

# **CONSTITUTION OF NUMO BOI STOOL MEMORIAL FAMILY**

## **Family Constitution of the Numo Boi Stool Memorial Family of Teshie**

### **Adopted by the members of the Numo Boi Stool Memorial Family of Teshie**

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## **BIOGRAPHY OF NUMO BOI STOOL**

Full Name: Alfred Tesa Adjettey Boi (Numo Boi)

Date of Birth: 1880

Place of Birth: Teshie, Accra (then part of the Gold Coast, now Ghana) from the Atrekor We of the Teshie Kle Musu quarter.

Parents:

- Father: Ataa Adjettey Boi
- Mother: Madam Tsotsoo (both of blessed memories and natives of Teshie)

Numo Boi was born in the year 1880 in Teshie, Accra, a vibrant and historically significant area in what is now Ghana, previously known as Gold Coast. His parents, Ataa Adjettey Boi and Madam Tsotsoo, were part of the local community that played a role in the early development of the region.

Though the details of his early life are not fully documented, his family background suggests a connection to the local elite and the growing administrative and political landscape of the Gold Coast.

### **Education and Early Life**

The exact details of Numo Boi's education are not recorded, but given the era and location of his early beginnings, it is likely that he received some form of formal schooling, possibly at a local school or through apprenticeship. His early life would have been shaped by the colonial administration and the growing influence of Western education in the region.

- Marriage: Numo Boi was a respected member of his community, known for his strength, wisdom, and deep connection to his family. He lived a life of

simplicity and hard work, raising six children with his wife, who was a devoted and loving partner. Together, they built a strong family foundation, passing down traditions, stories, and values through generations.

- Numb Boi and his wife were blessed financially therefore, their marital bond remained unbreakable. They raised their children with care and discipline, ensuring that each of their six children would grow up with a strong sense of identity and purpose. Over time, their children married and had their own families, resulting in several grandchildren and great grandchildren who carried on the legacy of their parents and grandparents.

### **Career and Public Service**

Numo Boi's career in public service began in 1917 when he was appointed as an assistant to the Governor of the Gold Coast, Sir Hugh Clifford. This marked the start of a long and distinguished career in colonial administration. Our Grandfather also joined the Gold Coast Army and served during the 1st World War in Burma, now known as Myanmar. He was exemplary in his duties assigned to him.

Upon his return to Gold Coast after the war in 1945, he over the next several decades, served under several successive governors, including:

- Sir Alan Cuthbert Maxwell Burns
- Sir Gerald Hallen Creasy and
- Sir Charles Noble Arden-Clarke.

Throughout his tenure, Numo Boi as he was affectionately called, played a key role in the administration of the colony, contributing to the development of governance, infrastructure, and the eventual push for independence. He was closely involved in the United Gold Coast Convention, a significant movement that led to the eventual proclamation of independence by the Convention People's Party (CPP), led by Dr. Kwame Nkrumah.

In 1957, when Ghana gained Independence from the British Government, he also served as an Ambassador Extraordiner to the first President of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, during the early years of independence. His role in this capacity was crucial in shaping the post-independence administration and policy.

### **Legal and Property Rights**

In 2023, a high court ruling in Ghana confirmed Numo Boi Stool as the sole owner of a large stretch of lands spanning multiple regions, including:

- Central Region

- Greater Accra and the
- Eastern Region which stretches from Winneba
- Accra
- Teshie
- Adjirigarno
- East Legon
- Tesa
- Nyamekrom
- Ajangote
- Kweiman
- Mipeasem
- Oyarifa
- Peduase
- And other locations.

This ruling, delivered by five prominent judges of the Ghana Supreme Court, including Justice I.O. Tanko Amadu, Justice V. J. M. Dotse, Justice N. A. O. Amegatcher, and Justice A. Lovelace-Johnson, affirmed his legal ownership of the land, which he had acquired and cultivated on some over the years.

### **Later Life and Legacy**

After retiring from public service in 1966, Numo Boi turned to farming and animal husbandry, particularly in East Legon and Nsawam. He continued with his farming at Tesa, North of Teshie which is now East Legon; where the granite stones were used to construct the Accra Tema motor way chippings.

He remained a respected and generous figure in his community, known for his kindness, generosity, and ability to unite people under one roof.

He was deeply devoted to his family, and his legacy is one of duty, integrity, and love. He peacefully passed away in 1977 at an age of 97 years leaving behind a legacy that continues to be remembered and honored by his family and the community.

