Sokte / Kanhow Chiefly Genealogy

Reconstructed from the narrative and village-gazetteer text of B. S. Carey & H. N. Tuck, The Chin Hills (Rangoon, 1896), Volumes I & II — Chapter X, "The History of the Sokte Tribe," cross-referenced with village entries in the Volume II gazetteer. Compiled for the Paite Heritage Archive; no relationship shown here is inferred beyond what the source states.

- **Mang Pyim**
  Sokte Chief · gen. 1 · little recorded · buried at Molbem
  - **Mang Kim**
    gen. 2 · grew Molbem into a large village · buried at Molbem
    - **Kantum**
      gen. 3 · conquered the Northern Chin Hills c.1840 (Nwites, Yos, Thados, Vaipes) · buried at Molbem
      - **Kanhow**
        1st of 6 sons · founded Tiddim · warred on the Lushai chief Vanolel · d. 1868, cremated at Tiddim
        - **Yetol**
          1st of 8 sons · moved to Howpi after Tunka burned (Mar. 1889) · d. July 1892, buried at Tanda
          - **Howkam**
            eldest son of Yetol · headman of Howpi
          - **Powza-lyin**
            son of Yetol · cousin to Howchinkup
        - **Sumhow**
          2nd of 8 sons · named only
        - **Howman**
          3rd of 8 sons · named only
        - **Lintang**
          4th of 8 sons · named only
        - **Tumlwin**
          5th of 8 sons · named only
        - **Tankapow**
          6th of 8 sons · met the Manipur Majors, 1875 expedition
        - **Howpow**
          7th of 8 sons (also "Howpun") · killed in a Whenoh raid on Tunzan, 1876
          - **Howchinkup**
            succeeded Kochim as Chief of the Kanhow clan, 1890/91, aged 18 · raised by widowed mother
        - **Kochim**
          8th, youngest son · succeeded Kanhow as Chief, 1868, no sons · allied with Manipur in the 1871–72 Lushai campaign · d. Sept. 1890/1891 (dates conflict — see notes)
      - **No Pow**
        2nd of 6 sons · named only
      - **Yakai**
        3rd of 6 sons · named only
      - **Pow Kam**
        4th of 6 sons · named only
      - **Yapow**
        5th, youngest legitimate son · inherited Molbem & Sokte chieftainship by custom · d. 1882
        - **Dok Taung**
          youngest son of Yapow · succeeded 1882 as Chief of the Soktes · surrendered to British, 25 Aug 1889 · arrested/released 1889 & 1894
      - **Kanyam**
        son by a concubine · excluded from succession by custom

Notes & discrepancies

Kochim's death date is given as "September 1891" in the Vol. I narrative but "1st September 1890" in the Vol. II gazetteer entry for Twelsun village. Both are reproduced here rather than silently resolved.

Howpow's death is attributed to a Whenoh raid on Tunzan in 1876 (Vol. I, Sokte history chapter), but a separate passage describing his son Howchinkup's childhood says the father was "killed by Yahows some 18 years" before c.1889–91 (≈1871–73). Either two names for the same raiding group, or a minor inconsistency in the source.

Related but distinct

Nokatung (misrecorded elsewhere as "Kokatung") was chief of the **Nwite** tribe — not a Sokte/Kanhow descendant, despite the name's similarity. Carey & Tuck explicitly correct the confusion in the text. He was seized by Manipur forces in 1872 and died in a Manipur jail; Kochim's raids on Manipur were partly in revenge for his death.

Source documents

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tribal founder · held chieftainship · named, non-chief · named only, no detail