

John Dunn, known as the first white chief of the Zulus, could please many. Not content with only one wife, Catherine Pierce, he added 49 Zulu wives to his harem after befriending and becoming the adviser to King Cetshwayo. The end result was 117 children, and Dunn being granted the ruler of one of the largest areas in Zululand after the end of the Anglo-Zulu War. Parts of that tract of land, running from the Tugela to Mhlathuze rivers, are now in a civil dispute between some of his many descendants and a current Zulu chief Mathaba.

We caught up with two of his great-grandchildren, Trevor and Rodney Dunn, in the Emoyeni (Zulu for "the windy place") area where Dunn had built a village and where he is now buried.

"Hey, he must have been a fit man to have so many wives," said Trevor, whose great grandmother was Dunn's wife MaDube, as he posed for a picture at the grave site with Rodney.

Rodney said Dunn, who died on August 5, 1895 at the age of 61 was a strict husband.

"In the afternoon he would sweep the whole yard himself. No one was allowed to leave at night. If there were any footprints, there would be trouble in the morning."