### **Conclusion**

Numo Boi was a man of great service, integrity, and vision. His career in colonial administration, his role in the struggle for independence

as a legacy continue to inspire us and the entire family. He was a man of great character, and his story is one worth remembering and honoring.

**Introduction:** The family is been in existence from pre-Colonial era but came together and realized the official formation is what will guarantee its legality, respect and recognition. Therefore, the elders of the family came together on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January,2025 to nominate a three members leadership to head the family, namely:1

David Ashiboye Anang, George Ashitei Armarh and last but not the least, Adams Sethina Adjeley Mensah; to basically harness resources and utilize their intellectual abilities and expertise to bring all family members of the late “Numo Boi Stool” together, claim all royalties. Pay all liens as well as organize properties of our late great and grandfather for the betterment of the entire family and all family members. Hence, the formation.

## **Preamble**

In the name of the ancestors, the spirit of the Numo Boi Stool, and the wisdom of our people, we, the members of the Numo Boi Stool Memorial Family of Teshie, (Atrekor WE) gather to affirm our unity, our heritage, and our commitment to the values that bind us together.

We are the descendants of a proud lineage, rooted in the traditions, customs, and spiritual beliefs of our ancestors. The Numo Boi Stool is not merely an object, but a symbol of our identity, a bridge between the living and the departed, and a guide for our actions in this world.

We recognize that our strength lies in our unity, our respect for the past, and our responsibility to the future. This Constitution is a living document, a covenant between the present and the generations to come, a reminder of the sacred trust we hold in our family, our community, and our ancestors.

We pledge to uphold the values of respect, duty, harmony, and justice. We commit ourselves to preserving the traditions of our people, to nurturing our children in the light of our heritage, and to ensuring that the legacy of the Numo Boi Stool continues to shine through us.

May the ancestors watch over us, and may the spirit of the Numo Boi Stool guide us in all that we do.

In unity, in faith, in honor, we stand.

This family Constitution is crafted to reflect traditional values, respect for ancestors, and a commitment to unity, responsibility, and cultural heritage.

## **POWERS AND AUTHORITY**

Powers and Authority stems from the Ghana constitution where the lands belonging to Numo Boi Stool family are the custodian owners of the lands including the Government lands and have authority on all those lands.

The family has the right to appoint Chief of the Family headed by the Head of the Family or Woku Nukpa and the Family has the right to appoint sub-Chiefs on the land which will be determined by the head of the Family and the Chief. The sub-Chiefs must swear allegiance to the Family.

The Family head is the overall head of the Family as he guides the Chiefs in all decisions.

The family will engage in all consultations with the Government in so far as State lands are concerned.

The Family shall lead all stakeholders, consultations, engagements and negotiations necessary as the effective execution of the Judgement.

The Family shall undertake and supervise the regulations of all Tenants occupying the Family lands ensuring compliance with lawful tenancy arrangement, etc.

The Family shall bring onboard all business partners for the development of all Family Lands. The needs the State and the State needs the Family. The Family head and the Chief will call on the president as and when the need arise on all matters relating to State lands. This will include Royalties and Ground Rents etc.

### **I. Purpose and Principles**

1. **Purpose:** This Constitution is established to preserve the cultural, spiritual, and social heritage of the Numo Boi Stool Memorial Family of Teshie. It serves as a guiding framework for the family's values, traditions, and responsibilities, ensuring the continuity of our lineage and the honor of our ancestors.

2. **Core Principles:**

- **Respect for Ancestors:** The Numo Boi Stool is a sacred symbol of our lineage and spiritual connection to our ancestors. We honor and protect it with reverence.
- **Unity and Harmony:** We strive to maintain unity within the family, resolving conflicts through dialogue, understanding, and mutual respect.

- **Duty and Responsibility:** Each member of the family is expected to uphold the values of the family, contribute to the well-being of the family, and support the community.
- **Cultural Preservation:** We are committed to preserving and passing on the traditions, customs, and history of our people.
- **Justice and Fairness:** We uphold justice, fairness, and equality among all family members, regardless of age, gender, or status.

## II. Family Structure and Roles

1. **Family Structure:** The family is organized into generations, with the eldest member (often the head of the family) serving as the spiritual and moral leader. The Numo Boi Stool is a central symbol of authority and spiritual guidance.

