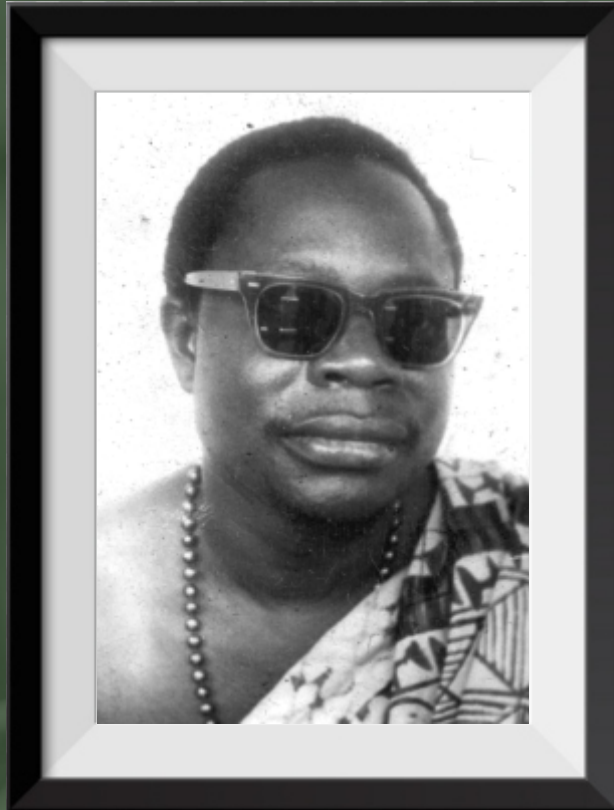


THE INAUGURAL MEMORIAL LECTURE



OKYENHENE BA
DR. JONES AKWASI AMOAKO ATTA
OFORI-ATTA

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JULY, 2022
2:00PM - 6:00PM

THE GREAT HALL
UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON

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(BEGORO CONSTITUENCY)
1969 -1972 | 1979 - 1981

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1969 - 1972

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1975 - 1979

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1986 - 1991

RESIDENT SCHOLAR - INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
1993 - 1997

FOUNDING MEMBER - PROGRESS PARTY,
POPULAR FRONT PARTY, NEW PATRIOTIC PARTY



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President of Ghana (2001 - 2009), John Agyekum Kufuor
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- 4:00pm 'A Tribute to My Uncle Jones'
His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Ghana,
Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo



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Programme continued

- 4:10pm Musical Interlude - The Winneba Youth Choir
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Retired Head, Department of Political Science, University of Ghana, Legon (1999 - 2002)
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Etwienanahene, Barima Kwaku Dua
- 5:25pm 'A Royal Eulogy - His King, His Father'
The Okyenhene, Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panin
- 5:35pm The Clap of Honour
- 5:40pm The Winneba Youth Choir
- 5:45pm Closing
- 5:50pm Processional Departure
- 6:00pm Reception





PROFILE

The Chair of the Governing Council, University of Ghana, Her Ladyship Justice Sophia Akuffo

Her Ladyship Justice Sophia Akuffo, attended Wesley Girls' High School and holds an LLB degree from the University of Ghana, as well as an LLM degree from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. She has extensive experience within the Ghanaian corporate world as well as within the country's legal system.

After qualifying as a Barrister-at-Law in Ghana, in 1975, she performed her National Service at the Legal and Consular Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Thereafter, she worked with the law firms, U. V. Campbell & Co., and W. E. Fugar & Co. Later, she joined the Ghana Airways Corporation as a Legal Officer and Deputy Corporation Secretary, following which she worked with Mobil Oil Ghana Limited, where she was the Legal and Relations Manager and Company Secretary for the Mobil Oil Ghana Group (which included Mobil Oil Liberia Ltd and Mobil Oil Sierra Leone Ltd.). She established her private Law firm, Akuffo Legal Consultancy (now Apex Law Consult) and practiced as a Legal Consultant from 1992 to 1995 when she was elevated to the Supreme Court Bench of Ghana.

In 2006, Justice Akuffo was elected at the Summit of Presidents of the African Union (AU) as one of the pioneering Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. She was elected the Vice President of the African Court for a statutory term of 2 years in September 2008 and again in 2010. Thereafter, she was elected the President of the African Court in September 2012, for a statutory term of two years after which, in 2014, she completed her term as a Judge of the Court.

Justice Akuffo has held positions on various Boards, Commissions and Committees over the years, both in Ghana and in the AU. She was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana in June 2017 and retired from the Judiciary of Ghana in December 2019, upon attaining the compulsory age for retirement from the Superior Court of Judicature.

Her Ladyship remains a Director of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute. She is currently the Chairperson of Ghana's COVID-19 National Trust Fund and the Chairperson of the Governing Council of the University of Ghana.





INTRODUCTION

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana, Professor Nana Aba Appiah Amfo

On behalf of the Governing Council and Management of the University of Ghana, I welcome all our distinguished guests to the Inaugural Memorial Lecture held, in honour of the late Okyenhene Ba Dr. Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta Ofori-Atta, a Statesman who distinguished himself in the service to our dear nation, Ghana. Dr. Ofori-Atta, a Prince of the prominent Ghanaian family from the Akyem Abuakwa Traditional Area, excelled as an Academic and contributed to the field of Economics here at home and globally.

In order to leave a strong and lasting legacy in his memory, the family is working with the University of Ghana to institute:

- An annual Memorial Lecture to discuss pertinent issues in Economics and other related disciplines;
- An Academic Award for a level 200 student in Economics and another in Leadership;
- An Endowed Research Chair at the Department of Economics.

As a university, we share in the family's excitement to establish a Research Chair to attract and retain the best research talents from around the world to Ghana. We anticipate that the Chair will be occupied by a renowned researcher who will bring together high-level specialized researchers in the field of Economics to undertake ground-breaking studies with national and global impact.

My administration aspires to create a culture that promotes Research, Teaching and Learning, Administrative Processes and Extension Activities driven by technology and anchored in humanism in the University of Ghana.

This vision, expatiated in six Key Strategic Objectives (KSOs) aligns with our determination to become a "world-class research-intensive university", with a mission to "create an

enabling environment that makes the University of Ghana increasingly relevant to national and global development through cutting-edge research as well as high-quality teaching and learning".

This collaboration with the Ofori-Atta family will undoubtedly promote our first key strategic objective to reinvigorate impactful research towards increasing the research income and scholarly outputs at the University of Ghana.

We look forward to strengthening the existing cordial relationship between the University and the family, as together we explore other possible areas of further collaboration to expand the frontiers of higher education in Ghana.

I take this opportunity to thank Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panin, the Okyenhene, for his leadership and for co-hosting with myself and the University of Ghana in this new partnership.

Osagyefuo, ye da woasi





PROFILE

Retired Professor, Department of History, University of Ghana and *Okyeman Kanea*, Robert Yaw Addo-Fening

Robert Addo-Fening was born at Osino on 7 March, 1935 and educated at Presbyterian Schools at Osino and Akyem Asafo (1941-49), Accra Academy (1950-53), and the Kumasi College of Technology where he was trained as a teacher (1954-55).

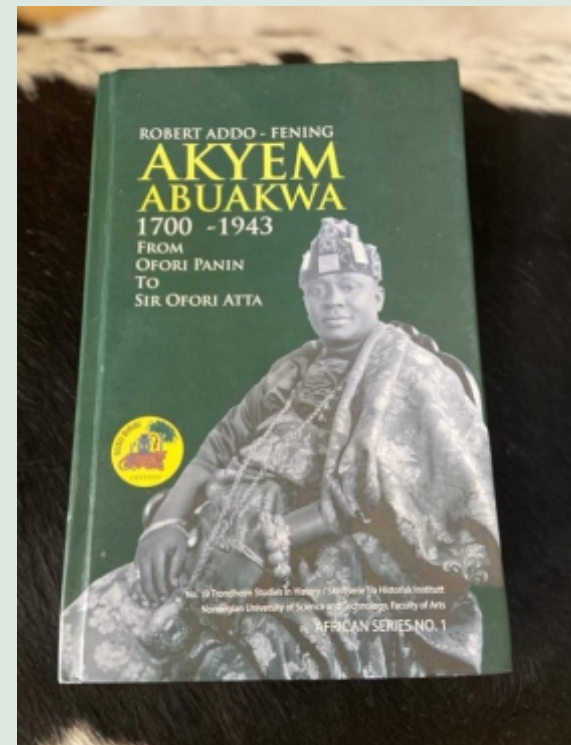
After nearly 4 years of Elementary school teaching, he entered the University of Ghana in October 1959 and graduated in June 1963 with a BA Honours degree in Modern History.

