

Sie Gboŋmbo Katoo, Banda-Ahenkro¹

Sie Gboŋmbo Katoo is one of the seven founding families of Banda-Ahenkro. The founder of Sie Gboŋmbo Katoo came to the Banda area from Côte d'Ivoire where he lived in a Kulango town called Dergbango. There came a time when a person in the town died, and when the corpse was asked the cause of its death, it indicated that witchcraft had been the cause and the sister of Sie Gboŋmbo was implicated. At that time, someone accused of witchcraft would be beaten to death, so the woman fled the area. The man, Sie Gboŋmbo, being of the same family, felt compelled to go and find his sister. He left Côte d'Ivoire in search of her and came to find her living among the Nafana who were living at Bui at that time. The Omanhene at that time was Dabla. The man liked the area and decided to stay with his sister and the Nafana.

When the Nafana left Bui to move back to Banda-Ahenkro, the head of Sie Gboŋmbo Katoo decided to go to Bongase with a man named Pekoshia Baffu. Later, when Baffu was offered the stool of Bongase by right of inheritance, the head of Sie Gboŋmbo family decided to leave Bongase to join his sister in Ahenkro. By this time, his sister was married to Sie Bonu, nephew of the Bongase chief. This took place during the time of the Paramount Chief Sie Yaw Dwuru. Gboŋmbo's sister had three children by Sie Bonu (Sie Nyu, Yaa Mbo Kupo and Dagbompour). Dagbampour, the youngest girl, married a nephew of Nana Sie Yaw Dwuru. They had one child (Kwabena Bubu) after which the husband died.

At the time that the family head moved from Bongase to Ahenkro, most of the relatives from Côte d'Ivoire came to join them. Jito, a former head of family who came from Côte d'Ivoire, is remembered for his bravery in wars against the Mo during the reign of Bandahene Sie Yaw Dwuru.

Male Heads of Family

1. Sie Gboŋmbo
2. Jito
3. Dabla Densi
4. Hambo Patripa
5. Siekolo
6. Kwaku Diblo
7. Obaa Kaachire
8. Kwabena Nimako (head in 1986)

Female Heads of Family

1. Yaa Mbo Kupo
2. Afua Tole
3. Nyinango
4. Dagbompo
5. Akua Tete
6. Akua Krombo
7. Akua Jasbini
8. Adjua Waa
9. Adjua Site

Interview held on 25 July, 1986 with Kwabena Nimako (Head of House), Kwasi Mensah, and Alexander Ababio. The family derived some of information from a family history written by Alexander Ababio on 1 Sept, 1972 based on information supplied by Adjua Waa who was still alive at that time.

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