### 2. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Eldest Member:** The eldest member is responsible for maintaining the family's traditions, interpreting the will of the ancestors, and guiding the family in times of need.
- **Parents:** Parents are responsible for raising children in accordance with the family's values, teaching them the history, customs, and spiritual beliefs of the Numo Boi Stool.
- **Children:** Children are expected to respect their parents, learn the family's traditions, and contribute to the family's well-being.
- **Community Members:** The family is part of the larger community of Teshie, and we are expected to support and contribute to the community's welfare.

## III. Cultural and Spiritual Practices

1. **The Numo Boi Stool:** The Numo Boi Stool is a sacred object that represents the family's spiritual connection to the ancestors. It is used in ceremonies, rituals, and important family events. No member of the family may damage or disrespect the stool.

### 2. Ceremonial Practices

- The family holds annual ceremonies to honor the ancestors, including offerings, prayers, and rituals.
- Important life events (birth, marriage, death) are marked with traditional ceremonies that reflect the family's heritage.
- The family is expected to participate in and support these ceremonies.

3. **Spiritual Beliefs:** The family believes in the spiritual world and the guidance of the ancestors. We seek their wisdom and protection in all aspects of life.

#### IV. Family Meetings and Decision-Making

1. **Family Meetings:** The family holds regular meetings to discuss important matters, resolve conflicts, and make decisions that affect the family. All members are encouraged to participate in these meetings.
2. **Decision-Making:** Decisions are made through consensus, with the eldest member playing a guiding role. All members are expected to listen, respect, and follow the decisions of the family.

#### V. Discipline and Conflict Resolution

1. **Discipline:** The family upholds the values of respect, responsibility, and discipline. Members who violate the family's values or traditions may be disciplined in accordance with the family's rules.
2. **Conflict Resolution:** Conflicts are resolved through open dialogue, mediation, and understanding. No member of the family may resort to violence or harmful behavior.

#### VI. Education and Cultural Transmission

1. **Education:** The family places great importance on education, both formal and traditional. Children are taught the history, language, and customs of the Numo Boi Stool family.
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#### 14. Language and Heritage

The family encourages the use of the traditional language of Teshie in daily life, ceremonies, and education. We believe that language is a key part of our identity and heritage.

## VII. **Marriage and Family Life**

1. **Marriage:** Marriage is a sacred bond that unites two families. A marriage is only valid if it is approved by the family elders and the Numo Boi Stool. The couple must live in harmony, respect each other, and uphold the values of the family.
2. **Children:** Children are the future of the family and are to be raised with love, discipline, and the teachings of the family. They are expected to respect their parents, learn the traditions, and contribute to the family's well-being.
3. **Inheritance:** Inheritance is based on the principles of duty, respect, and responsibility. The eldest member of the family is responsible for ensuring that the family's legacy, including the Numo Boi Stool, is passed on to the next generation.

## VIII. **Community and External Relations**

1. **Community Role:** The Numo Boi Stool family is an integral part of the community of Teshie. We are expected to support the community, participate in local events, and uphold the values of the people of Teshie.
2. **External Relations:** The family maintains respectful and harmonious relations with other families and communities. We do not engage in harmful or disrespectful behavior toward others, and we uphold the dignity of our people.

## IX. **Amendments and Revisions**

1. **Amendments:** This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the family members, with the approval of the eldest member. Any changes must be made in accordance with the family's traditions and values.
2. **Revisions:** The Constitution may be revised to reflect the changing needs and circumstances of the family, while preserving the core values and traditions of the Numo Boi Stool Memorial Family of Teshie.

## X. **Conclusion**

1. **Final Statement:** The Numo Boi Stool Memorial Family of Teshie stands as a testament to the strength, unity, and spiritual heritage of our people. We are committed to preserving the legacy of our ancestors, upholding the values

of our family, and ensuring that the traditions of the Numo Boi Stool continue to guide us for generations to come.

**Signed by the members of the Numo Boi Stool Memorial Family of Teshie**

SIGN: All Members.

1. David Ashiboye Anang (Overall Head of Family And Representing Ayorkor Family)

Sign: .....

2. George Armah Ashitei (Representing Wofa Ataa Adjei Family)

Sign: .....

3. Sethina Adjeley Mensah and Rebecca Adjeley Mensah (Representing Wofa Mensah Family)

Sign: .....

4. Gladys Lameley Quaye (Representing Aunty Awo Tsotsoo)

Sign: .....

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2025