

## **DETERMINING THE OWNER OF DENKYIRA AYANFURI LAND IN CENTRAL REGION OF GHANA: EVIDENCE FROM AYANFURI GYAMAN**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The study adopted explanatory research design, strategy used was cross-sectional survey, approach to the study was qualitative research, source of data collection was primary source, method of data collection was one-on-one interview, population of the study were Ayanfuri Gyamanhene and his sub-chiefs including ex-chiefs and method of data analysis was qualitative data analysis technique. The objectives of the study were achieved through research. Problem statement of the study was "Determining the owner of Denkyira Ayanfuri land in Central Region of Ghana: Evidence from Ayanfuri Gyaman". With the literature review, the study considered legal court judgement proceedings of a parcel of land called Gyaman Dadaa. The study found out that Ayanfuri Ancestors came from Akyem Amanfo, Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors originated from Abankeseso, ancient Denkyira capital and Ayanfurihene acquired land from Ayanfuri Gyamanhene. The study generalized that Ayanfuri Gyamanhene gave Ayanfurihene, Oson Pa Nto a place to stay. The study recommended that Ayanfuri Gyamanhene should have land title certificate indicating Ayanfur land belonged to him.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY**

#### **Introduction**

Ayanfuri Gyaman and Ayanfuri are two towns found in Upper Denkyira West District but Ayanfuri Gyaman is not a suburb of Ayanfuri. Ayanfurihene believes that Ayanfuri Gyamanhene is staying on his land. And Ayanfuri Gyamanhene also claims that Ayanfurihene is staying on his land. This fact generated into heated debate between the two towns.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

To find out the origin of Ayanfuri stool  
To find out the origin of Ayanfuri Gyaman stool  
To find how Ayanfurihene acquired land in Upper Denkyira

### **GENESIS OF DENKYIRA AYANFURI STOOL**

On 28th April, 2001 Ayanfuri Gyaman Abusuapanin, Kwame Nisiah declared that Ayanfuri's Stool originated from Akyem Amanfo

led by Nana Oson Pa Nto. Ayanfuri Gyamanhene, Nana Anofi Gyeabour II confirmed that Ayanfuri's Stool came from Akyem Amanfo led Nana Oson Pa Nto (Nana Anofi Gyeabour, 2002). Ayanfuri Gyamanhene, Nana Fobi Buo II said Ayanfuri's Stool came from Akyem Amanfo led Nana Oson Pa Nto (Nana Fobi Buo, 2004). The family that occupied Ayanfuri's Stool is Oyokuo Family. The name of Ayanfuri's Stool is Oson Pa Nto Stool (Abusuapanin Kwame Nisiah, 2006).

**THESIS STATEMENT:** The problem statement of the study was "Determining the owner of Denkyira Ayanfuri land in Central Region of Ghana: Evidence from Ayanfuri Gyaman". The study found out origin of Ayanfuri's Stool, Ayanfuri Gyaman Stool and how Ayanfurihene acquired land in Upper Denkyira

### **ORIGIN OF AYANFURI GYAMAN STOOL**

Ayanfuri Gyaman Abusuapanin, Kwame Nisiah said that their stool originated from Abankeseso,

accient Denkyira Capital under the under the leadership of Nana Boa Agyaako I (Abusuapanin Kwame Nisiah, 2001). Ayanfuri Gyamanhene, Nana Anofi Gyeabour II declared that their stool came from Abankeseso, accient Denkyira Capital under the leadership of Nana Yaw Asem Bediako I (Nana Anofi Gyeabour,2002). Ayanfuri Gyamanhene, Nana Fobi Buo II confirmed that their stool originated from Abankeseso, ancient Denkyira Capital (Nana Fobi Buo 2004). Ayanfuri Gyaman Krontihene, Nana Yaw Nimoo said that their stool came from Abankeseso, ancient Denkyira Capital (Nana Yaw Nimoo, 2025). Ayanfuri Gyaman Dwantoahene, Nana Yaw Nkonya confirmed that their stool originated from Abankeseso, ancient Denkyira Capital (Nana Yaw Nkonya,1998).

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

Around 1998- 2004 It circulated within Ayanfuri vicinity that Ayanfuri Gyamanhene was staying on Ayanfurihene's land. This issue became heated debate to a extent that Ayanfurihene claimed Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were strangers. Ayanfuri Gyamanhene also said that his ancestors gave Ayanfurihene a place to stay. On 4th December, 2002 Ayanfuri Gyaman elders discovered someone was selling parcel of land to prospective developers. This land is found within Ayanfuri township and that place is known as Gyaman Dadaa. When Ayanfuri Gyamanhene discovered this, he asked Ayanfuri chief if he was selling the land. Ayanfurihene said that he had no idea about the land. Due to this, Ayanfuri Gyamanhene sent the case Dunkwa Magistrate Court and the court rule in favor of Ayanfuri Gyamanhene. In 2004 Ayanfurihene made appeal at Cape Coast High Court and was defeated by Ayanfuri Gyamanhene. Gyaman Dadaa was the ancestral homeland of Ayanfuri Gyaman located in Upper Denkyira West District. Based on the above facts stated the study found out origin of Ayanfuri's Ancestors, origin Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors and how Ayanfurihene acquired land in Upper Denkyira.