From September 1963 to May 1965 he was a History Tutor at Ofori Panin Secondary School, New Tafo. He earned his M.A. degree at the Australian National University in 1967 and was appointed Lecturer at the Department of History, Legon in October of the same year. He studied part-time at the same University for his PhD, which he completed in 1980.



Addo-Fening retired in 1995, having taught several generations of History students at the University of Ghana, Legon. He continued to hold yearly post-retirement appointments at the Department for another 17 years.

Academic positions he held overseas included Fullbright Scholar, University of California at San Diego (1977-78); Fullbright-Hays Scholar-in Residence, North Carolina A & T State University at Greensboro (1992-93); and a two-week Lectureship at Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim (1995). He has several publications to his credit including six books, two of which he authored with other scholars.





PROFILE

The Seventh Speaker of the Parliament of the Fourth Republic of Ghana, Professor Aaron Mike Oquaye

The Rt. Hon. Professor Aaron Michael Oquaye, Speaker of the Seventh Parliament of the Fourth Republic, was born to Mr. E. G. N. Oquaye of Osu, Accra (a Cocoa Merchant) and Mrs. Felicia Awusiki Oquaye (née Azu), of Odumase Krobo, as the third of seven children on 4th April, 1944.

He studied at the University of Ghana, University of London and at Lincolns Inn, London. He holds a B.A. Hons. (Political Science); LLB. Hons. B.L. and PhD degrees respectively.

Prof Oquaye is a Barrister of the Supreme Court of England and Wales, and a senior member of the Ghana Bar. As an academic, he achieved the singular distinction of winning within four years, the coveted International Rockefeller Senior Scholar Award and the Senior Fulbright Scholar Award in 1993 and 1997 respectively. The Fulbright award is considered the highest award in academia.

He was Head of the Department of Political Science at the University of Ghana, Legon (October 1999-January 2002) and also the Vice-President of the Africa Association of Political Science (AAPS) (1997-1999).

His books and articles have been published in England, Canada, USA, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Ghana. His rich experience in African politics has been tapped by many institutions in Ghana and abroad.

Prof Oquaye has served Ghana as two-time MP, Minister of State, Ambassador and Speaker of Parliament, among other positions.

He presided over a productive Parliament, which among others, passed a Private Members Bill in Ghana for the first time in our history.

A proud old boy of the Presbyterian Boys' Secondary School (PRESEC), he was elected Head Boy of PRESEC during the 80th Anniversary of the school. The University of Ghana elected him to deliver the 2018 Alumni Lecture as part of activities marking the University's 70th anniversary celebration, which has since been published.

Prof. Aaron Michael Oquaye is married to Major (Rtd.) Mrs. Alberta Boatema Oquaye with children.

His hobbies include soccer, table tennis, reading, writing and music.





Amantiremanmienu, The Okyenhene, Nana Sir Ofori Atta I (1912-1943)

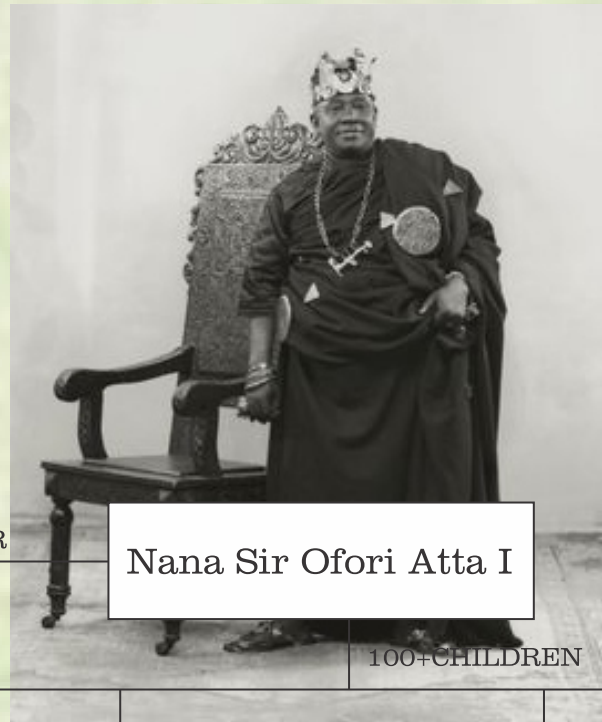


Ofori Panin Fie, Kyebi, 2022

THIS LIST OF HIS WIVES IS CONSISTENT WITH OTHER RECORDS

No.	WIVES OF NANA OFORI ATTA I	TOWN FROM	MOTHER OF
1	Nome Adwoa Korang	Begoro	Nana Yao Bankye Dankwa
2	" Donkor Wu	Otumi	Kwabena Boateng
3	" Yaa Amanah	Nkronoo	Eugene Opeku Ahvenee
4	" Ellen Kwakoa	Kyebi	No issue
5	" Susuana Hudson	Akwapin Akropong	Ama Afiriye
6	" Agnes Afua Adi	Asuboi-Aburi	Ampofo and others
7	" Osae Gyan	Asuboi-Aburi	No issue
8	" Ama Nkromah	Kyebi Eronikron	Adwoa Takyiraa & others
9	" Cheneba Abena Obenewa	Frankumaa-Kyebi	Faa Willie & others
10	" Ama Boatema	Kyebi Adadienten	Adwoa Dokua & others
11	" Abena Ago	Old Tafo Akyam	Aaron & others
12	" Akua Sakyiraa	Ceino	Kwadwo Birikorang
13	" Ama Radu	Kyebi Aburase	Ama Dokua
14	" Duoduaa Panin	Abomosa-Kyebi	Dr. Susuana & others
15	" Akosua Ahya	Kyebi	Baily Yaa Dokua & others
16	" Duoduaa Kumah	Kade-Kyebi	Dr. Jones Ofori Atta & others
17	" Cheneba Ama Ampofoa	Abemase-Kyebi	Brother Bank & others
18	" Adwoa Btwikwa	Boduaa	Kwasi Bankyi & others
19	" Adwoa Fodvuar Panin	Apedwa	Kvaku Dua & others
20	" Adwoa Fodvuar Kumaa	Dempem	No issue
21	" Abena Warewaa	Banase-Kyebi	Nana Yao Bankye & others
22	" Abena Agyenkwa	Kyebi	Kwabena Boasprah & others
23	" Abena Akyeampoma	Avenare	Kwasi Tibrukusu & others
24	" Akwasua Boduaa	Banase	Kofi Charlie & others
25	" Afua Okua	Nanpong-Kyebi	Kwadwo Pobi & others
26	" Akua Tawia	Dwemase-Ceino	Apea Dankwa
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28	" Akua Anyele	Tafo - Afi	Wefa Yaw & others
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30	" Abena	Begoro	Nana Yao & others
31	" Yaa Ampomaa	Ceino	Akwasua Bour & others
32	" Ferson	Aomankese	Mrs. Aboagye-Atta
33	" Avuraa Ama	Cape Coast	Prince Kwadwo
34	" Mary	Kwabeng	Nana Kwadade
35	" Afua Oye	Tafo Akyam	Akwasua Bour & others
36	" Gyapomaa	Asiakwa	Abena Amoakoa
37	" Alaba	Apedwa	Nana Yao & others
38	" Koramah	Kyebi	Agyanni & others
39	" Dora Birikorang	Kyebi	Eyerema & others
40	" Marbel Awura Akua	Agogo-Kumasi	Adwoa Akote
41	" Ekrona	Akyem Akropong	Kwasi Akuffo & others
42	" Bah Ene	Accra	Dokua - Mrs. Rev. Pastor
43	" Lagos	Lagos Nigeria	Sister Lagos
44	" Ama Gyankorkor	Akakom	Kwasi Ampofo

