

Champassak Royals and Sovereignty

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The House of Champassak





Sovereignty

- Sovereignty is “supreme power especially over a body politic...a group of persons politically organized under a single government authority”.
- This definition does not sufficiently embrace more nuanced forms of sovereign power.
- Sovereignty is also defined as, “freedom from external control: autonomy”.
- However, autonomy is almost never absolute, and is more of an ideal than something that actually occurs.
- Sovereignty is also defined as a “controlling influence”. It is about power.

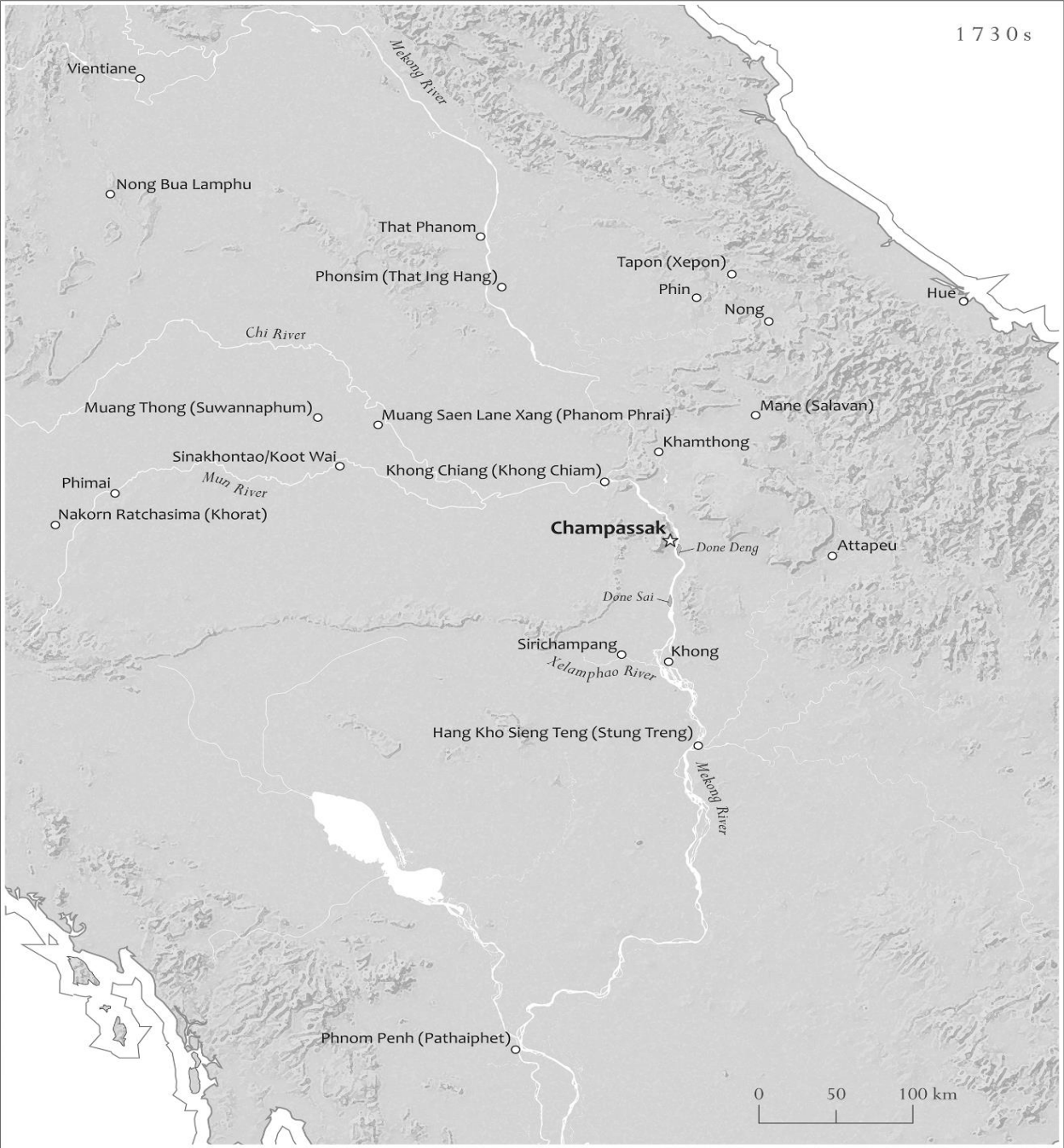
My view of Sovereignty

- I see sovereignty as something fundamentally contingent and always in flux, thus requiring constant efforts—either explicit or more subtle—to reinforce, construct and reproduce various fields of sovereignty.

Thesis

I forward the notion that it is appropriate and useful to expand and nuance the ways we think about sovereignty, so that we conceptualize sovereignty as something that is much more contingent and variously asserted and practiced than has often previously been imagined.