## **HOW AYANFURIHENE ACQUIRED LAND IN UPPER DENKYIRA**

When Ayanfuri Ancestors came from Akyem Amanfo, Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors had already settled at Gyaman Dadaa in Upper Denkyira. Gyaman Dadaa is now located in Ayanfuri township. Nana Yaw Asem Bediako I brought Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors from ancient Denkyira Abankeseso to Gyaman Dadaa. Before the arrival of Ayanfuri Ancestors, Ayanfuri land was occupied by Bewira people. Bewira people were doka tappers. Ayanfuri Ancestors under the leadership of Nana Oson Pa Nto consulted Denkyira Bebianihahene to give them a place to stay. But Denkyira Bebianihahene told him that he was staying on Ayanfuri Gyamanhene's land. So they should consult him and he would give them a place to stay. Ayanfurihene, Nana Oson Pa Nto consulted Ayanfuri Gyamanhene to give them a place to stay. Ayanfuri Gyamanhene told him to stay with Bewira people because they were few (Abusuapanin Kwame Nisiah,2000). Ayanfuri Gyamanhene, Nana Anofi Gyeabour II said that his ancestors gave Ayanfurihene a place to stay (Nana Anofi Gyeabour,2003). Ayanfuri Gyamanhene, Nana Fobi Buo II declared Ayanfurihene was staying on his ancestors' land (Nana Fobi Buo, 2004). Ayanfuri Gyaman Dwantoahene, Nana Yaw Nkonya confirmed that Ayanfurihene was staying on his ancestors' land (Nana Yaw Nkonya, 2001). Ayanfuri Gyaman Krontihene, Nana Yaw Nimoo said that Ayanfurihene was staying on his ancestors' land (Nana Yaw Nimoo, 2025). Late Ayanfuri Gyaman Krontihene, Nana Yeboah said that Ayanfurihene was staying on his ancestors' land.

## **METHODOLOGY**

### **Introduction**

This chapter deals with research design, strategy, approach, population, source of data collection, method of data collection, sample size and analysis of data collection. The study used explanatory research because it was the best method of interpreting the data collected from the field. The research strategy utilized was cross-sectional

survey where the chief and his sub chiefs were chosen as a case study. The approach to the study was qualitative because the study was interested in determining the owner of Denkyira Ayanfuri land. The population of the study, source of data collection, method of data collection, sample size and analysis of data collection were thoroughly analyzed.

**Population of the study:** Target population of the study were the chief and his sub chiefs.

**Sample size:** Sample size for the study was 100 samples.

**Source of data collection:** The source of collecting data for the study was primary source.

**Method of data collection:** The method used to collect data for the study was one-on-one interview.

## **DATA ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSIONS**

### **Introduction**

This chapter covered data gathered from the field, qualitative data analysis technique was utilized to analyze the data and the results were as follows:

### **Response on origin of Ayanfuri Gyaman Black Stool**

#### **Main chief**

"Ayanfuri Gyaman Black Stool came from Denkyira Abankeseso, Ancient Denkyira Capital": This means that Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

**Queenmother:** "The Black Stool originated from Abankeseso": Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood

**Abusuapanin:** " Our Black Stool is from Denkyira Abankeseso": Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

#### **Ex-chiefs**

#### **Nana Anofi Gyeabour II**

" Our Black Stool originated from Abankeseso, Denkyira ancient capital": That implies Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

#### **Nana Fobi Buo II**

"We came from Abankeseso, Denkyira ancient capital with our Black Stool": That means Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

**Gyaasehene:** "The stool came from Abankeseso, ancient Denkyira capital": Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

**Ankobeahene:** "Our Black Stool came from Abankeseso": Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

**Kyidomhene:** "We came from Abankeseso with the Stool": Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

**Dwantoahene:** Ayanfuri Gyaman Stool was Denkyira": Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

**Krontihene:** "Our Black Stool came from Abankeseso": Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

**Mamahene:** "The stool came from Abankeseso": Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors were Denkyiras by blood.

