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History [*usimo*] of the Mukema or Mphene of Talagwe. – The Mukema clan [*lukolo*] is among the clans [*singholo*] which came from far away into the land [*isi*] of Ukaguru [*Ukagulu*]³. The Mukema came from Irangi⁴. They had stayed there for many years along with other clans. Later that land of Irangi was entered by two other groups [*ngholo*] and those groups were fierce, the Masai [*Wamasa*]⁵ and the Little-People [*Fimbwiji*].

³ Kaguru speak of the members of the Mukema matri-clan as Wamukema (sing. Mukema) from *kukema* "to bleat" referring to the sound of goats. They also sometimes speak of the clan by another name, Wamphene (sing. Mphene); *mphene* "goat". Kaguru speak of themselves as Wakagulu (sing. Mukagulu) and of their land as Ukagulu. They also sometimes refer to themselves as Wamegi (sing. Megi). I have throughout followed modern, conventional orthography for proper names, even when these differ from general usage by Kaguru.

⁴ Most Kaguru believe that their ancestors came from the area now inhabited by the Rangi people of Kondoa-Irangi District, far to the north-west of Ukaguru.

⁵ The Kaguru have two terms for the Masai, but apply these terms to both the