Gyase Family, Banda-Ahenkro¹

The family of the Gyasehene are considered to be the grandchildren of the paramount chief. The first Gyasehene was the son of the paramount chief at Jamma, by the name Sie Dongi. It is the responsibility of the Gyase family to take charge of the stool, regalia and the paramount chief's wives and children in the absence or upon the death of the paramount chief.

In times of war when people were taken captive, they were adopted into the Gyase family and were, thus, directly under the paramount chief. Individuals within the Gyase family who are descendants of war captives may not inherit the Gyase stool. Because of this policy of adoption, the Gyase family is the largest of all families.

Holders of title of Gyasehene:

- 1. Sie Kofi Kete
- 2. Sie Dyuno
- 3. Kwaku Kra
- 4. Kofi Mensah (Gyasehene in 1986).
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Interview on 1 August 1986 with Nana Kofi Dwuru III (Omanhene) and Nana Kofi Mensah (Gyasehene).

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