Extract from the Archives, Ofori Panin Fie, Kyebi



Dr. J.B. Danquah

BROTHER

Nana Sir Ofori Atta I

100+CHILDREN

William
'Paa Willie'

Yaw Boakye

Akwasi Jones
& Siblings
GRACE AMOAKOA, GHANA'S FIRST
FEMALE NATIONAL LIBRARIAN
& SIBLINGS

Adeline Yeboah Akua
(MARRIED EDWARD AKUFO-ADDO)
SUSAN BARBARA GYANKORAMA,
FIRST FEMALE DOCTOR OF
THE GOLD COAST

CHILDREN

Osagyefuo Amoatia
Ofori Panin & Siblings

Ken, Duke,
Earl & Nana Yaa

Nana Addo Dankwa
Akufo-Addo
& Siblings

MEMBERS OF THE 'BIG SIX'

Dr. J.B. Danquah

- EDITOR
- AUTHOR
- CO-FOUNDER-UNITED GOLD COAST CONVENTION (UGCC)
- MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY-1951
- FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE GHANA BAR ASSOCIATION

William Ofori-Atta
'Paa Willie'

- FOUNDING MEMBER-UNITED GOLD COAST CONVENTION (UGCC) 1947
- MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, AKIM ABUAKWA - 1951
- MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR AKWATIA, 1969 - 1972
- MINISTER OF EDUCATION, 1970
- MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (1971-1972),
- PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, UNITED NATIONAL CONVENTION (UNC) 1979 ELECTIONS

Edward
Akufo-Addo

- CHIEF JUSTICE, 1966 -1970
- PRESIDENT OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC, 1970 -1972

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GHANA





Graduation, University of Ghana, Legon

A Biographical Tribute

Okyenhene Ba Dr. Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta Ofori Atta by Professor Robert Yaw Addo-Fening

News of the passing of Dr Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta Ofori-Atta shocked me deeply. He was a valued friend; for several years, a respected colleague at Legon; and above all, a hero of our native Fanteakwa.

Parentage

Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta was born on 7 December, 1937; and named 'Akwasi Jones', after Sir Andrew Jones, Akyem Abuakwa's first resident District Commissioner (1915-1922).

His father was Nana Sir Ofori Atta 1, the illustrious Omanhene of Akyem Abuakwa who reigned from November 27, 1912 to August 20th, 1943. Nana devoted 27 out of the 31 years of his reign to the service of the Gold Coast Legislative Council. His membership spanned the tenures of 4 famous Colonial Governors ---- Sir Hugh Clifford (1912 March 1919); Sir Gordon Guggisberg (1919-April 1927); Sir Ransford Slater (1927- April 1932) ; and Sir Alan Burns (November 1941-47) ---- making him the Legislature's longest-serving member.

Nana Sir Ofori Atta I was also one of two Gold Coast Africans appointed to membership of the Governor's Executive Council in 1942. The other was Sir Arku Korsah, the first Ghanaian to hold office as Chief Justice of our country.

Akwasi Jones' grandmother was Maame Salome Gyankromaa, an Odehyee of the Kade, Awaham and Soabe stool, with ties to the Aduana family of Kyebi. His grandfather, Abraham Darkwa, popularly called 'Teacher Donko', belonged to the Asona clan of Begoro. Both grandparents were trained by German

Missionaries at Begoro - the former, as a homemaker; and the latter, as one of five pioneer schoolmasters in Fanteakwa.

Akwasi's mother was Christiana Akosua Duoduaa, known simply as 'Mama'. She was born on 11 October, 1908 at Kankan, a village in the Asante Akyem District, where her father worked as a Teacher/Cathecist. She was the 8th of nine daughters, two of whom died in childhood.

Eight days after Mama Duoduaa was born, she was baptized by Rev. Huppenbauer, a German Basel Missionary based at Kwahu Abetifi. Her education began at Fankyeneko where her parents lived in retirement.

After completing Class 3 at the age of 8, she was taken to Kyebi by a teacher, called Adjei, to continue her education. In 1923, at age 15, she completed Standard 7 and returned to Fankyeneko for Rev. Kwaafu to confirm her as a member of the Basel Mission Church. Three months after Duoduaa's confirmation, her mother, Maame Salome Gyankromaa, died.

At the time of her death, one of Duoduaa's older sisters, Abena Nyantakyiwaa, was married to Owura Twum, father of Professor K. Twum Barima. So young Duoduaa returned to Kyebi to live with them.

Mama's marriage to Nana Sir Ofori Atta I & birth of Akwasi Jones

Owura Twum, Nana Ofori Atta and Mama Duoduaa's

Duodua Fie

*Except the Lord build the house,
their labour is in vain that build it.*

Duodua Fie

*"Except the Lord build the house,
they labour, in vain that build it."*

Psalm 127:1

October 11, 1998

A Biographical Tribute

Okyenhene Ba Dr. Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta Ofori Atta . . . CONTINUED

father were long-standing friends. Nana first met Teacher Donko at Fankyeneko in 1904, when, as Odehyee Kwadwo Dua, he went to that village in the capacity of Secretary to a Committee of Enquiry, set up by the Colonial Government, to investigate a charge of assault and battery. The victims were a Colonial Government official, Captain Irvine, and his men. They had gone to Fankyeneko to mediate a land dispute with Osino; but the local asafo (militia) resented their presence as intrusive interference. In 1926, Nana Ofori Atta married Mama Duoduaa, then aged 18. She became one of the 44 officially listed wives. Their marriage was blessed with four children, the oldest of whom died at birth. The three who survived were:

- Grace Amoakoa Ofori-Atta,
- Regina Dede Ofori-Atta,
- Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta Ofori-Atta.

They are among Nana Sir Ofori Atta I's 100 plus, officially recorded children.

Education of Akwasi Jones

Young Akwasi Jones attended the Kyebi Senior School, established in 1935 on his father's initiative, and almost wholly funded by him. It became the first choice school for several of Nana's children. From that school, the brilliant ones proceeded to Achimota School.

Among them were:

- Nana Yeboaa Akua (the future Mrs. Adeline Akufo-Addo, mother of His Excellency, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo);
- Dr. Susana Ofori-Atta, (Gold Coast's first female Medical Doctor); and

- William Ofori-Atta (alias Paa Willie), a member of the 'Big Six'; Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Busia regime; and subsequently, leader of the United National Convention.

In keeping with family tradition, Akwasi Jones was enrolled at Achimota School in 1950, the same year that I was enrolled at Accra Academy. He obtained the Overseas Cambridge School Certificate in 1955 and entered the University College of the Gold Coast three years later (October, 1958). There, he made his mark as an eloquent speaker and a formidable debater.

As a second year student of Legon Hall in 1960-61, I recall a debate at the Akuafo Hall in which he, representing Commonwealth Hall, pitted his debating skill against that of the irrepressible Paul Ansah of Akuafo Hall, an equally eloquent and brilliant orator.

In June 1961, Jones Ofori-Atta graduated with a BSc, 2nd Class Upper Division degree, in Economics. For a year, he worked as Assistant Statistic Officer at the Central Bureau of Statistics in Accra, headed by Mr E.N. Omaboe, a brilliant young Ghanaian economist who later became Ohene of Amanokrom in Akuapem.

In September 1962, Jones won a Canadian Government Scholarship to study at the University of Ottawa, for an MSc degree in Economics. The Bureau later arranged for an extension of his Fellowship; and in 1965, he earned a PhD degree, 'cum laude' (i.e. with distinction). Both the thesis, and the defence of it, earned the same score of 73%.