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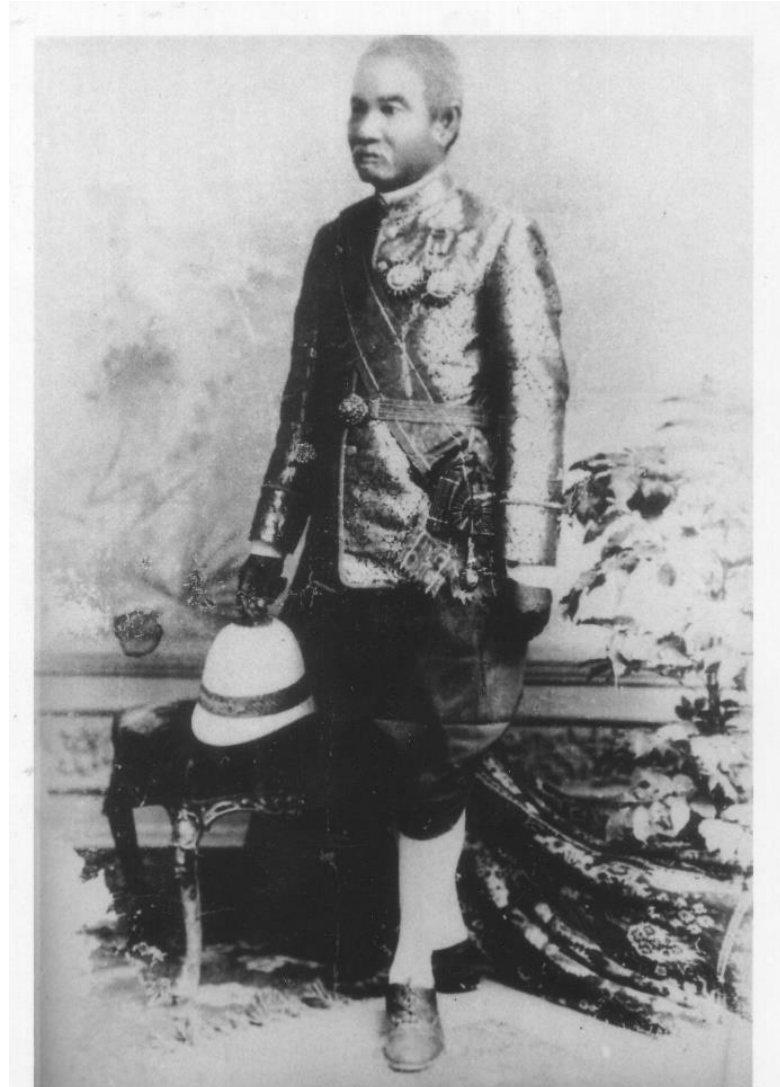
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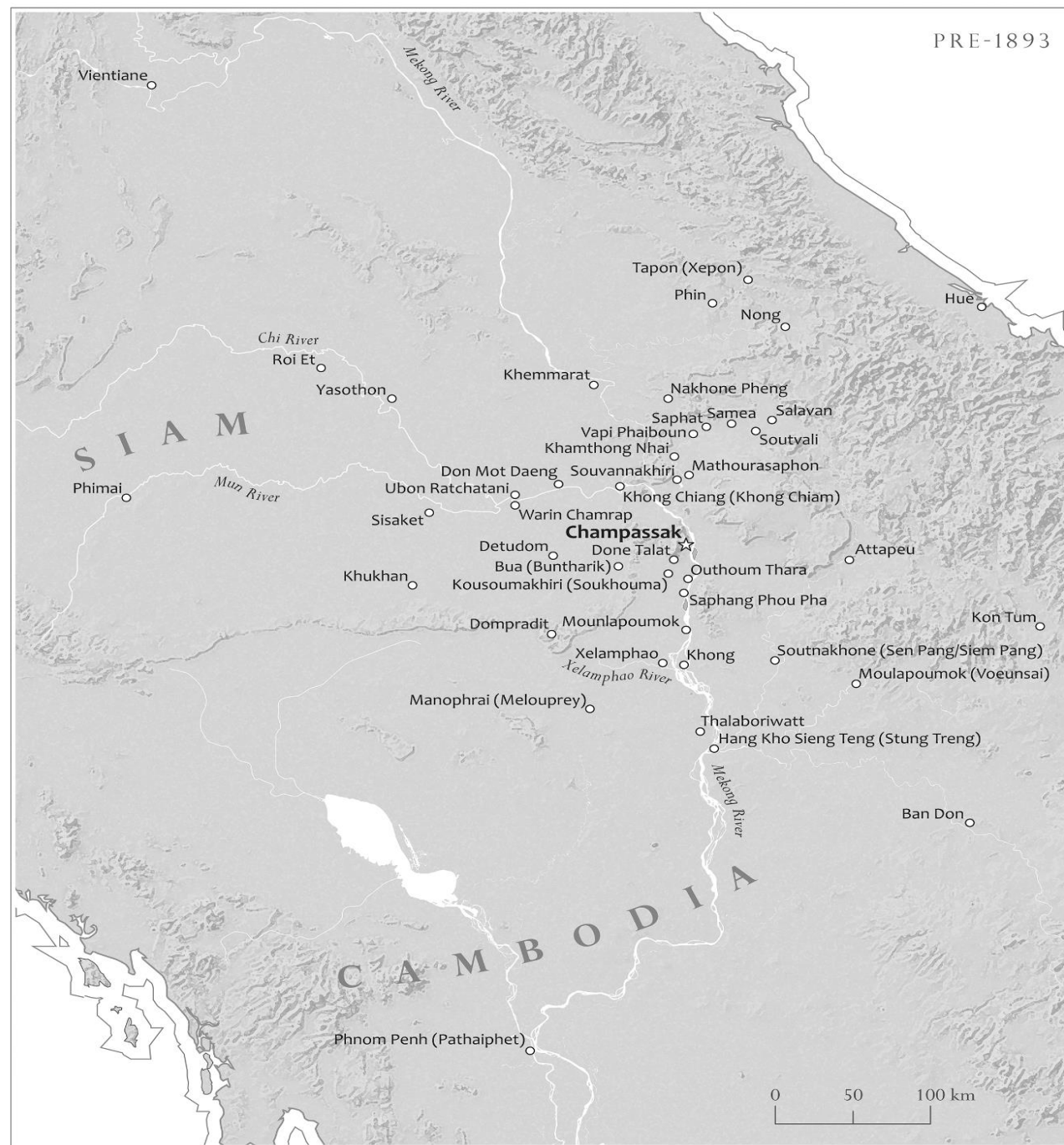


