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A history of the descendants of Sikolu and Fapohunda of Ilesha

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PREFACE

The idea of writing this history book about the Fapohunda Family arose at one of the several meetings of the descendants of Fapohunda, usually held at Ibadan in Mr OKUNOLA ABIODUN Tomori's residence. At a meeting held in June 1984, three members (Namely - OKUNOLA A. Tomori leading the team of Mrs. FOYEKE Balogun member and Prof. Oyewale Tomori Secretary) were assigned the job of probing into the family history.

It was the wish of members of the family to know the roots and size of the family. They wanted to know the different branches within the family set-up in order to forge a closer sense of kinship. Thus began the search to unveil the past. It was obvious right from the beginning that the task could be daunting. We envisaged enormous problems before we could assemble any meaningful information.

The existing available information now forms the basis for our subsequent effort to get out a history. Even though, there is no written record on the family to serve as a catalysis, this has not affected the enthusiasm to dig on. After persistent search, we found some fragmentary evidence from aged parents /wives of the deceased and some living children upon which we could draw and upon which we could rely.

The majority of the materials/information thus used in the compilation of this book was obtained through oral interviews with out parents and grand parents. They were indeed rich source of information. Every investigation led us to a wider strata of the family set-up. Through them we saw the impact of our forebearers notably at war period in Ilesha and environs on politics and commerce. The record

of their achievements and tribulations is an inspiration to us living, and the yet unborn generations.

The oral evidence collected during our interviews has been carefully knitted into a documentary narrative. Necessary care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of this written record through corroboration of all available facts. Any lapses therefore should be attributed to us, your pioneering research team of 3.

For the purpose of writing this book, we have adhered strictly to the use of our forenames in addressing our parents, great grand-parents etc. We therefore beg for their indulgence. It is with utmost respect for them. Forenames allow for uniformity of identity and a good guide to "Who is Who"; even though these forenames are part of history this book intends to reveal.

OKUNOLA ABIODUN TOMORI

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1.0 The Beginning

SIKOLU died in 1890, but he still lives on, represented by those he left behind. The beginning is lost in the oral traditions of the Ijesha people. So that the present may not likewise be lost to the future, we present what we know of the legend – Sikolu and his children. The exact date of his birth is not known and at his death, he was said to have lived for about 120 years. This put his birth as 1770 or thereabouts.

There were no affidavits then, nor was there age declaration certificate. Much as the date of his birth is in dispute there is absolutely no doubt about his birth, for by the grace of God, his grand-children are around to tell the story of Sikolu and Fapohunda great courageous and true son of Ijeshaland.



