



# AFRICA

AFRICA, GAMBIA AND MY FAMILY HISTORY



# FACTS ABOUT AFRICA

- The African continent has the second largest population in the world, at about one billion people.
- Well over one thousand languages are spoken by the people of Africa. Some estimates put this number closer to two thousand.
- The largest religion in Africa is Islam, followed by Christianity.
- The African population is approximately 14.72% of the world's population.
- The oldest human remains ever discovered were found in Ethiopia at approximately 200,000 years old.



# Africa Landforms

- The longest river in world, the Nile (4,132 miles), is located in Africa.
- Africa has the worlds largest desert, the savannah, which is almost the size of the United States.
- Victoria falls is the largest waterfall in Africa; it is 355 feet high and one mile wide. Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain on the continent. It towers over 19,300 feet, which is so tall that glaciers can be found at its summit even though the mountain is near the equator.
- Madagascar is the largest island in Africa.

# Gambia and my family history

- The Gambia is a small west African country. Bounded by Senegal with a narrow Atlantic coastline.
- It's known for its diverse ecosystem around the central Gambia river.
- Abundant wildlife in its Kiang West national park and Bao Bolong wetlands reserve includes monkeys, leopards, hippopotamus, and hyenas and rare birds.
- The capital, is Banjul and nearby Serekunda which where my family is from.
- Our family is Singhateh.





## My great, great grandfather: Sir Farimang Mamadi Singhateh, Governor General.

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- Al Hajj Sir Farimang Singhateh was the second and last Governor-General of The Gambia.
- Representing Queen Elizabeth as head of state.
- Born 10<sup>th</sup> November 1912 and died 19<sup>th</sup> May 1977
- He was an Almadi Muslim and ameer (President).
- He was formerly trained as a doctor.
- The national currency of Gambia is the Dalise.



# Tourism in The Gambia

- The tourism industry today in The Gambia started when a party of 300 Swedish tourists arrived in 1965. That pioneering trip was organised by a swede named Bertil Harding together with tour operators Vingressor.
- The number of visitors increased from 300 tourists in 1965 to 25,000 visitors in 1976.
- Popular places to visit are Banjul, Jugurtha, Kachikally crocodile pool, Georgetown, and the Wassu Stone circle.
- There are also lots of beautiful beaches.