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**AN OVERVIEW OF MANHYIA ARCHIVES  
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# MANHYIA ARCHIVES



# **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

- **Established in May 1963 as Manhyia Records Office**
- **Managed by University of Ghana**
- **Valuable archival records donated by Otumfuo Osei Agyeman Prempeh II**
- **Otumfuo provided office accommodation**
- **Services available include; reference services, referral services, reproduction and certification of documents etc.**

# **MISSION**

**To provide efficient and reliable professional records and archives management services to promote democracy, human rights, justice, accountability, good governance, development and the study of our history, culture and national identity.**

# **HOLDINGS**

- **Kumasi Traditional Council records**
- **Asante confederacy Council/Asanteman Council Records**
- **Ashanti Stool Histories**
- **Ewe Traditions**
- **Court records (Books & dockets)**
- **Government Publications**
- **Rare collections**
  - **Personal letters of Nana Prempeh I 1912-1927**
  - **Records donated by Joe Appiah**
  - **Conspiracy against Asantehene, Otumfuo Osei Agyeman Prempeh II**
    - **list of Ashanti political prisoners including list of their children born in Seychelles**

# PATRONS & STATISTICS

- Traditional rulers, students, academic researchers, journalists etc.
- 2010/11            243
- 2011/2012        227
- 2012/2013        282
- 2013/2014        218
- 2014/2015        300
- 2015/2016        327

# CHALLENGES

- **The location of the Archives**
- **The attitude of some record creating agencies/offices**
- **Inadequate space**
- **Budgetary constraints**
- **Copious duplication**
- **Unwritten stool histories**
- **Deterioration of Records**
- **Absence of a backup**

# **THE WAY FORWARD**

- **Documentation of stool histories that have not been documented.**
- **Digitisation of records to serve as a backup in case of any disaster.**
- **Hosting of the digitised records on the UGSpace for public access**



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# **THANK YOU ALL**

- **We shall meet in the archives this afternoon**