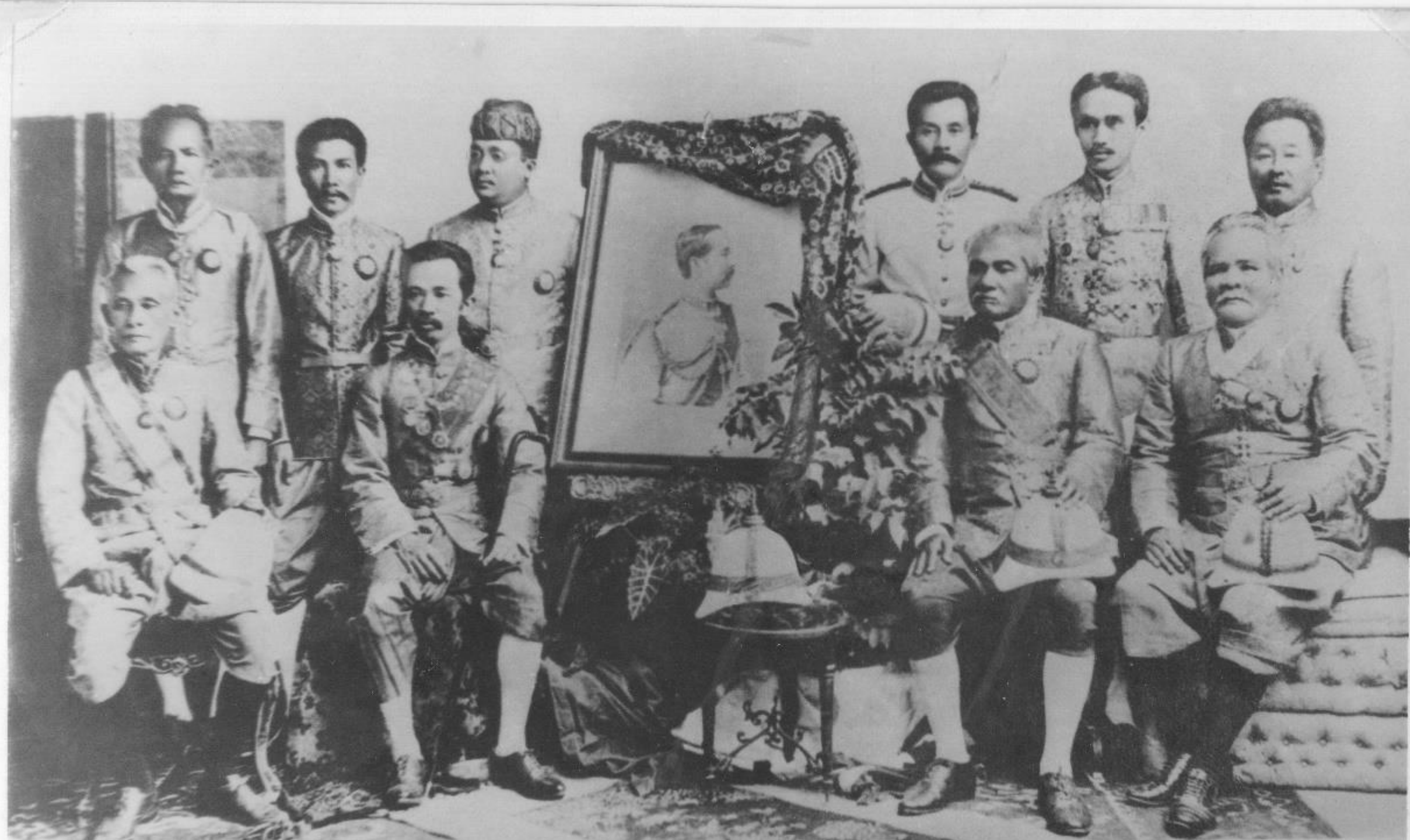


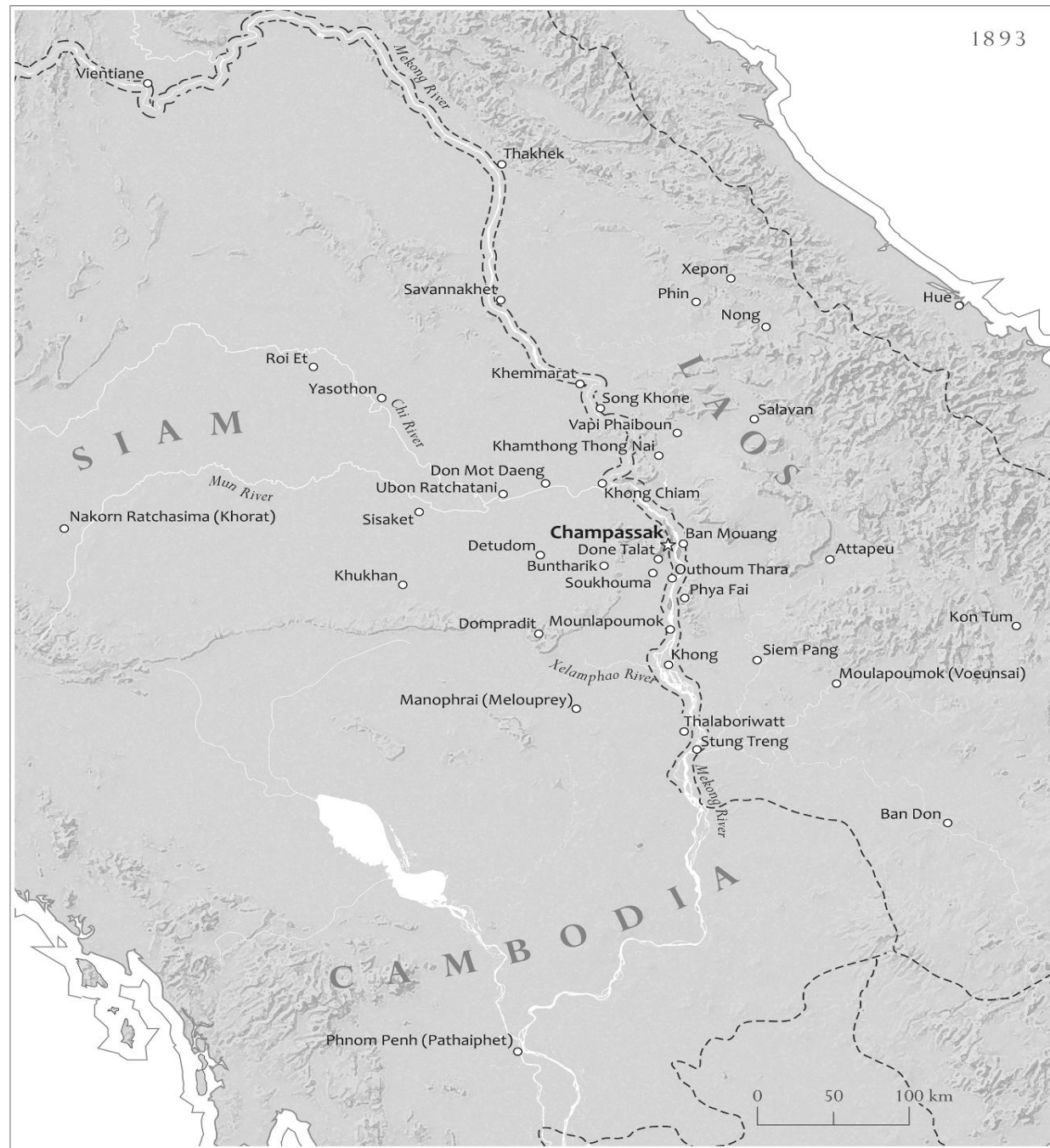


Chapter 2: The Last King of Champassak: The Ebb and Flow of Sovereign Power









Chao Beng Kham (Chao Sakprasit) and
Chao Ouy (Chao Sakpraseuth)
– sent to Siam in 1897



