

## **OBAMA'S FATHER**

Barack Obama Sr, Obama's father, was a polygamist who had already abandoned one wife and child in Africa when he met Obama's mother, Stanley Ann Dunham in Hawaii. After finishing his education at Harvard, Obama Sr. returned to Africa, abandoning Barack and his mother, to live the life of a chronic alcoholic. He ultimately killed himself in a drink-induced car accident on the streets of Nairobi.

Obama Sr.'s family was not poor, as inferred in Obama's biography "Dreams from my father". According to Sayid Obama, Obama Sr's brother; "Our father had livestock, including goats and cows, and the sons in the family worked to care for them. Working as a goatherd, however, does not mean the family was poverty stricken or otherwise disadvantaged in their tribal home." Such families were, instead, considered fairly "well off" by Kenyan standards. Sayid Obama also stated that he and Obama Sr. were raised in a religious Islamic family and raised as Muslims.