Lecturer arrives



FROM U.K.

◆ Dr Jones Ofori Atta, pictured with his wife Maud and their little son on their arrival at the Tema Harbour from the United Kingdom.

Dr Ofori Atta is to join the staff of the University of Ghana as lecturer in economics.

He left the country five years ago for Canada, where he did a post graduate course in economics for Ph.D. degree at the University of Ottawa. He later lectured in economics at the University of Manitoba in Canada and at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom.



Page 8. DAILY GRAPHIC, August 11, 1967

Duke, Jones and Maud Ofori-Atta

A Biographical Tribute

Okyenhene Ba Dr. Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta Ofori Atta . . . CONTINUED

Early Career as a University Don

Jones' career began in academia, and straddled three continents:

- North America, where he was Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Manitoba, Canada (1965-66);
- Europe, where he was Assistant Lecturer at the University of Manchester (1966-67); and
- Africa, where he was appointed Lecturer in Economics, at Legon (August 1967).

At Legon, Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta was assigned to Commonwealth Hall, as a Fellow, but housed at Little Legon. There he lived with his charming wife, Mrs. Maud Ofori-Atta, and their four children: Ken, Duke, Earl and Nana Yaa. In the same year, I was also appointed Lecturer at the Department of History.

Jones' Legon Years: The first Stint (1967-1969)

During Akwasi Jones' first three years at Legon, the Government of Ghana availed itself of his undoubted savvy in economics. As early as 30th January 1968, the Ministry of External Affairs sought his release, to act as Consultant to the ECA, for a conference on Industry and Finance, scheduled to take place at Addis Ababa on 25 March, 1968.

A year later, (12 March, 1969) the Ministry of Economic Affairs similarly, asked for Akwasi's release to be part of a Ghana Delegation to the Abidjan meetings on Development Problems, organised by the newly formed World Bank Commission on International Development.

Akwasi Jones' first entry into Politics

(with a Fanteakwa 'Identity')

When the National Liberation Council initiated steps to return our country to constitutional rule in 1968, Akwasi Jones decided to enter politics. He was a Member of the Constituent Assembly (1968-69); a founding member of the Progress Party (1969) and a member of its Executive Committee. He also participated in the writing of the Party's Manifesto. At the end of it all, he decided to contest the Fanteakwa (Begoro) Parliamentary seat.

His choice of the Fanteakwa Constituency surprised many but was not capricious. After the death of his grandma in 1923, Akwasi's grandfather re-married. His new wife, Madam Lydia Obeyaa, better known as Nana Adwoa Botwe, was a native of Fankyeneko. She became stepmother to Mama Duoduaa and her older siblings.

Nana Botwe's niece, Abena Adumea and young Duoduaa became inseparable playmates; and that facilitated the incorporation of the rest of Mama Salome's children into Nana Botwe's matrilineage. As a result, Fankyeneko became the adopted home of Akwasi Jones for several decades until about a decade ago when he relocated to Kyebi.

In the General Elections of 1969, Akwasi Jones defeated Rexford E. Dampare of the National Alliance of Liberals, to win the Fanteakwa Constituency for the Progress Party. The Busia regime rewarded him with appointment as Deputy Minister for Finance and Economic Planning (1969-13 January, 1972).





Front row, seated on the far right, Jones, and colleagues of the University of Ghana, Legon

A Biographical Tribute

Okyenhene Ba Dr. Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta Ofori Atta . . . CONTINUED

In that role, he spearheaded Prof. Busia's Rural Development Programme (1969); initiated the formation of Rural Banks (1969); and prepared the National Rural Electrification Blueprint (1970).

Back to Legon (1973-79)

Dr Jones Ofori-Atta was detained in 1972 when Colonel I. K. Acheampong overthrew the Busia regime. After his release, he returned to his job at the Department of Economics at Legon.

He was promoted to Senior Lecturer three years later (1 June, 1975), and elected Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies a few months after. It was the first time in the history of the University of Ghana that a University teacher, below professorial rank, had been elected to the Deanship of the Faculty of Social Studies.

In October 1978, the University of Ghana renewed Akwasi's appointment for another three years, ending on 30th September, 1981.

As in 1967, Jones worked hard for the Danquah-Busia Tradition in 1978/79. He became a Founding Member of the Popular Front Party (PFP, 1979) led by Mr Victor Owusu. He served on its Executive Committee; was the Party's Director of Research, and a Member of the Constituent Assembly that drafted the Constitution of the Third Republic.

Return to Politics (1979-81)

On 31 August, 1979, barely a year into his new contract, Akwasi Jones tendered his resignation to the Vice Chancellor to seek election for the second

time as Member of Parliament for Fanteakwa. He was successful and resigned from his position as Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies. His application for two years' leave of absence was granted; but he never returned to his job at Legon.

In Parliament, Jones was appointed the PFP's Shadow Minister of Finance and Economic Planning; Member of Parliament's Appointment Committee; and Member of Finance and Public Boards and Corporations Committees (1979- 81).

In 1980, Akwasi Jones notched up another 'first' when, in an unprecedented show of Parliamentary solidarity, his well-reasoned presentation and fiery eloquence, swayed some Majority (PNP) Members of Parliament, to vote with the Minority (PFP), to reject the Government's Budget Statement.

A decade in exile (1982- July 1992)

At the onset of the 31 December, 1981 Revolution, Akwasi Jones abandoned his firm of Jones and Associates (Ghana Ltd.), established in 1980, to provide Consulting and Advisory Services, and went into exile. While in London, he took up an appointment with the Commonwealth Secretariat to serve as Economic Adviser to the Governor of the Bank of Uganda, in Kampala.

Return from Exile & Two unsuccessful bids for the Presidency (1992 & 1996)

On 5th March, 1992, President Jerry John Rawlings, announced a time-table for the return of our country to constitutional rule.



A Biographical Tribute

Okyenhene Ba Dr. Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta Ofori Atta . . . CONTINUED

A Consultative Assembly presented a draft Constitution to the PNDC at the end of the month. Four months later (29 July, 1992), Akwasi Jones returned to Ghana.

On 14 August, 1992, he contested Prof Adu Boahen, and Mr John Agyekum Kufuor for the "flagbearership" of the NPP at a Delegates' Conference at the University of Ghana's Great Hall. Prof. Adu Boahen won the contest, but the N.P.P. ultimately withdrew from the Presidential race of November; and chronicled incidents of violence and electoral fraud in a book titled, *The Stolen Verdict*.

Four years later (1996), Akwasi Jones made a second bid for the flagbearership of his Party but lost to Mr John Agyekum Kufuor. That was his last contest for political office.

Closing Remarks

Dr Jones Ofori-Atta was an astute economist and a shrewd politician. He was a Founding Member of the Danquah-Busia Tradition in all its variants and permutations: Progress Party (P.P) 1969-71; Popular Front Party (P.F.P), 1979-1981; and The New Patriotic Party (P.P.) 1992.

In all the three permutations, he held positions at the highest level of the party's hierarchy, including Chairmanship of Finance and Economic Affairs Committee (1993); and membership of the National Council.

Akwasi was a scholar with a pedigree, and spoke the English language with flair. He loved humour and jokes; and was at ease among the "High" and "Low" alike.

Over the decades, our shared interests created a lasting bond between us.

Among them were

- happy recollections of experiences from our Legon "career years" ;
- shared passion for improving the lot of our brothers and sisters in Fanteakwa; and
- the unsolicited, and unstinting support he gave me when, rather bizarrely, I found myself thrust into the uncharted waters of electioneering in 1996.

From the days of the Progress Party, Akwasi was the Danquah-Busia Tradition's preferred, tried, and tested, candidate for the Fanteakwa Parliamentary seat. In 1996, however, declining health forced him to turn down the nomination at the eleventh hour.