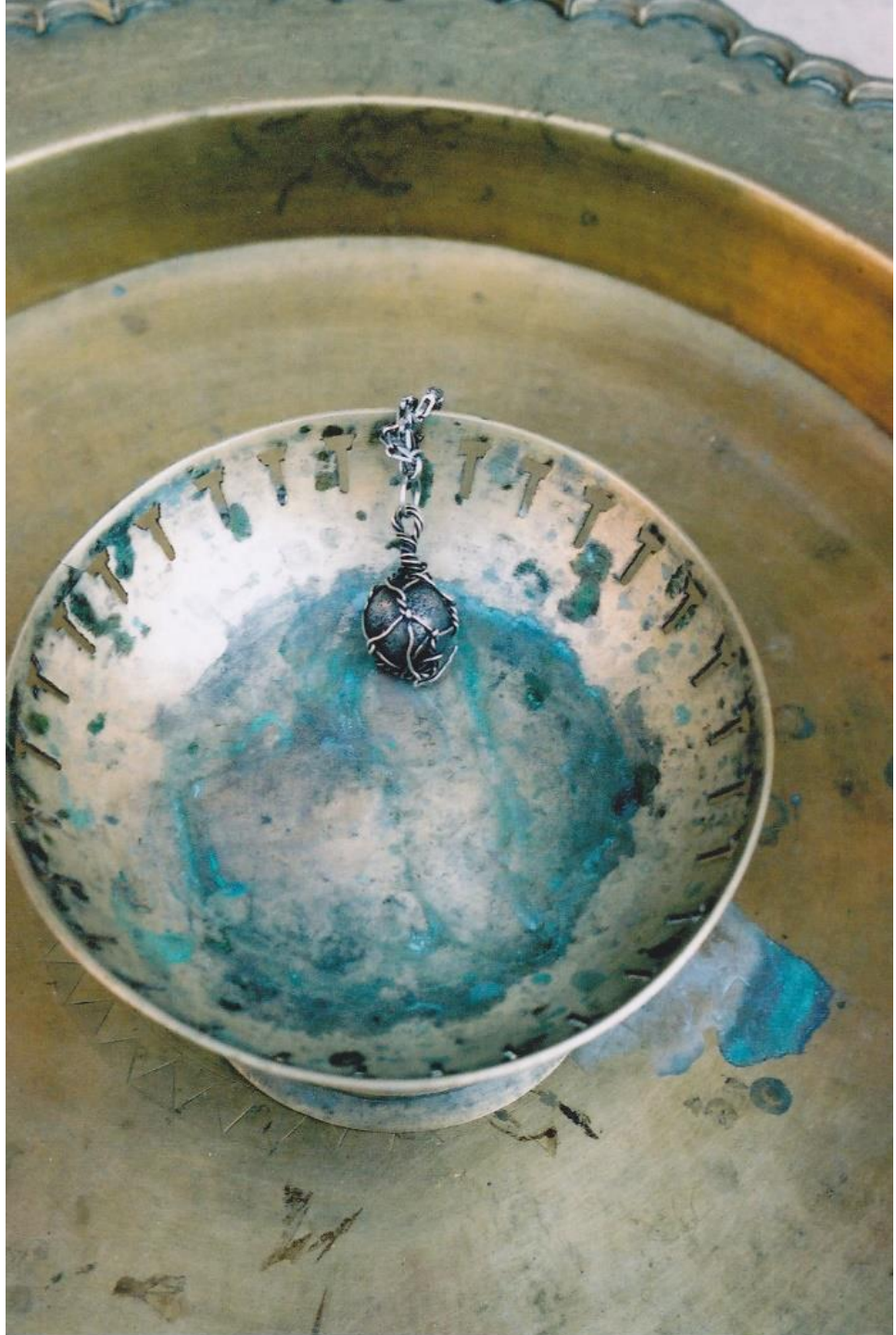
Chao Nhouy (Raxadanay)





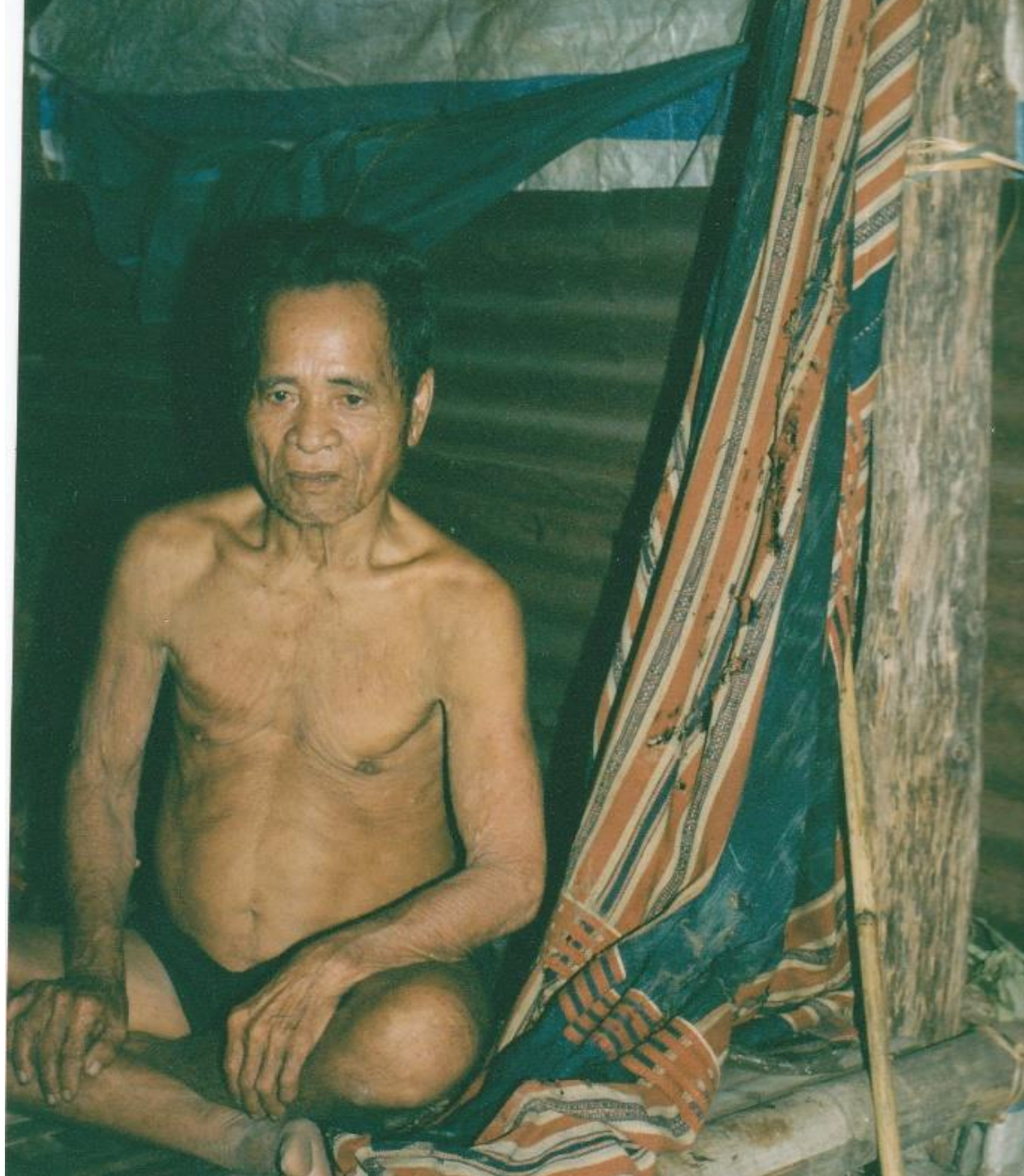
Chapter 3: The Lost Champassak Royals of Cambodia: Working for Sovereignty











