

Social Engineerin and family

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

Name	Father	Son/Daughter	Grandson/Granddaughter
Iyasu V (husband) Romanework (wife) Sebele Wongel Haile (wife) 13 more concubines	Mikael Ali Abba Bula Mengesha Yohannes		
Mekonne (husband) Yeshemebet (wife) Mentewab (wife) Other unknown (concubine)	Welde Mikael Gudessa Ali Jiffar Wale	Haileselassie Yilma Mokennen	Assefa Wossen 6 more sons/daughter
Sehin (wife) Asfaw Janitirar (husband)	Mikael Aba Bula Mother - Fantaye/Gabru	Itege Menen Asfaw	<i>5 husbands: Dejazmach Ali, Amede Ali, Aba Deyas, Ras Seged, Haileselassie</i>
Haileselassie (husband) Altayech (wife) Menen (wife)	Mokennen Asfaw (father)/Sehin (mother)	Romanework Teagnwork Asfaw Wossen Zenebwor Tshai Mekonnen Sahle Selassie	
Asfa Wossen (husband) Wolte Isreal (wife) Medferiawork	Emperor Haileselassie Seyome Mengesha Tigray Abebe Dametew	Ijigayeh Asfaw Wossen Mariam Senna, Sehin Azeb, Sifrash Bizu, Zera Yacob	

Name	Father	Sons/Dughters	Grandson/Granddaughter
Ijigayeh (wife)		Samson, Rahel, Mehert, Aster, Bekere, Yishaq	
Fikre Haileselassie (husband)	Habte Mariam		
Tenagnework Desta Dametew	Emperor Haileselassie	Aida,	
Ras Andargachew Abebe Retta	Messai	Amha, Iskinder, Seble, Sophia, Hirut, Tsige Mariam Retta, Mentewab Solomon Andargache	
Yilma emperor's brother Unknow spouse	Mokonnen	Yeshework Married to: Gugsa Aria Selassie Yohannes	
Ras Seyum (husband)	Mengesha Yohannes Mikael Ali Abba Bula	Welet Isreal Seyum	Ijigayehu Asfaw Wossen
Tewabech (wife)			
Atsede Asfaw (wife)	Asfaw Derege	Leul Mengesha Seyum	
Unknow wife		Kebedech Seyum	
Unkonw wife			
Welete Isreal (wife)	Seyum mengesha Emperor Haileselassie	Lielt Ijigayehu	
Price Asfaw Wossen			
Ras 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	Prince tenagnework Duagter		

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 option to choose for, 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, armed with sufficient firepower and base, to challenge and destroy contenders to the throne, and/or weaker partners to bring them to fold. The Shewan dynasty was rather prepared to fracture and sale offpart of land and the people of contending forces to foreign powers. That was the reason why Menelik II handed over on 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 off 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 confiscated their land and distributed to Amhara warlords, He appropriated 37 hectares for himself, 49 for Asfaw Wossen, 19 for Leke Menkush Taddisse, 9 for Ras Abebe Aregay, These and other warlords then allowed Amhara settlers to move in to Raya and take lands. Places like Kobo, Men Defera (a place name pure as Tigrihna as it can be) were taken over by new settlers and the Rayan became serfs on their own farmlands.

Two factors that were 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 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.

Finally, and there is always final, when political machinations run out of steam, and the empire building 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 as progressive uniting forces; but cynics would put them as forces desperate to defend and keep the existing statuesque of the ruling class and ethnic group - 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 served Russian interest 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 why the slogans of unity that fails to reckon the diverse consistency of the people living in close proximity is a 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 destination in Tigray, but instead of arming the peasants of Tigray, as many of the young peasant who volunteered to Join the front were turned back being told the front was not in need of more fighter. - 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. 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 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, 2) with more armed men/women on its side, the EPRP could have been strong enough to defend 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 structures with the Amharas at its helm. Remember during the reign of Menelik no Tigraian was allowed to join the national army by decree. 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, case in point the a unit of EPRP that moved to Wollo was wiped out by the Amhara peasants - those cache of arms would be distributed to the Wollo, Gonder or Gojjam peasants. The irony that the Tigrayans who sheltered the EPRP when other nations were hostile, 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. 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 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. Let alone, to be fooled by the noisy ragamuffins Neftenaghas waving tricolor flag calling for unity whilst at the same time they hands are stained with blood of those they clamor for to join, even people with initial good intensions calling for unity and one flag one nation, hard to be beloved. 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.

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 niece 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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