Ogboni Fapohunda

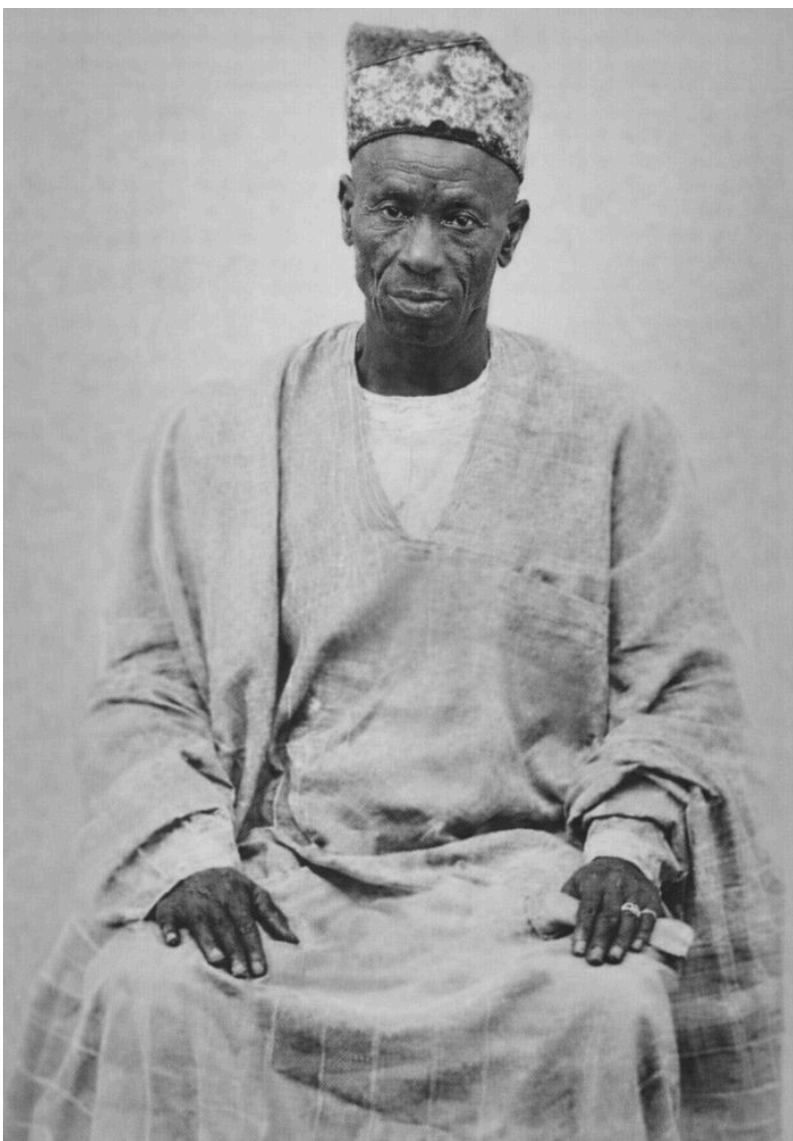
2.0 Sikolu and His Children

Sikolu married Orekunrin. Orekunrin means a Friend of Man – and indeed a true friend of the man – She was to Sikolu. Between Sikolu and Orekunrin, five children were born. They were in order of seniority - Owobeku, Danayike, Fapohunda, Baba Iro and Iroko. A lion gives birth to a lion. The child of a courageous man cannot but be courageous. The man of fame will give birth to famous children. Sikolu was the father of Owobeku the courageous; of Danayike the bold and daring. Those who knew, those who were present when the Ijesas went to war, they would know what dependable people Owobeku and Danayike were.

All the qualities of Sikolu were reflected in his off-springs. Who did not hear of the exploits of Danayike and Iroko. Who has not heard of the daring deeds they performed during the Ijesa wars. Ogedengbe testified to their courage, for side by side with that great war-lord of Ijesaland, Dayanike and Iroko fought. The name of a coward is never Ogunrinola; a weakling can never be called Belejokoju. Nor is the strongest tree in the bush called a vegetable but Iroko. A child does not play with fire, talk more of surrounding a mountain with fire. Sikolu's children were called Danayike (literally translated to mean he who surrounds a mountain with fire) and Iroko. Tell me who does not know the Iroko tree? Who would wish that the Iroko tree fall on him? Who is so foolhardy to meet the combined team of Danayike and Iroko in the war front? Those who did never lived to tell the story. These were the two sons of Sikolu. They fought with him on the war front, and they died at the war front each a pride to Sikolu.

Owobeku, Fapohunda and Baba Iro in their right were warriors of note and they survived the war to continue the line of Sikolu. Owobeku had

Abon as his son, and Abon had three children, Satuo, Moleye and Iya Oniru. Baba Iro was blessed with three children- Oketona, Olosede and Odebeku. Madam Olosede married Babalawo Ofo and to them were three children born - Mobalaje (the famous Aro), Dada and Ajayi.



Pa. Tomori "Seriki" Fapohunda

3.0 FAPOHUNDA

The story now focusses on Fapohunda ("Ifa" oracle changed his forecast). Indeed Ifa changed his words for the better. For Fapohunda was rich not only in terms of material wealth, Fapohunda was rich in people, he had fame, he had honour, he had respect and he was loved by many. He was a son-in-law to many families, he was the husband of many women and he did not discriminate as to his choice of women. From Ibadan to Egbe and Offa back to Ilesa, Fapohunda picked his wives. And, above all God blessed him richly with children. Fapohunda in "akodi" twenty one wives. The number is made of the fifteen in Fig. 1 plus the six with asterics in section 3-4-1 and 3. 5.1. Fapohunda Ogboni Belejokoju. Fapohunda who had money in every nook and corner. Ogboni Fapohunda the owner of Ereja, which in his generosity he loaned to Owa to perform the Ogun festivities. He was Ogboni of Ilesa and of many other places. Who does not know that Alaba belongs to Ogboni? That Fapohunda was blessed materially is not the point, what we are about is the blessing he received in the number of his children. He had a total or shall we say an estimated number of twenty seven children.