Chapter 4: The House of Champassak in French Laos: Royal Sovereignty Under Colonialism

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Anya Louang Sing – Power through Colonialism



Chapter 5: The Champassak Royals in Thailand: Royal Sovereignty under Royal Sovereignty



Royals from Champassak visiting Relatives in Ubon Ratchathani





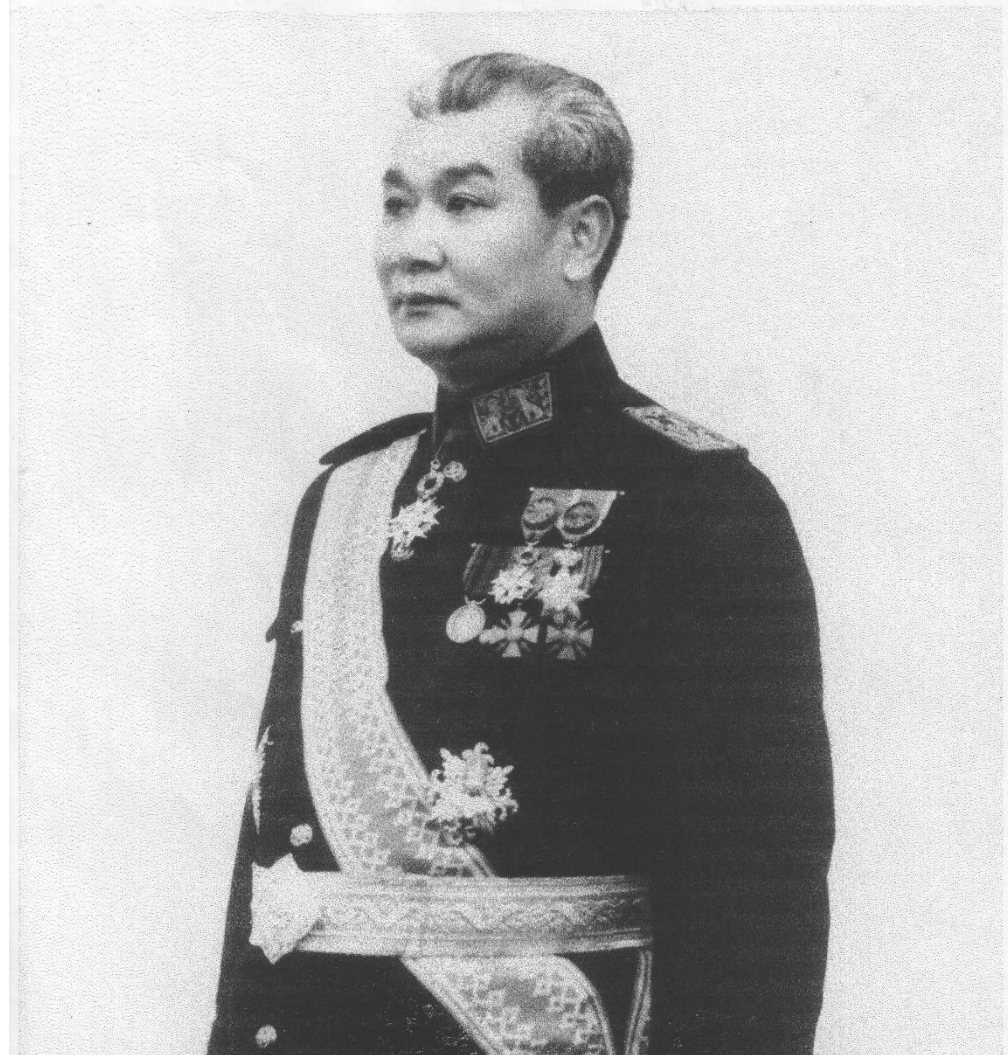


Taking Champassak back for Thailand





Chapter 6: The House of Champassak in Laos during the Second Indochina War: Post- Colonial Royal Sovereign Power



