Ted ‘Nwashinangana’ Whitfield:

Ted Whitfield born on the 12 April 1936 in Pilgrims Rest spent his schooling years at Pretoria Boys high and Belfast High School. He started his career in the Kruger National Park as Ranger at Klipkoppies (now named Mooiplaas) section on the 1st April 1970 and was stationed at 7 of the 22 ranger section throughout the duration of his career (Mahlangeni (28 July 1970); Malelane (11 January 1972); N’wanetzi (7 April 1976); Kingfisherspruit (6 October 1977); Satara (30 November 1977); Houtboschrand (16 April 1982). Ted retired to Graskop on the 1 November 1994 after a formidable 24 year career as a section ranger in the Kruger National Park. His legacy continues in the Kruger National Park through two of his and Sue’s (Sue and Ted married on the 11th November 1962) three children, son Steven Whitfield is currently a section ranger at the Tshokwane section in the Kruger National Park. Ted’s daughter Sharon is married to Don English (son of Mike English, see Ma Xangane), currently the Regional Ranger, Marula South. Making this is a formidable family in conservation.

Ted is very keen on musketry and was an outstanding marksman in his heydays. He played a major role in the South African development of the monolithic bullet point for heavy calibre hunting rifles. He started making hunting knives as a hobby during the mid-1970’s and was a founder member of the South African Knife Makers Guild.

Ted Whitfield sadly passed away on the 10th January 2014, at the age of 78.

(Information provided by Ted Whitfield, via Steven Whitfield and Louis Olivier)