Oh yes, that is Fapohunda for you, the child of Olose, who though not pregnant displayed the characteristics of a woman close to labour. (*Omo Olose ke loyun omo, ko-segbe rugbudu*).



Pa Jegede Ogunremi Fapohunda.

3.1 FAPOHUNDA - IYA EGBE

Iya-Egbe was Fapohunda's first wife and Fiyebe was the child of the union.

3.1.1 *Fiyebe married ————— and Olanrewaju was their child.*

3.2 FAPOHUNDA – DADA

Next Fapohunda married Dada and they were blessed with three children Folahan,. Dada and Omotoso.

3.2.1 FOLAHAN

Folahan married Saloro Jegede and they had Bisi, Olasunmi and Ayanna as their children.

3.3 FAPOHUNDA – FALAE LINE

The union of Fapohunda and Falae was blessed with two children - Sangoyemi and Erunpo.

3.3.1 SANGOYEMI

– Had no issue.

3.3.2 ERUNPO

– Married Jacob Odagbodo. They were blessed with two daughters – Rebecca Aramide and Elizabeth Oredola.

3.4 FAPOHUNDA – FOYAWO

To Foyawo and Fapohunda, two children were born. Seriki Ogboni and Merioyo. Merioyo died without an issue, but Seriki Ogboni and his wives compensated adequately.

3.4.1 TOMORI SERIKI OGBONI

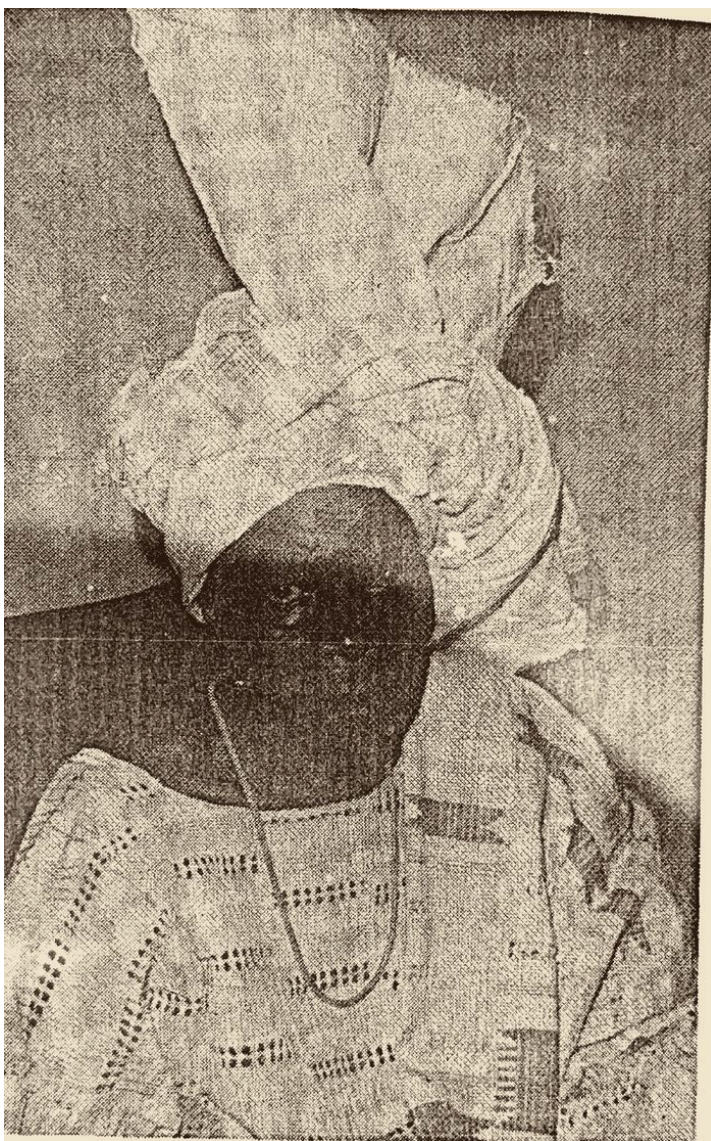
Seriki Ogboni the (Dawodu or Arole) married thirteen wives, a little short of the number his father had. The names of the wives are:- Tinuade, Olabimpe, Dada-Odo, Lapa, Dada, Obisesan, Loburo, Mayungbo, Bamiwo, Omowumi, Famurewa, Alice and Monisola.