Chao Boun Oum



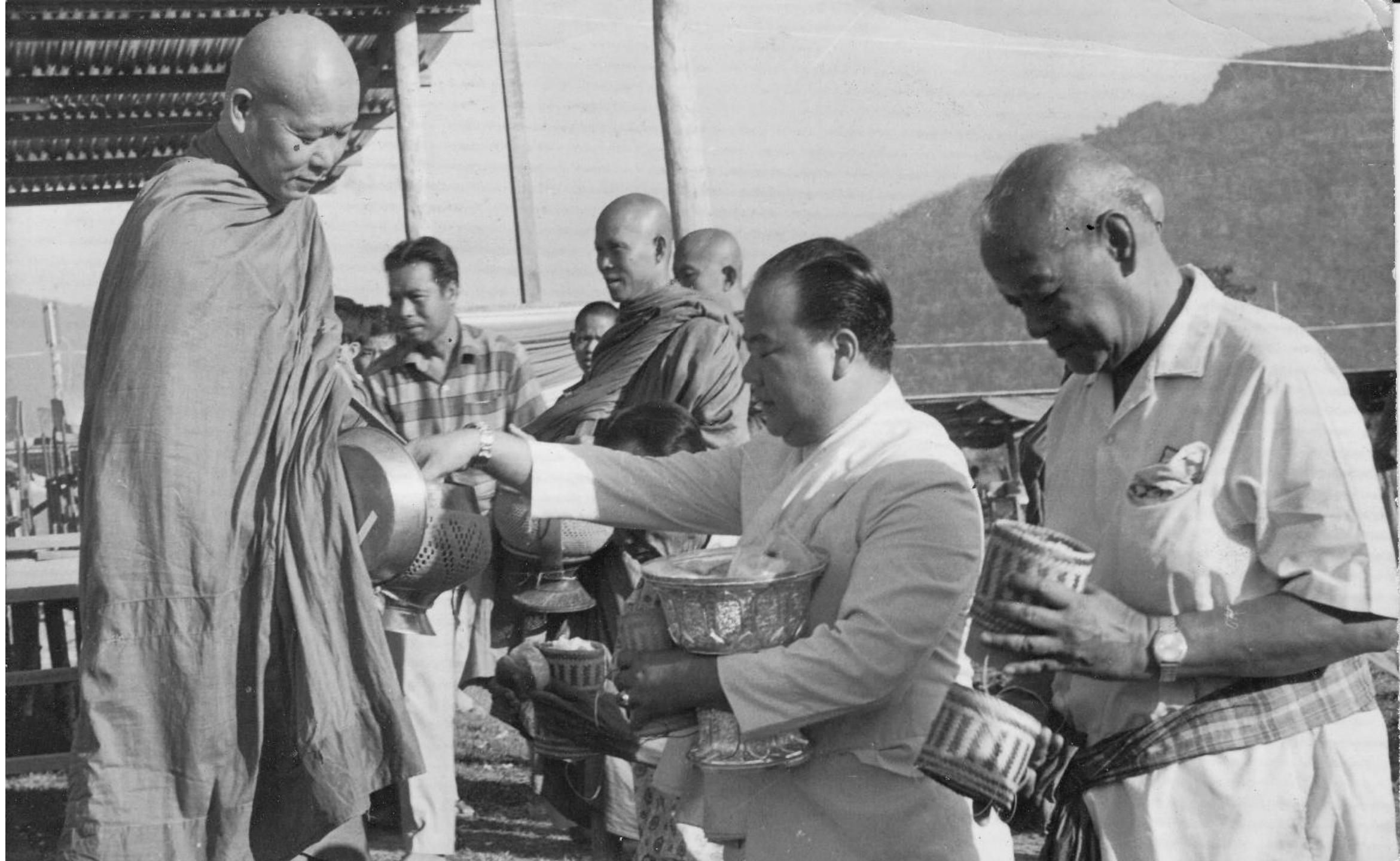


Champassak wedding - 1960









Chao Boun Oum's family

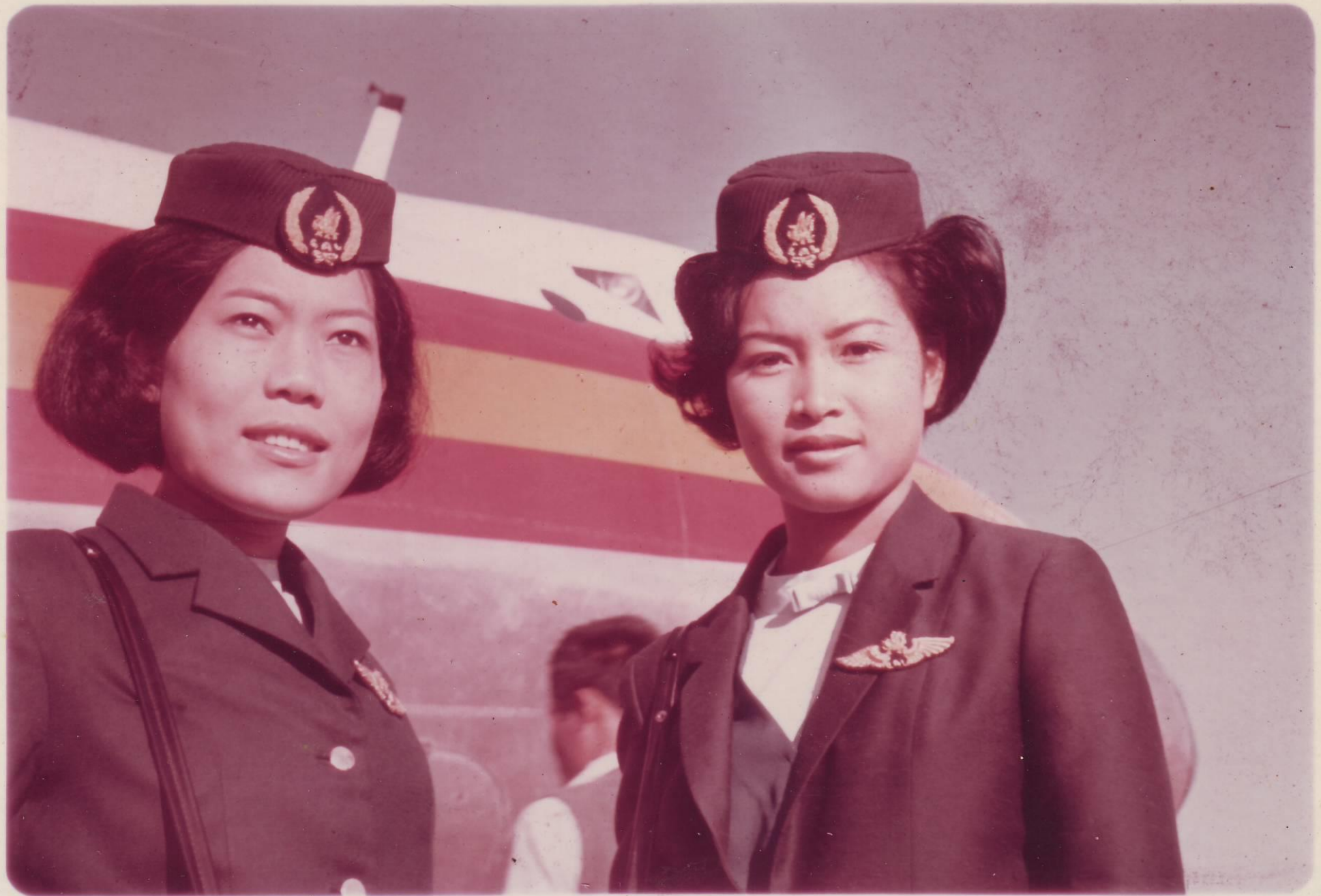




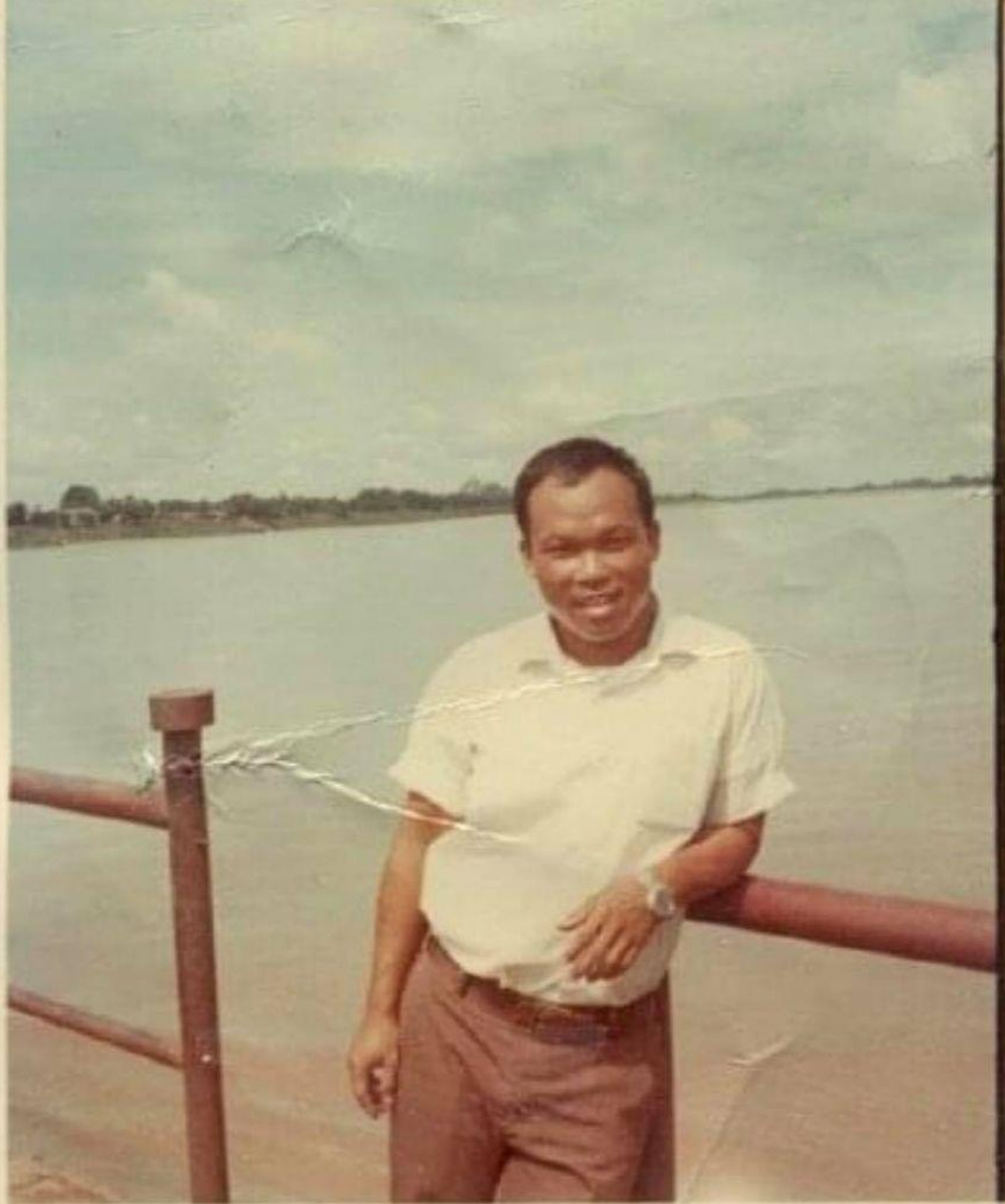
















