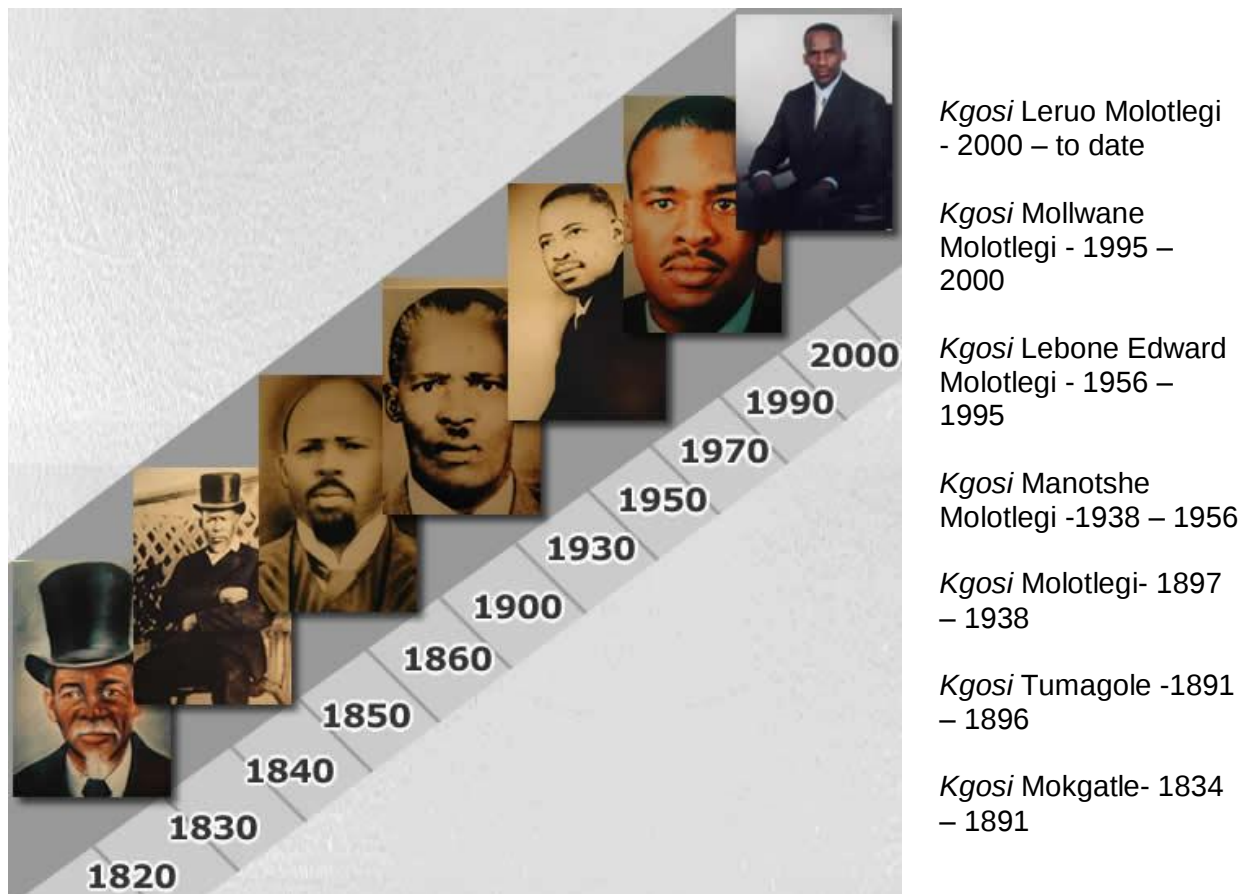


A TIMELINE OF BAFOKENG LEADERS FROM THE MID 19TH CENTURY TO DATE*

The patrilinear succession of the Bafokeng Chiefs has been traced back for over 35 rulers.

Below is a list of the recent Chiefs and the periods of their reigns:



- It is believed **Mokgatle** assumed his chieftainship in about **1834**, after returning from exile. He ruled until his death in **1891**. Mokgatle married two wives. His sons were Tumagole and Dikeledi. His sons from his second wife were Johannes Sekete, Diose, also called Bloemhoff.
- **Tumagole**, succeeded his father. He reigned for seven years and died in **1896**.
- **August Molotlegi Mokgatle**, Tumagole first son, assumed chieftainship in **1896**. He ruled for 42 years, from 1896 until he died in March **1938**.

* Source: <http://www.bafokeng.com/past/timeline> (accessed 14/12/2009)

- **James Manotshe Tumagole Molotlegi XII**, Mokgatlé's eldest son, succeeded him in 1936. He died in **1956**. His sons were Edward Lebone and Mollo Molotlegi.
- **Edward Patrick Lebone Molotlegi**, interrupted his studies in medicine and law at Wits University, to assume chieftainship of the Bafokeng. Chief Lebone was appointed Kgosi on 28 December **1958**. He held this position until he died in **1995**. His children were Lebone Boikanyo (1965), Boemo Matale (1966), Leruo Tshekedi (1968), Motswana (1970), Bothata Ledima (1973), Tirelo (1976)
- **Mollwane Boikanyo Lebone Molotlegi II**, born in 1965, ruled from **1995** until he died in **2000**.
- **Leruo Tshekedi Molotlegi**, the second son of Kgosi Lebone Molotlegi, assumed chieftainship in **2000**. He is the 36th kgosi of the Bafokeng and the 16th direct descendent of a line of Bafokeng chiefs. He is the current Kgosi of the Royal Bafokeng Nation.