

# **The Jerusha Kanyua Documentary: Narrative of Research Process and Bibliography of Sources**

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## **Narrative and Timeline**

The 13-minute documentation of one Jerusha Kanyua from the slopes of Mount Kenya at a rural town called Chuka in Ndagani location was initiated in early 2019 to comply with the urgent need to preserve history of the JKMC church where she used to fellowship till her demise.

A task force was formed by Cinematographer Victor Murithi of Frontviewstudios, Nairobi, Kenya with the task to deliver details of the said woman in an audio visual context.

### ***Wednesday, 24 April 2019, 13:12:24***

On this date, Victor Murithi and Eric Wandugo Njatha visited the descendants of Jerusha Kanyua at their residential home which is the land in which of Jerusha was buried.

Here we had data from the relatives who are Mercy Kaari, Marita Wamburia and Muthoni

They showed us photographs and calendars dating back in the day when Jerusha was alive.

We took testimonial videos of their narrations and restructured a script to make the final piece for post-production

### ***On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019***

Victor Murithi and Eric Njatha made arrangements with Mr Tirus Nthiga Ayub for facilitation with the elder peers that he was conversant to have experience a firsthand contact with Jerusha Kanyua while she was still alive.

The first person visited was the Late Justus Nthiga Kibabu at his humble home in Ndagani at Gichucha village at around 10: 32 Am.

He is the subject laying on the ground while he's interviewed and due to frail memory of the interviewee, we managed to collect bits and bits from him before moving on to the next interviewee.

Later on we walked off to Tungu area in Ndagani to meet Jeremiah Rauni Nkari, guy in a wheelchair and he managed to feed us some info between the times of 12 and 1 pm EAT.

Afterwards, Mr Tirus Thiga Ayub, the local elder guide gave me his testimonial of the same at his home in Tungu village in Ndagani.

### ***On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019***

Victor Murithi interviews one Grace Nyaga who is sister to Ayub mentioned above. She provided details of how Jerusha would relate with the authorities given back in the day she was this medical personnel who would be in constant contact with them

After carrying out the various interviews, we compared the data for verification with pre-existing ones and luckily we managed to land to your website with the info provided by Dr Dickson Nkonge and much of it was to avoid putting out information that was considered not viable to the world. The dates are provided with reference to the video and photographic timelines.

### ***23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019***

We visited on Sebastiano Karani who was the administrative person in Kathunguthe area where he narrated the cattle dip story with relation to Jerusha kanyua. Also, we met Aniceta Ciangai who was the host resident when the cattledip was launched back in the day, she claimed to have provided space for a bull slaughter that Jerusha Kanyua had offered on the D day of celebrating building a cattledip.

### ***25<sup>th</sup> August 2019***

All relevant material was collected and forwarded to production house and after a lengthy talk with my creative partners, we saw to it that delivering the story in the form of an animated video would help fill out the missing footage of video that could not be availed back in the date


















Post production lasted about an year following the corona virus pandemic worldwide and we managed to release the video late last year on November 6, 2020.

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