The Constituency Party Elders panicked; and with Akwasi's tacit encouragement, they approached Mr. Agyenim Boateng, General Secretary of the NPP, to see if he could talk me into stepping into Akwasi's "oversize" shoes. Without hesitation, I declined, as all I wanted was a piece of chalk and a blackboard.

Undaunted, they sought the intervention of Professor Adu Boahen. For the best part of an hour, my former Head of Department pleaded with me to oblige. I could not look the man who mentored me in the face, and say No! In the event I budged.



Jones with Duke (his second son, holding his arm) at the enstoolment of his nephew, Etwienanahene, Barima Kwaku Dua at Ofori Panin Fie, Kyebi

A Biographical Tribute

Okyenhene Ba Dr. Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta Ofori Atta . . . CONTINUED

Jones was unstinting in his support for my campaign. He provided me with a rugged 4-wheel vehicle, and helped fund my campaign. For about a week, he walked with me over the difficult terrain of the Fantekwa constituency, day in day out, to introduce me to the electorate and canvass support for me.

Akwasi!

- Ghana will remember you for your political savvy, courage and integrity;
- Okyeman salutes you for keeping faith with your Sire's dream;
- The people of Mumuadu will never forget your unstinted devotion to their cause.



**Prime Minister Busia looks through the report of the Rural
Electricity Committee presented by Dr. Jones Ofori Atta -Chairman
of the Committee**

K'si police alert the public

John Paul's would-be assassin jailed

PARLIAMENT SAYS NO TO BUDGET

Adeladza: Security men are aiding saboteurs

By JOSEPH ADLADZA

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES has today rejected the government's budget for 1981, saying it is not in line with the country's economic and social objectives.



Mr. Joseph Adeladza, Speaker of the House and Government Whip

NO CONFIDENCE IN BENNEH, NEW BUDGET IN 3 MONTHS

The House today rejected the government's budget for 1981, saying it is not in line with the country's economic and social objectives.

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BY 'TIMES' REPORTER

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES has today rejected the government's budget for 1981, saying it is not in line with the country's economic and social objectives.



Mr. C. C. Phil

I Gave Car To Manager As A Gift

Mr. C. C. Phil, Member of Parliament, has today rejected the government's budget for 1981, saying it is not in line with the country's economic and social objectives.

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1981. No. 9554

YESTERDAY IN PARLIAMENT

Finance Minister Can't Resign - PNP

HOUSE SAYS 'NO' TO BUDGET

Mr. C. S. Dookun & Charles Tabor

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE PARLIAMENTARY HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY, a Government Budget has failed to receive the approval of the House of Representatives.



Majority Invited To Reject Motion

...It's First In History

The House today rejected the government's budget for 1981, saying it is not in line with the country's economic and social objectives.


'DON'T PULL GOVT DOWN'

The House today rejected the government's budget for 1981, saying it is not in line with the country's economic and social objectives.









*Book of
Condolence*



TRIBUTE

TO MY LOVING HUSBAND

“If you are going to live,
Leave a legacy;
Make a mark on the world that can't be erased.”
MAYA ANGELOU

Where do I find words to express how I feel?? Where is Akwasi Jones?? I went to our bedroom, Empty bed! Checked the balcony; He was not there!!. My heart missed a beat, I started shivering! I went numb! Is this real? Am I dreaming?? I never imagined Akwasi leaving me so soon!! Monday 30th November 2020 is forever etched in my memory!!

Oheneba, as I called him, and I met in 1992. My best friend and I were returning to Accra from Mpraeso-Kwahu. We branched off to Fankyenek (Akyem Hemang) to honour a lunch appointment by her uncle.

“Yefre me Akwasijones” he smiled as we shook hands.
“Mede Afua Akyaa, mate wo din nanso yennhyia da” I said.
He offered us chilled beer. I told him I never drink alcohol because I am diabetic.
“I am also diabetic” He said.

“Well diabetic people don't drink beer, guinness and all these alcoholic stuff, we drink coconut and fruit juices” I told him, then gave him a full lecture on Diabetic Diet.
As we were leaving, he asked where I lived in Accra. I told him I lived at Labone.
“I live in Labone too” he said. We all laughed as we continued our journey to Accra.

About two weeks later, a red Jaguar showed up at my Labone residence. Akwasi Jones came out, he said he had come for more lectures on how to manage his Diabetes!
I became his Diabetes Management Advisor!

With time, we discovered that we have at least three things in common. Professionally, we were both in Finance; We love Classical music and old Highlife; and we love playing Chess.

In 1999, I retired from the Bank and moved to America to be with my children and grandchildren.

I returned to Ghana in early 2007. Akwasi had settled in Kyebi and was a serious Cocoa farmer. We married in December 2007. Two matured grandparents! Together we have seven children and seventeen grandchildren!



Married life in Kyebi was very interesting! Weekdays, we drove at dawn to MAKISA FARMS at ASIKAM. We dressed up in our Farm attire with Wellington Boots, Farm Hat, Goggles, Gloves etc. Akwasi loved good food especially his Fufuo, so we returned home Lunch time to have lunch with one or two of his brothers, either Kwame Dankwa, or Yaw Fraser, or Yaw Gorggy or Kofi Charley. After Lunch they played Draft and had long discussion and arguments on all types of topics. Sundays we attended church at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church where he was an Elder and one time chairman of the Finance Committee.

Living with Akwasi Jones was never dull!! He had a very high sense of humour, He had lots of Jokes and Teases. We gave nicknames to most of our children and grandchildren “Gentleman”, “Cool” “Ginger” “DDK” “Advisor” “Princess” “DMA” and many more! We loved to dress up in same material or colour scheme; we adorned ourselves with big beads, bangles and necklaces!! Oheneba was a gentleman's gentleman; He was kind hearted, caring, affectionate, responsible and amazing husband! We scarcely had a quarrel, when we disagreed on something and I was quiet, Akwasi would compose a song for me, always ending with the words “*Wodi Bim Ohemaa*”. We just smiled at each other and that was the end!

Even during the latter days of his life when it was difficult to communicate, we had our own way of talking! His infectious smile always present!! Oheneba was a responsible Family man. Extremely proud of His Blue Blood! He was always very willing to spend time and resources to preserve his family name and Legacy. He kept accurate record of his family history, took active and leading role in all family matters. He loved his family!! His prolific writings and Academic achievements Unmatched! His fighting spirit and recovery from major surgeries amazed all his doctors at Korie-Bu. His Legacy too numerous to enumerate!!

Akwasi, I cannot describe the pain I am going through. I have seen you pull through many life threatening illnesses, this time around, you caught me unprepared! I love you deeply and endlessly! I miss you Papaapa! but God loves you more and has called you home to be with Him!

The Bible says, “If we live, we live to God, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord”. Romans 14:8.

Oheneba, Thank you for all the Wonderful, Beautiful, Happy moments we shared together. Thank you for Treasured Memories. Thank you for loving me unconditionally!

Medofo Pa Akwasi-Amoako-Atta Gyampa, Ahunu Abobrim, Kakati Pobi, Kanpese Yeeko, Akrokro, Akwasi Bari ma.

Rest in Perfect Peace In Abraham's bosom till we meet again in Heaven.

OKYEHENE BA AKWASI JONES DAMIREFA *DUE! DUE! DUE!*



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THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON

Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta's association with the University of Ghana dates back to 1958, when he enrolled to read Economics at the premier University. He was affiliated to Commonwealth Hall (Vandal City) and graduated in 1961. Subsequently, he returned to the University as a Lecturer in Economics in 1966 and taught for three years before leaving for Parliament in 1969. He rejoined the University in 1974 to continue his academic career.

Some of his students have risen to become President of Ghana, Ministers of Finance, Governors of Bank of Ghana, Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and professors in academia. According to some of his students, Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta was an excellent teacher in economics with a high sense of humor. It was gathered that he took interest in the progress of his students and even followed their career development long after school. His excellence in teaching is evidenced by his famous textbook - *Introduction to micro-economics* - which is a must-read book.