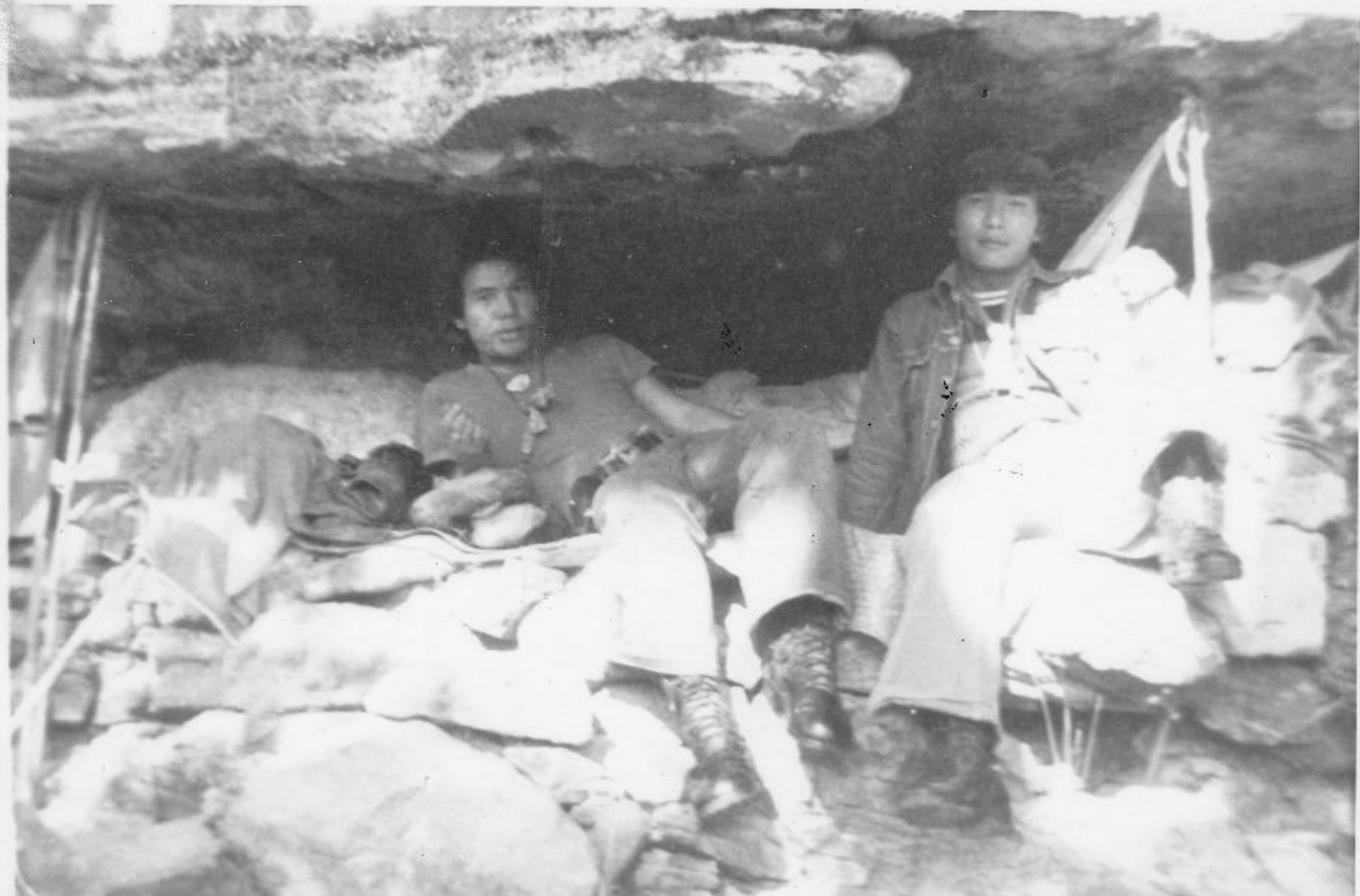




Chapter 7: The Na Champassak Family and the Third Indochina War: Aleatory Sovereignty













Chapter 8: The Pretenders, and the Unknown

Champassak Royals: Nominal Sovereignty