### **Response on origin of Ayanfuri Black Stool**

#### **Main chief**

"Ayanfuri's stool came from Akyem Amanfo ": That is Ayanfuri's Ancestors were strangers

**Queenmother:** " When their stool came from Akyem Amanfo, Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors had established in Upper Denkyira": Ayanfuri Ancestors did not come from Abankeseso, ancient Denkyira capital.

**Abusuapanin:** "Ayanfuri's stool came from Akyem Amanfo: Ayanfuri ancestors were strangers.

**Gyaasehene:** "Ayanfuri ancestors came from Akyem Amanfo with their black stool": Ayanfuri ancestors were strangers.

**Mamahene:** Ayanfuri stool came from Akyem Amanfo": Ayanfuri stool were strangers.

**Krontihene:** "Ayanfuri ancestors originated from Akyem Amanfo": Ayanfuri ancestors were strangers.

**Dwantoahene:** "Ayanfuri elders came from Akyem Amanfo": Ayanfuri ancestors were strangers.

**Ankobeahene:** "The stool of Ayanfuri came from Akyem Amanfo": Ayanfuri ancestors were strangers.

**Kyidomhene:** "Ayanfuri ancestors came from Akyem Amanfo": Ayanfuri ancestors were strangers.

### **Ex-chiefs**

#### **Nana Anofi Gyeabour II**

"Ayanfuri's stool came from Akyem Amanfo": Ayanfuri ancestors were strangers.

#### **Nana Fobi Buo II**

"Ayanfuri ancestors originated from Akyem Amanfo": Ayanfuri ancestors were strangers.

### **Response on how Ayanfurihene acquire land in Upper Denkyira**

#### **Main chief**

"Ayanfurihene is staying on my land": Ayanfuri Gyamanhene gave Ayanfurihene a place to stay.

#### **Queenmother**

"Ayanfurihene does not have land": Ayanfuri land belonged to Ayanfuri Gyamanhene.

#### **Abusuapanin**

"Ayanfurihene, Nana Oson Pa Nto asked for land from Ayanfuri Gyamanhene": Ayanfuri Gyamanhene was the owner of Ayanfuri land.

#### **Gyaasehene**

"Ayanfurihene land belongs to Ayanfuri Gyamanhene": It was ancestors of Ayanfuri Gyaman who the land to Ayanfurihene.

#### **Krontihene**

"Ayanfurihene's land belong Ayanfuri Gyamanhene": In the ancient days Ayanfuri Gyamanhene gave the land to Ayanfurihene to settle on it.

### **Ex-chiefs**

#### **Nana Anofi Gyeabour II**

"It is Ayanfuri Gyamanhene who gave Ayanfurihene a place to stay": Ayanfuri Gyamanhene was the owner of Ayanfuri land

#### **Nana Fobi Buo II**

"Ayanfurihene is a stranger": Ayanfuri Gyamanhene gave Ayanfurihene a place settle.

#### **Ex-Abusuapanin**

"Ayanfurihene is staying on Ayanfuri Gyamanhene's land": Ayanfurihene was not the owner of the above mentioned land.

#### **EX-krontihene**

"Ayanfurihene does not have land": The land Ayanfurihene was staying on belonged to Ayanfuri Gyamanhene.

#### **Ankobeahene**

"Ayanfuri Gyamanhene is the owner of Ayanfuri land": Ayanfuri land did not belong to Ayanfurihene.

#### **Kyidomhene**

"Ayanfurihene had settled on Ayanfuri Gyamanhene's land": The land did not belong to Ayanfurihene.

#### **Ex-Asafoakye**

"Ayanfuri land belongs Ayanfuri Gyamanhene": Ayanfurihene did not have land.

#### **Mamahene**

"We are the owners of Ayanfuri's land": Ayanfuri Gyaman Ancestors gave the land to Ayanfurihene.

#### **Dwantoahene**

"Ayanfurihene cannot be the owner of Ayanfuri land": Ayanfuri land belonged to Ayanfuri Gyamanhene.

## **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

The study found out that Ayanfuri ancestors came from Akyem Amanfo, Ayanfuri Gyaman ancestors originated from Abankeseso, ancient Denkyira capital and Ayanfurihene acquired land from Ayanfuri Gyamanhene. The chief, Queenmother, Abusuapanin, Gyaasehene, Krontihene and ex-chiefs of Ayanfuri Gyaman declared that it was their ancestors who gave Ayanfurihene, Oson Pa Nto a place to stay.

### **CONCLUSION**

The chief and ex-chiefs of Ayanfuri Gyaman said that their ancestors gave Ayanfurihene, Oson Pa Nto a place to stay. Base on this fact the study generalized that Ayanfuri land belonged to Ayanfuri Gyamanhene.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Site plan:** Ayanfuri Gyamanhene should have land title certificate indicating that he is the owner of Ayanfuri land.

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