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Although Taklha is the Yapshi family name, few of its members actually use it. I have also had a general problem over the use of Tibetan surnames. Some use their second or third given names as a surname, e.g. Choegyal, Norbu, Taklha, Taring; others – even within the same branch of the family – do not use a surname at all. (And among those whose first name is Tenzin, some prefer to spell it thus, others with a 'd'.) I have tried to be consistent, but it is never easy and not always possible, and if in some cases I have made the wrong decision, I can only apologize.

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