The late Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta served as the Dean of the then Faculty of Social Studies between 1975 and 1979. He got to this position in a dramatic fashion. The University Statute at the time required that a Dean of a Faculty was chosen from among Lecturers in the Faculty through an election. However, an unwritten convention at the time was that the deanship rotated among Faculty at the professorial rank. This convention notwithstanding, young faculty members at the Department of Economics decided to test the hypothesis at the time that: “deanship in the University is the preserve of professors”. Consequently, they nominated Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta, a Lecturer at the time to contest for the deanship position at the Faculty of Social Studies. On the day of the election, which was held at the auditorium of the then School of Administration (now University of Ghana Business School), his young colleagues at the Department of Economics went to the auditorium as a group. At the gate of the auditorium, one of the professors who contested ‘Jones’ (as he was affectionately called by his colleagues) asked them whether they were coming to observe the election. Surprisingly, he did not avert his mind to the fact that even though Jones was a Lecturer, he was also a politician and had won parliamentary election in 1969.

At the end of the voting process, Jones came out victorious to steer the academic and administrative affairs of the Faculty of Social Studies for four years. Thus, as a Lecturer he presided over faculty board meetings with Professors as members. He left the university again in 1979 to become a Member of Parliament. His last visit to the university was in 2007, during the first Alumni Congress of the Department of Economics. Students and Faculty had very fruitful interactions with him and other prominent Alumni regarding their experiences in academia and in governance.



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THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta's contribution to the development of Legon in particular, and education in general cannot be quantified. Even though he has left us physically, we believe he is still with us in spirit and will continue to observe and monitor the sustenance of his legacy as an excellent lecturer and administrator. The desire of the family of Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta is to establish a Chair at the Department of Economics, institute an award for best performing students in some categories of economics and further, fund an annual public lecture will be instituted as a legacy for him to ensure that his good works on earth and at the University of Ghana is established.

Jones, we would have loved to have you stay longer to share your rich experience with the younger faculty in academia, but the Almighty God knows best.

We believe you are resting peacefully in the bosom of the Almighty God.

The University extends its heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family of Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta.





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A LETTER TO UNCLE JONES FROM THE ETWIENANAHENE, BARIMA KWAKU DUA

Dear Uncle Jones,

When it became apparent that I had to write a tribute for you, I would sit for many days at my desk and just stare at my laptop....totally blank...wanting to write a thousand words but not finding the right ones.

My beloved uncle, from the day we lost your darling sister, my mother Abena Amoakoa, the phone call that I dreaded receiving most was the one I got on November 30th, 2020 at 3.45pm. The phone call that informed me that you had died. I always knew, it would come...I did not know when, but one thing I know for sure is that I never wanted it to come. What I accept and I thank God for, is that finally, you are at peace and you suffer no more pain. It was heart breaking, seeing you every day, unable to move, unable to fend for yourself and unable to communicate with us. You were a 'BIG man'....you were the 'real deal' as I was growing up. My mother's most beloved brother.

There was many a time when I thought that my mother loved you more than anyone on earth...even her own children...for her, you could do no wrong, you were her angel and you loved her back equally. Everyone who knew you, knew that your sister was precious to you. When you built your house *Duodua Fie*, you gave her the room right next to yours. You always wanted to be with her and she with you. The two of you were inseparable. You cared for her so much that when I went through my "notorious phase" in university, you made it your business to put me back on the straight and narrow. I remember your visits to my room in Legon, the 'man-to-man' discussions and the good advice you gave me at that time. Thank you, Uncle Jones, you are one of the people that I attribute whatever I have achieved in my life to. My Uncle, my Mentor.

When I was enstooled *Etwienanahene*, I could not have been prouder on that day...seeing you seated in the crowd in your hat and your white clothing...being introduced by the late Abontendomhene as '*Akwasi Jones Wor fa si*', thereby cementing my right to the stool.

On my first round of visits to all *Etwieba* - children of Nana Sir Ofori-Atta I - I cried on the day we visited you. This was the time where Maame Duodua's home had been elevated by the Okyenhene. Alas, you were infirm and what could one do?

Uncle Jones, thank you for everything you did for my siblings and I. For being my Mentor, the Uncle who cared for me and about me...the times we spent together, my vacation with you in Kampala in 1989, and for all the time you had for me in shaping my future. You have really finished your business on this earth. Indeed, the elders say that “we came to do some and not all”. You have run the full race; you have fought a good fight and we shall forever remember you. Go and rest in the bosom of the Lord...Finally, your mother, Maame Duodua and your sisters - Abena Amoakoa, and Dede, - can welcome their darling brother in heaven.

Etwieba...da yie, Etwieba Medasi..Dampirifa Due!!

Yours
BKD









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THE OKYENHENE, OSAGYEFUO AMOATIA OFORI PANIN

HIS BEGINNINGS

Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta, known affectionately as ‘Uncle Jones’, was the son of Okyenhene Yere, Maame Duodua and Nana Sir Ofori Atta I, the Okyenhene, my grandfather.

HIS PROFESSIONAL WORK

Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta had an illustrious professional career as a renowned Economist, Lecturer, Politician and Author. He proved to be an astute Economist, both locally and internationally. He served governments (in Ghana and Uganda), political parties and international bodies (such as the United Nations and the World Bank). He was an Academician of repute, receiving his doctorate and becoming the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ghana, Legon in his very early thirties. He lectured across the decades (from the sixties), and was known for his friendly and courteous relationship with students and staff alike. Over the years, he also authored a number of books and many articles covering economic text and political thought.

HIS DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS

Dr. Jones Ofori-Atta was renowned for his political activism from the 60s through the 90s, particularly during the various military regimes. As a politician he served as Member of Parliament for the Begoro constituency (now Fanteakwa), first on the ticket of the Progress Party (1969 to 1972). He became the Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Planning under Prime Minister Busia's government (at the age of 35) in the Second Republic. From 1979 to 1981 he was the Opposition Spokesperson for Finance, representing the Popular Front Party.

THE PERSON

In the realm of Okyeman tradition and custom, he participated and played leading roles in customary and traditional events in Kyebi and throughout the Kingdom, and was awarded the *Okyeman Kanea* (Light of Okyeman) a unique award given to exemplary Akyem citizens for his tremendous contribution to the community.

I would say the most endearing part of his personality was his socialability, presence and thoughtful advice he offered me on the numerous occasions when I ascended the Ofori Panin Stool as Okyenhene, this I missed in his latter years as he became increasingly unwell.

Uncle Jones, my son, and my uncle, we are proud of the full life you have lived and in your fulfilling the potential the Lord gave you.

May the Lord grant you eternal rest.

Damirifa Due





The LEGACY



Ken, Duke, Earl and Nana Yaa

Christmas 2002, Duodua Fie, Kyebi



Kyebi - Christmas

Georgina Yaa
Amoakoa Asare

Okyenhene Ba
Dr. Jones Akwasi Amoako Atta
Ofori-Atta

Maud Ama Opokua
Adi-Dako

Kenneth Nana Yaw
Kuntunkununku

Angela
Lamensdorf

Duke William
Kwame
Amoako Atta

Setorwu
Agbodza

Earl Joseph Philip
Kwabena Yiadom
Boakye Danquah

Eno
Kusi-Boateng

Nana Yaa
Christiana Duodua

- Katakyie Akwasi Jones
- Ohemaa Yaa Amoakoa Georgina
- Nana Yirenkyi Nyamekye

- Nana Ama Obeyaa
- Obrempongmaa Pokua
- Nana Obuo Kwafraamoa

- Barima Kwabena Tuatuo
- Obrempong Nana Poku
- Kyeretwia Nana Kwame Boakye Danquah

Egya
Sekyi
Akumbia



“... WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU DID NOT RECEIVE?.....”
1 Corinthians 4:7

It has been some 20 months since Dad left us to continue his journey to eternity. As transitions go, it was indeed a glorious one for him and it has deeply impacted me. I was in emergency care at UGMC in the grips of COVID and had had an awful time the night before, and as Duke, Earl, Nana Yaa, Angela and Eno stood by his bedside at Nyaho, he breathed his last that afternoon on November 20th, 2020. The greatest man in my life left me just as my illness reached its peak. He had decided that we his children, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and his wife - Auntie Ellen - were ready to assume his mantle. It was indeed time to be strong and courageous.