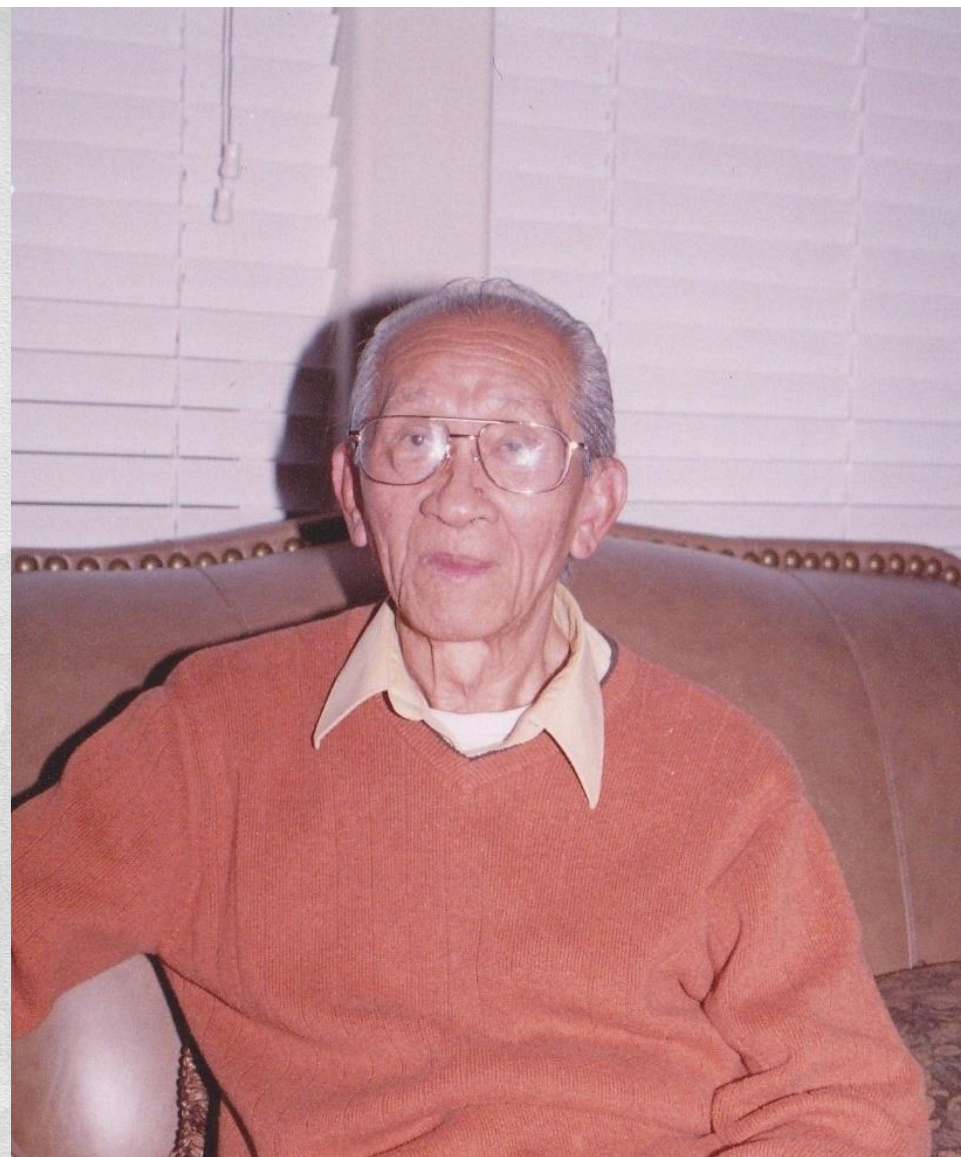
Chao Chirumpatareefah Na Champassakdi



Chao Soi Mala Na Champassak



Na Champassak Last name – granted in 1917



Barbara Hutton and Raymond Pierre Doan Vinh Na Champassak







Questions?