Tomori Seriki Ogboni had the following children:-

– With Tinuade:	Titiloye and Olajide
– With Olabimpe:	Oyebode and Olanihun
– *With Dada-Odo:	Ajibabi
– *With Lapa:	Oladuntan and Albert
– With Dada:	Matanmi, Olasupo and Olufemi
– With Obisesan:	Agbocla (Ojo), Bolatito and Okunola (Biodun)
– *With Loburo:	Ibitola, Bolatito, Subuola and Babalola
– With Mayungbo:	Kayode and Oyekunle
– With Bamiwo:	Sunday and Iyiola
– With Omowunmi:	Mogbonjubola, Oyewumi and Eniola
– With Famurewa:	Okunoye (Ajani), Oyekola, Oyewale Olanipekun and Taiye
– With Alice:	Siyanbola, Oduola, Arike, and Okunola

– With Monisola:

Abimbola, Oyewola and Olaniran



Madam Ajayi Arowojobe

3.5 FAPOHUNDA–OYENIREGUN

Fapohunda married Oyeniregun and they were blessed with three children - Jegede, Adesoro and Okanlawon. Okanlawon died without an issue, but Jegede went on to marry twelve wives.

3.5.1 JEGEDE OGUNREMI

The children of Jegede and his wives are as listed below

– With Esutusin:	Bukola
– With Ojolegan:	Adunola
– With Ojiimi:	Lomi and Ajike
– *With Kolawole:	Ikuoye, Ojo, Jimo, Olatubosun and Olaniyi
– *With Ajiyo:	Adunni, Dupe and Bolanle
– With Iyalode (Omo):	Iyiola
– With Bosede:	Victoria
– *With Gbolagun:	Isiola, Taiye and Fola
– With Felicia:	Akande
– With Hannah:	Ogunyemi, Bolanle and Agboola
– With Olaitan:	Bejide, Odunola and Sijuwola
– With Amoke:	Riyike.

For Pa Jegede, he married christians and atheists, love for a person was his major considerations, and he spread the love around.

3.5.2 ADESORO

Adesoro married into the Palmer family and they were blessed with three children, Malomo, Tunde and Mopelola.

3.6 FAPOHUNDA OJIMI (DADA) (LINE)

The marriage between Fapohunda and Ojimi produced 5 children, namely – Ajayi, Ogunsuji, Tolani, Ariyo. and Makanjuola

3.6.1 AJAYI

Ajayi married into the Arowojobe family and was blessed with four children – Abibi, Rabi (a.k.a Mama Nusi), Sanni and Abeni.

3.6.2 OGUNSUJI (a.k.a Disu)

Ogunsuji married five wives and had ten children. The names of the wives and their children are listed below:-

WIVES	CHILDREN
Riyewun:	Laletan, Ore and Bolanle
Felicia:	Abiara, Bolajoko and Nihinlola
Omoseike:	Elizabeth
Ramotu:	Muniratu and Animo
Sabi	Mulikatu and Saka

3.6.3 TOLANI

Tolani omo Ogboni, married Afilaka, Yinka, Isola (Deceased) and Ajoke were their two children. Tolani later married Seweje and they were blessed with Agboola.

3.6.4 ARIYO

Ariyo had five wives and eight children from two of his wives. Moraloyo, Moriamo and Lomi had no children but Tomola and Wulemotu had four children each.

Tomola:	Dele, Adubi, Nosiru, and Lati
Wulemotu:	Saliu, Taiye, Kehinde and Idowu.

