

RATU SIR JOSEFA LALABALAVU VANAYALIYALI SUKUNA KCMG, KBE

**FIJIAN CHIEF
SCHOLAR,
SOLDIER & STATESMAN**

(22 APRIL 1888 – 30 MAY 1958)



VUVALE / FAMILY

FATHER: Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi

MOTHER: Adi Litiana Maopa

VILLAGE: Bau,

DISTRICT: Bau,

PROVINCE : Tailevu

MATERNAL LINKS : Tubou, Lakeba, Lau

SIBLINGS: Adi Vuikaba

Ratu Tiale Vuiyasawa,

Ratu Joni Rabici Doviverata,

Adi Kacaraini Loaloakubou kei

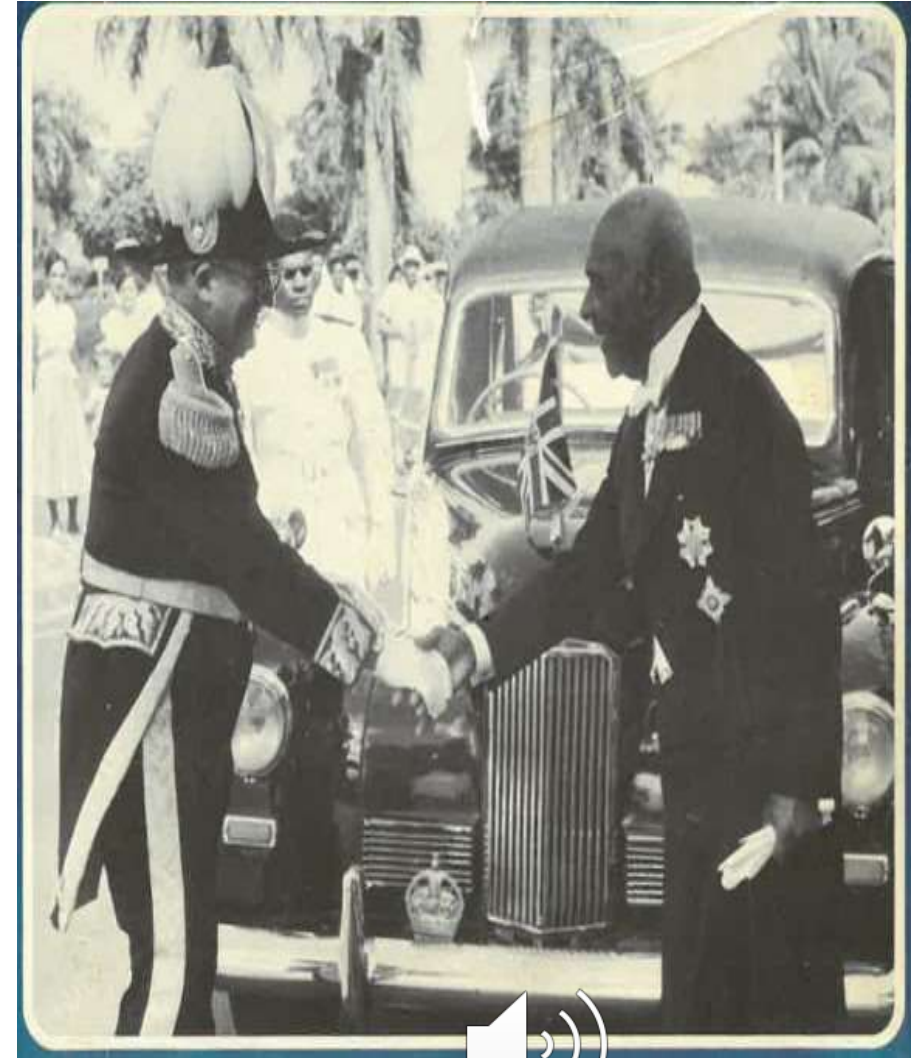
Adi Salote Mokoivaqa.

WIFE: 1. Adi Maraia Vosawale (1903-1956)

2. Maca Likutabua (1934 -2000)

GRANDPARENTS : Bau - Ratu Mara Kapaiwai & Adi Loalonakubou

Lau – Ratu Tevita Uluilakeba & Adi Asenaca Kakua



VULI/ EDUCATION

PRIMARY

- ❖ Wairuku Indian School (Kalasi 1 -5) – 1898
- ❖ LESSONS LEARNED: Faith in God & Culture and Traditions
- ❖ TUTORS: Pandit Badri Maharaj & Reverend Charles Andrews(Maths & English)

SECONDARY & TERTIARY

- ❖ Wanganui College, Niusiladi -1911
- ❖ Wadham College, Oxford – 1913
- ❖ Middle Temple Hall – attained his Bachelor of Laws in 1921



QITO / SPORTS

Wanganui Collegian School, New Zealand.

1. Rugby – position of halfback
2. Boxing – champion in his weight category
3. Cricket



KOROI NI QAQA / MEDAL OF HONOR

- ❖ **Croix de Guirre** - military decoration attained while serving in the French Foreign Legion
- ❖ **CBE/OBE/KBE - Commander of the Most of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire -1939**
- ❖ **KCMG - Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George - 1953.**



CAREER IN THE MILITARY



- ❖ Enlisted in the French Foreign Legion on 16th of December, 1914
- ❖ Also part of the Fiji Police as a Honorary Native Sub-Inspector, Fiji Constabulary -20th May,1916.
- ❖ Promoted as a Lieutenant in the Defense Force of Fiji - 20th June,1916
- ❖ Captain (Reserves) – Fiji Defense Force (19th July,1936)
- ❖ Served as Aide-de-camp (ADC's) to 6 Governors (9th November,1916, 1st June, 1922, 30th April,1925, 19th April,1929,1 7th December,1937, 16th September,1938)
- ❖ Member of the War Council as a– Lieutenant Colonel; Recruiting Officer, Fiji Military Forces- 1940



INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED

- ❖ TLTB – iTaukei Land Trust Board – administering and leasing of native lands.
- ❖ NLC – Native Lands Commission – assisted in the establishment of the Register of Landowners (Vola ni Kawa Bula)



FAMOUS QUOTES (IVOSAVOSA VAKA RATU SUKUNA)



- ❖ Proceed expeditiously but prudently - Vakusakusa vakamalua
- ❖ We will not die if we don't have enough food and water. But we will perish if we don't have our families. - Ena sega ni mate na iTaukei ke sega na kena kei na mena, ena mate ga ke sega na wekana
- ❖ Rank is not an ornament - Na itutu sa sega ni tekiteki
- ❖ Stop the hasty and assist the late. - Tarovi ira na vakatotolo, yavalati ira na bera



CONCLUSION

- ❖ Passed away in the Indian ocean whilst in the boat 'Arcadia'
- ❖ Did not own anything when he passed away. All his salary were diverted to the development of the Vanua.
- ❖ His body was brought back to Fiji in 1958 and was later laid to rest in the chiefly burial grounds in Tubou Lakeba, Lau.