Oheneba Akwasi Jones, our Shield, our Plumb line had joined the greats. To us, he was still Young, Dynamic and Fearless as he had described himself in his first political posters in 1969. He led a life of Authenticity, Integrity, and Generosity. He was a man who lived by his own internal drumbeat, and in his last 30 years, he genuinely came home to us. He was a man of deep convictions, one not to be swayed by peer pressure or popular dictums: a rambunctious debater and yet a gentle and lonesome personality. A man of courage, he ably confronted the NLC military government on the divestiture of Abbott Pharmaceuticals in 1968 and built a consensus in Parliament to overturn a ruling government's budget in 1981. He brought a child born out of wedlock to his pristine family, when most men cower at such decisions, and guided that child to become a Finance Minister of our great Republic.

I recall him taking me, then 11 years old in 1970, to his office, that of Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Finance; and in later years in 1979/80 having to drive him daily to Parliament, then on the High Street, and sitting in the balcony to watch and listen to soaring debates. He was indeed preparing me for a future I had not contemplated.

We admired Akwasi Jones for his forthrightness and readiness to stand alone and accept the 'consequences' of his actions. He was indeed a manifestation of Ibsen's strongest man – “he who stands most alone.”

In his many spheres of influence, our Dad left an indelible mark. Whether It was in Kyebi, Achimota School, Legon, Commonwealth Hall, Ottawa, Manchester, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Begoro, Parliament, Lomé, London, Kampala, Commonwealth Secretariat, the NPP or at home, he simply gave it his all!

Dad's everlasting legacy is that he always remembered 'home' - Kyebi, and ensured that we all did. He left in our hearts signposts to help us on our journey; to Love your Lord; love your Family; love your neighbor; think no evil of anyone; remember where you come from; live generously, live humbly; go back home to honour your roots; and be fearless, especially in protecting the Republic.

Dad fiercely protected his daughters - in - law and loved them. He married Auntie Ellen when we lost our Mum Maud and revealed to us a new Jones. He ensured that in his last 25 years, we, his children and grandchildren always spent the week of Christmas in Kyebi and imbibed the spirit of the Ofori-Panin Stool. He went back to the land to establish the largest Cocoa farm in the Kingdom of Akyem Abuakwa, in Asikam. He served with fervor as a Presbyterian in the Kyebi Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and Chaired the Finance and Fund Raising committees.

As we honour our father, I can almost hear him tell us to be fearless because our God is faithful, that we must dance only to our Lord's drum beat, that we must be strong and courageous and acknowledge why we have been so blessed and spared; and we should remember “What do you have that you did not receive...”

Thank you Dad, my hero, my plumb line.
Damirefa Due, Due, Due!

Kenneth Nana Yaw Kuntunkununku







Akora Akwasi Jones Andrew Ofori-Atta

*It is my duty to panegyryze my Father
and what he meant to me.
His life, his influence, his passion and energy
are inextricably linked to mine.
Akora I love you!
You will forever remain in my heart.*

Dad Akora, Akwasi Jones, Andrews Ofori-Atta.

Akora, you were grateful to the Lord God and you worshiped and served him as you knew best.

Akora, you lived a life full of passion with the strongest conviction to the values of family life, culture, patriotism and determination. You were my guide through life. As a child, you admonished me to be the best in whatever I chose to do. In my adult life, you were my mentor, as a family man, as a professional and my forerun into Fanteakwa politics.

Your love for family, both immediate and extended is exemplary. One such example is the special bond for Grandma Ohenyere Christiana Maame Duodua.

I always saw you above all human failings, but alas, you were as human as we are. I saw you pour out your heart and weep inconsolably, with tears running down your face when you drove home with the sad news - Okyenhene Nana Kwabena Marfo, had died at the 37 Military Hospital. Indeed, you shattered my belief in the myth that "Obarima nsu" (a man does not cry). On another sad occasion, You also shed a tear when Okyenhene Nana Kuntunknuku II went to Bansa.

How do I get over a person who has been there for me before I became aware of myself?

How do I say goodbye to my mentor, friend and confidant?

Akora, even though you have transited, you will remain forever, my hero, my mentor and my guide.

*Akora mmo mmo mmo
Akora, Nante yie.*

Duke William Kwame Amoako Atta







My Father, My Friend and much more.

I was blessed to have spent 53 years with you on this earth. In that time, we went through it all. The Good, Bad and the Worst of times but most importantly, we kept our belief in the Lord and braved the storms. That steadfast manner in which you handled things and ensured your family never went without the

creature comforts of life. Indeed, you schooled us to put our shoulders to the wheel and make the best of every situation. *Akwasi si, 'from from ntiho daa daa'.*

For that I am grateful.

I was the third of your lot and the most obstinate. My days in Achimota Primary, through to Labone, Sir William Collins, Loughton and Leicester saw your resolute determination for me to flourish. For that I am grateful.

I returned from England and went straight to Kumasi to establish Databank Ashanti and the Northern Territories. In the 20 years of that journey, the seal you set on me, was to be self-assured and fly the family flag. Your counsel and superintendence provided me with the confidence to wend my way and open doors that had been shuttered. There were major moments when you were physically present. You would take your seat at the Head of the Family in majestic style. My Engagement and Marriage to Eno; The naming of our children - Barima Kwabena Tuatuo; Obrempong Nana Poku; Kyeretwie Nana Kwame Boakye Danquah - and the Captain's Prize golf tournament at the Royal Golf Club, Kumasi. I was the youngest Captain of a Golf Club in Ghana and you were so proud of me. For that I am grateful.

When you made a bid for the leadership of the great political Party. The Mighty New Patriotic Party, the role you assigned to me in your bid to canvass in the Asante and the North, introduced me to the leadership and rank and file of the party. For that I am grateful.

I was ecstatic when you made the bold decision to retire from active politics and venture into farming. The creation of

Makisa Farms, Asikam. Makisa you coined from Asikam (spelt in reverse). You were fulfilled in working the land, putting together a working crew, tilling the land, meetings with Cocoa Research Institute, planting in sections of up to 100 acres of Cocoa. Makisa elevated you and the family to one of the largest individually owned and operated cocoa farms in Ghana. For that I am grateful.

I watched in misery as the ghastly illness took hold of you. What a vile time it was, the 'Mighty Guy JOA', now slow at chess, scrabble, monopoly and the various board games you so enjoyed and endured, your command of English and Twi diminished to silence. What a time it was.

It was during this time that our love converted into a bond. A profound connection which enabled me to shout out your first name 'Akwasi' as I made my way to your bed side. The first as I alighted from the car, the next up the stairs as I made my way and the last as I popped open your door to my pleasure of your response 'Onie33!!!!'. Ah the bold and strong voice of 'Akwasi, Kakatibopi, Ehunuabobrim, Etutuatuo Jampa, Oheneba Broni, Mighty Guy JOA, Regent of Kade, Suabe, Awahemu, Potorase, Economic General, Non-Professional Dean, Member of Parliament twice for Fanteakwa, Member of the Constituent Assembly, Deputy Minister and' . . . acknowledged with a smile, a raised hand and a grip as firm as you could.

I stood in shock as I watched you slip into the world of the Lord with Eno, Duke, Set, Angie and Nana Yaa that 30th day of November 2020. Earlier, there I was chairing the Presbyterian Church Vocational Training Institute board meeting, Nana Yaw who was on admission at UGMC battling Covid-19 called to say, 'Menua, where are u, we have a couple of hours. Advance with haste to Nyaho'. At Nyaho, there you were, laid out as we had become accustomed to, eyes wide open, teary-eyed but firmed with that steadfast look you carried throughout your years on this earth and in this struggle. The words silently spoken, I have lived my life and now I go in peace before the Lord. I have no regrets. Everything will be fine. I have left it all in the hands of the Lord.