3.6.5 MAKANJUOLA

Makanjuola followed in the tradition of the children of Fapohunda and married six wives. The children of Makanjuola and his wives are:

– With Raliatu:	Rafatu and Sidi
– With Ige:	Saratu, Aduke, Jubril and Sariyu
– With Emily:	Rasaki, Tajudeen, Kayode and Alli
– With Wosila:	Mulikatu, Arinola
– With Anike:	Lateef
– With Fatomoye:	Jumoke

3.7 FAPOHUNDA – FAKEMI LINE

3.7.1 OLAWUNMI

Olawunmi (the daughter of Fapohunda and Fakemi) married Olojo and they were blessed with five children namely: Beatrice, Agboola, Abiodun, Foyeke and Adetunji.

3.8 FAPOHUNDA – IBIYEYE LINE

Three children were the outcome of the Fapohunda-Ibiyeye union. The children were Oladimeji (Megida), Sangofunke and Asa.

3.8.1 OLADIMEJI (MEGIDA)

He married two wives, Folayo and Awawu and they had four children.

1. Folayo was the mother of Mosudi.

2. Awawu had three children - Sidi, Muniru and Ganiyu.

3.8.2 SANGOFUNKE

She married Arode and their children were Remi and Adeola.

3.8.3 ASA

She married Olowe and they had two children - Olusola and Kikelomo.

3.9 FAPOHUNDA – OGUNDIYA

Fapohunda married Ogundiya. They had Bero, Ayodele and Alabi.

3.9.1 BERO

Bero married two wives, Ariyo and Olaleye and had five children.

1. The children of Ariyo were Labintan and Buraimo.
2. Olaleye was the mother of Jimoh, Sala and Apeke.

3.10 FAPOHUNDA AND GBESI

Fapohunda's marriage with Gbesi produced -

3.10.1 GBOLA

Gbola. Who married Ogundipe Goodluck and they had a child - Dupe.

3.11 FAPOHUNDA AND ONI-OJA

The Fapohunda – Oni-Oja Union was blessed with three children – Abe, Adesakin and Oyedun.

3.11.1 ABE

Abe married Momadelo and they had Olawoye as their child.

3.11.2 *Aosekun*

3.11.3 *Oyedun*

3.12 FAPOHUNDA AND THE OTHER WIVES

None of the unions between Fapohunda-Faniyesin, Fapohunda-Ayanna Ibadan, Fapohunda-Abigail and Fapohunda-Fakeye produced any children.

FAMILY APPELLATION

ORIKI

Omo Ogboni Modulore mereni akun, omo ateni wijo, omo arungbinrin owo bodide, Omo Olowo ekute yan naa. Omo Ajibo bua unose. Ogboni lo lereja ko bu owa sogun. Owa ko ni on jije bi Ogboni Lasore. Ogboni mo du, me mo du owa O. Tubuturo ni a nba wole Ogboni. Omo aratabatuby aso wo soo kokoroo.

Adebisun oja oke mi reti odo Ogboni Lasore. Ogun kisan on iki Baba aroko, Ogun korun On iki Baba bo wale. On fagba soko o sodun odofin bo ale ko ya Sogun o Olomuse eyo. Omo olose meji tako tabo lidofin. Omo olose on poyii ka kan ise gbale kasin owuro. Omo olose on fari loyun, bimo ko segbe rubutu Lidofin nle o Lamisore bi orisa, Lamisore bi osun eyin kunle lele gegere bi ogan. Fiwo iyoro, eiwo ude lo metitan lele; omo le oja abide lowo otun.

Omo ogboni ule ogboni oko. Alaba oko Ogboni, Ugogo oko ogboni Ijana oko ogboni, Okeopo oko ogboni, Ijaregbe oko ogboni, itagun oko ogboni, FAPOHUNDA Iyemogun oko ogboni, Igbadae oko ogboni, Omo ogbo lolo o gbowo je o fudi aja gbole. I kowo gbe koran ra, omo atujo rola, omo afo kua se kanrin. Pele o.

About this edition

This edition reproduces the text of *Ogboni Fapohunda Family Tree* (1986) word for word, including its original spellings and punctuation, so that every branch of the family can read and keep it.

- The photographs are the same portraits that appear in the original book. Where the family holds a clearer print (Ogboni Fapohunda and Pa Tomori "Seriki" Fapohunda), the clearer print is used.
- Figure 1, the chart of Fapohunda's fifteen wives referred to in section 3.0, is not in the surviving copy used for this edition.
- The space left blank in section 3.1.1 is blank in the original.



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