
Maternal great grandmother		Mma mogolwana
mother's mother		Mma mogolo
Mother's mother		Mma mogolo
Mother's mother' brother	Malomagwe Mma	Rra mogolo
Mother's mother's sister-elder	Mma mogolagwe Mma	Mma mogolo
	Younger Mmangwanagwe Mma	Mma mogolo
Mother		Mma
Mother's senior co-wife		Mma; mma o mogolo
Mother's junior co-wife		Mma; mma o motlana
Mother's elder sister		Mma mogolo
Mother's elder sister's husband		Rra; mogotla mma mogolo
Mother's elder sister's son	Morwa Mma mogolo	Mogolole (y. m. s.) Mmake (o. m. s.) Kgantsadike (w. s.)
Mother's elder sister's son's wife		Mogokane (w. s.)
Mother's elder sister's daughter	Kgantsadike Morwadika Mmamogolo	Mogolole (m. s.) Mmake (m. s.) Mogolole (w. s.) Mmake (w. s.)
Mother's elder sister's daughter's husband		Mogwaka (m. s.) Mogolole (w. s.) Mma nywana
Mother's younger sister		Rra; mogotla Mmangwan
Mother's younger sister's husband		
Mother's younger sister's son	Morwa Mma mogolo	Mogolole (y. m. s.) Mmake (o. m. s.) Kgantsadike (w. s.) Mogokane (w. s.) Mogolole (m. s.) Mmake (w. s.)
Mother's younger sister's son's wife		Kgantsadike (m. s.) Mogolole (y. m. s.) Mmake (o. w. s.)
Mother's younger sister's daughter		Mogwaka (m. s.) Mogolole (w. s.) Mmake (w. s.)
Mother's younger sister's daughter's husband		Malome
Mother's brother		Mogotla Malome; Malome Mma
Mother's brother's wife		Ntsala
Mother's brother's son		Ntsala
Mother's brother's son's wife	Mogotla Ntsala	Ntsala
Mother's brother's daughter		Ntsala
Mother's brother's daughter's husband.	Mogotla Ntsala	Ntsala

SIBLINGS

ELDER BROTHER (man speaking)	Morwa ke	Mogolole
Elder brother's wife (man speaking)	Molangwale	Mogolole
Elder brother's child (man speaking)	Morwaka Morwadiale ;	Ngwana Mogolole
Younger brother (man speaking)		hna ke
Younger brother's wife (man speaking)	Molangwale	Nnake
Younger brother's child (man speaking)	Morwaka Morwadiale	Ngwanannake
Brother (woman speaking)		Igantsadiake
Brother's wife (woman speaking)	behya	Mogokano
Brother's child (woman speaking)		Ngwana kgantsadiake
Elder sister (woman speaking)		Mogolole
Elder sister's husband (woman speaking)		Mogatsa Mogolole ; Mogwe
Elder sister's child (woman speaking)		Ngwana mogolole ; Morwaka ; Morwadiale (A)
younger sister (woman speaking)		hna ke
Younger sister's husband (woman speaking)		Mogatsannake ; Mogwe
Younger sister's child (woman speaking)		Ngwanannake Morwaka ; Morwadiale (A)
Sister (man speaking)		Igantsadiake
Sister's husband (man speaking)		Mogwale
Sister's child (man speaking)		Setlogole
Brother's son's child (man speaking)		Matlogole
Brother's daughter's child (man speaking)		Matlogole
Sister's son's child (man speaking)		Matlogole
Sister's daughter's child (man speaking)		Matlogole
Brother's son's child (woman speaking)		Matlogole
Brother's daughter's child (woman speaking)		Matlogole
Sister's son's child (woman speaking)		Matlogole
Sister's daughter's child (woman speaking)		Matlogole

DESCENDANTS

Son		Morwa
Son's wife		Ngwetsi
Son's child		Matlogole
Daughter		Morwadiale
Daughter's husband		Mogwe
Daughter's child		Matlogole
Son's wife's parent		Mogogadi ;
Daughter's husband's parent		Mogogadi
Son's son's child.		Matlogolwana

Son's daughter's child _____ Motlogelwana
 Daughter's son's child _____ Motlogelwana
 Daughter's daughter's child _____ Motlogelwana

WIFE'S RELATIVES

Wife _____ Mosade wa ne ; Mogatsho
 Wife's father _____ Mogogadi (also) - wa mgonna
 Wife's mother _____ Mogogadi (also) - wa mogadi
 Wife's brother _____ Mogwaka
 Wife's brother's wife _____ Mogata hgwaka
 Wife's elder brother's son _____ Ngwana Mogwaka - Ngwana Mogole
 Wife's elder brother's daughter _____ " "
 Wife's younger brother's son _____ " - Ngwana hwa
 Wife's younger brother's daughter _____ " "
 Wife's sister _____ Kgantsa deake
 Wife's sister's husband _____ hwa (v. n. S)
 Wife's sister's child _____ Mogole (v. n. S)
 _____ Ngwana hgwaka
 _____ hwa

HUSBAND'S RELATIVES

Husband _____ Mogatsho
 Husband's father _____ Matsato
 Husband's mother _____ Matsato
 Husband's elder brother _____ Mogoleho
 Husband's younger brother _____ hwa
 Husband's elder brother's wife _____ Molangwe Mogata hgwaka
 Husband's younger brother's wife _____ Molangwe Mogata hwa
 Husband's elder brother's child _____ Ngwana Mogole
 Husband's younger brother's child _____ Ngwana hwa
 Husband's elder sister _____ Mogokane
 Husband's younger sister _____ Mogokane
 Husband's elder sister's husband _____ Mogata Mogole
 Husband's younger sister's husband _____ Mogata hwa
 Husband's elder sister's child _____ setlogole
 Husband's younger sister's child _____ setlogole
 Senior co-wife _____ Mogatsho Kano
 Junior Co- wife _____ Mogadingwana

1. Can a man marry his

- i. brother's daughter _____ *Yes, especially if they are not brothers by the same mother*
- ii. ~~sister~~ _____
- ii. sister's daughter _____
- iii. mother's brother's daughter _____ *Yes; supposed to be preferred marriage*
- iv. father's brother's daughter _____ *Yes*
- v. mother's sister's daughter _____ *Yes; if parents are not mother by same mother*
- vi. father's sister's daughter _____ *Yes*

2. Can a man inherit his

- i. father's widow _____ *Yes, but not his own mother*
- ii. elder brother's widow _____ *Yes, but not common, such widows being regarded as another*
- iii. younger brother's widow _____ *Yes*
- iv. son's widow _____ *No, but in the case of betrothing*
- v. mother's brother's widow _____ *No*

3. Can a man marry his

- i. wife's elder sister _____ *Yes, but unusual*
- ii. wife's younger sister _____ *Yes, preferred for a while*
- iii. wife's brother's daughter _____ *No*
- iv. wife's sister's daughter _____ *No*
- v. step-sister _____ *Yes, but very rare*
- vi. step-daughter _____ *No*