DEDICATION

I wish to dedicate this thesis to my late mother, Munzhedzi Ramudzuli. She taught me to persevere and prepared me to face challenges with faith and humility. She was a constant source of inspiration to my life. Although she is not here to give me strength and support I always feel her presence, that used to urge me to strive to achieve my goals in life.
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STRUCTURE OF STUDY

This study has been constructed along the following lines:

Chapter One is an introduction which gives a brief outline of the objectives of the study and a historiographical analysis of sources.

Chapter Two provided a description of the chieftancy and the territorial boundaries of the Ravele community, a small rural community on the Northern Transvaal, until 1940.

Chapter Three dealt with the reasons for the removal of the Ravele community, which paved way for white settlement in the area, i.e., the implementation of the Forestry Act of 1913, Land Act of 1913, Native Trust and Land Act of 1936 and the problem of poor whites.

Chapter Four dealt with the impact of the forced removal on the Ravele community. I concentrated on the political, social and economic impact of the Ravele’s removal from the area under discussion. The effects on the administration, the control of the community, the community and family life, education, cultural activities, labour recruitment and livelihood were investigated.
Chapter Five gave an evaluation of the study as a whole and answered questions raised in the introduction and discussed in the study.

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