*Akwasi, me Papa, Krakyi Papabi, asem na a tu y3n.
Akwasi eiiii!! Akwasi hmmm!! Akwasi!! Akwasi!! Akwasi!!
Ye kyia Ama Maud, Ye Kyia Mama, Ye kyia adinkanfuo
Wo ba Kwabena Boakye Danquah se me da ase.
Nyame nhyira wo paaa. Ye da ase. Da ye yie!!*

Earl Joseph Philip Yiadom Kwabena Boakye Danquah







I am The Only daughter of The Only son of Okyenhene Yere Maame Duoduaa. As long as I have lived, 52 years to date, it is God, first, then my parents and without a doubt, our allied families from Akropong and Akyem Abuakwa, who have nurtured, sustained and given me direction, focus, ambition and perseverance.

I Remember. On a matter of principle, my father would take on the world, any time, any body, any where, whensoever he felt moved. My gentle Akuapem Presbyterian mother, God bless her, would be left to 'manage' the inevitably awkward situation, that would always ensue.

I was born in 1970, within 2 years there was a coup, Daddy was hauled off into political detention, I don't remember much of that era, presumably 'Daddy did Daddy' and Mummy, managed'. 1976, another coup.

I Remember. That when Acheampong attempted to impose 'Unigov' on Ghana, Daddy was up front and centre in the 'No Movement' and Mummy was upstairs sewing red flags to support the cause whilst instilling Akuapem Presbyterian discipline on the household in equal measures of austerity and love. 1978, a Palace coup. Our lives didn't change much. 1979 however, was a defining moment. The Rawlings coup #1. Everything turned, violence, murder and Silence. It was the first time that I learned, Fear.

I Remember. The announcement of the Rawlings coup #2 in 1981. Daddy had as usual disappeared 'on trek'. Mummy was in the bath, it was the best time to get her to agree to matters, Earl came up the stairs, shouting. It must have taken a while, and yet it still seems like we had minutes. 'Everyone pack only the essentials, get out of the house', our neighbours were helping us scale or duck behind walls, 'the soldiers are coming'. When our assets (paltry as they were) were frozen, school fees could not be paid unless Uncle Kofi Charley and others would step in. When Mummy could only visit you in school once in a

long while and yet, many others were suffering much more, I learned, Silence.

I Remember. That our lives changed, depending on 'coup or no coup'. And. Whether In Ghana, as refugees in London, in Kampala anywhere, 'Daddy did Daddy and Mummy, managed'. There were many times when I wished he would not. Even more times, when I wished Mummy would have said 'No. Enough with this'. He didn't stop. Neither did she. I Remember that.

I Remember. That slow drawl, when he smiled, his eyes would light up and then he would challenge you. My father was the first person to challenge me to actually deliver a 'book.' The Okyenhene, Osagyefuo Kuntunkununku II died. Daddy was leading the Organising Committee, he simply volunteered me, as one does, without notification. My marching orders were simple - 'We want a book on Akyem history, not a pamphlet'. Professor Addo-Fening provided the research, Ken and Databank sponsored the publication. My services were volunteered by Daddy, gratis. When I went to teach as an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Ghana, his old stomping ground, Daddy smiled. .

I Remember. When Mummy died, then Mrs. Akufo-Addo, cousins Michael, Nana Boakye, David and Wofa Yaw Guggie ... mine was to produce their Memorial Books, 'not pamphlets'.

In 2018, by the time we arranged Nana Sir Ofori Atta I's 75th anniversary, I had the Daddy formula down pat. Even if it was a Chief who was opposing or slowing down production of the first Memorial Book we did together, Daddy's response to opposition was a slow smile, and he would drawl, "*Nkrofuonoh*".

Daddy, for you - an e-Book (my very first) and a Booklet, not 'a pamphlet'.

I am deeply grateful to both of my Parents, for teaching their youngest and most awkward child, Life Lessons. 'You Belong, and you Owe a debt to Family, Ghana and Yourself'.

Nana Yaa Christiana Duodua



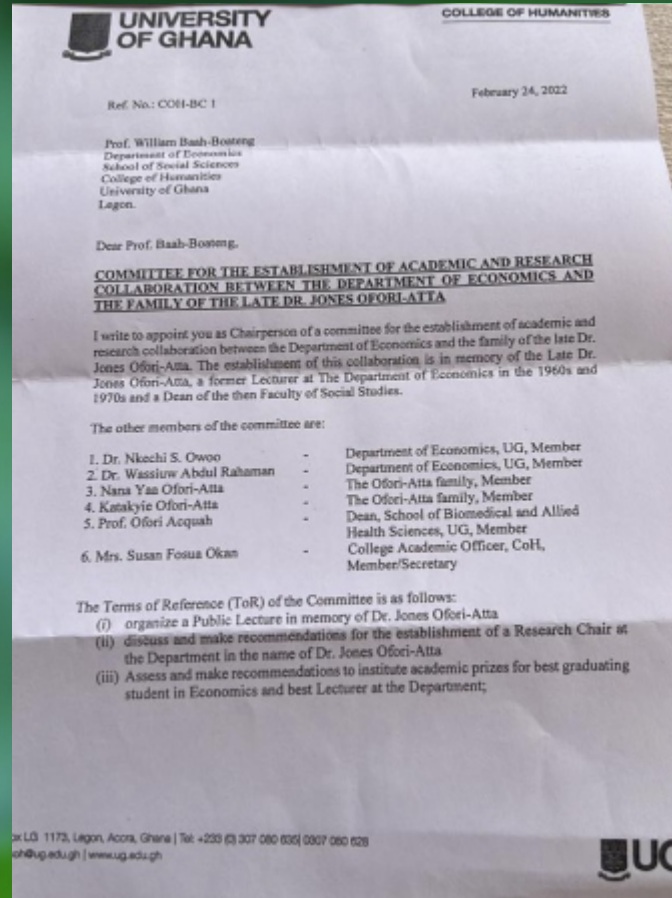


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Poet's Corner.

Ofori Atta, Damirifa!

(An Apostrophe for the "Talking Drums".
A Twi rendering of Dr. Danquah's Sonnet
on the late Nana Sir Ofori Atta).

OBREM PON ako ako,
Ako akoto nna hadii!
Odomankoma wuo hadii!
Okatakyi a ogyina edom ano,
Odomankoma a oboo owuo
De wo ayi adwo, Awusi!
Yankote 'taa' akorabo aka yen,
Ma nisuo krakra agu Okyeman!
Due! Damirifa due, due!

Obrempon ako ako,
Akyem Pepera brempon;
Ofori Korabra,
Akra Asaman Krapa nson!
Kuntunkrunku ahenkan nana,
Akyem Pepera hen-duasa biako,
Abedi adee aduasa-biako,
Firi wo mfepen aduasa-biako so!
Due! Damirifa, due, due!

Obrempon ako ako,
Oman Tiekú Sika-mpoano brempon,
Sika-mpoano ahenepe a ate ayera,
Denkyemmoo hyerehyere a esi petea mu,
Osagyefo a wotu no apo!
Abedi mpasua a krotwi batwi so!
Sika-mpoano oman Tiekú
Hempoporo a wanto ne din!
Due! Damirifa, due, due!

Oman Tiekú Sika-mpoano a esi ho yi,
Se ebesore agyina o,
Se ebesore ayi ne ho adi o,
Gye se mmarmma kowo mma, wo se so!
Due! Damirifa, due, due!

ACCRA,
20/9/43.

Kwame Kyeretwie.



An Ode by Dr. J.B. Danquah
to his brother,
Nana Sir Ofori Atta
Okyenhene, 1912 - 1943

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