

University of Ibadan and Southern Illinois University  
A Questionnaire Survey of Traditions of Origin of Settlements in Northern Edo State

SECTION A-LOCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

1. Name of Settlement: Orukpa (Quarter) Oye Language Group: Okpameri
2. Maximum Relief: \_\_\_\_\_ (m) Name of Nearest River: Okowa (seasonal)
3. Topography:  
A. Low Plain      B. High Plain      C. Dissected Plain      D. Floodplain  
E. Rugged Terrain with Rock Outcrops      F. Transition between Plain and Rock Outcrops
4. Vegetation:  
A. Closed canopy forest      B. Open canopy forest      C. Savanna woodland  
D. Savanna grassland      E. Others (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Settlement is easily accessible from the:  
A. North      B. South      C. East      D. West      E. All sides
6. Distance to the nearest settlement? \_\_\_\_\_ (Km)

SECTION-TRADITIONS OF ORIGIN OF SETTLEMENTS

7. How many years ago, approximately, was this village founded? in the 60s (in yrs) <sup>(we were 1st on the hill)</sup>  
we came down hill
8. What is the name of the place (or village or town) the founders of this village came from to settle here? Egbe → Ego  
Igbereume
9. Why did the founders of this village move out of that place to settle here?  
(i) Tribal war  
(ii) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Has any person or group of persons ever moved out of this village to found another one?  
☒ Yes      ☐ No. If yes, what is the village's name: Idede
11. Please list all the villages around this village and indicate (by check mark) those villages you share a common ancestral origin:  
i. Somwika      ii. Oyugu  
iii. Onumo      iv. Aiyegunde  
v. Uweme Hekhaa      vi. Aiyetoro  
vii. \_\_\_\_\_      viii. \_\_\_\_\_

12. What is the name of the oldest village or settlement in this area? Ogbe
13. What is the name of the native language spoken in this village? Okpawei
14. Which other villages around your village speak your language?
- i. Somorika ii. Onunu
- iii. Ogugu iv. Aigegude
- v. ~~Aigegude~~ vi. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Which villages around your village speak a different native language?
- i. Name: Urene Nekhua Language: Urene Distance: 5 km (Km)
- ii. Name: Aigetoro Language: Urene Distance: 3 km (Km)
- iii. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance: \_\_\_\_\_ (Km)
16. What is the name of the place your ancestors once settled before this place? Igbereme
17. Is there any old settlement in this area that people no longer live in today? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, what is the name of the settlement? (old) Ogbe (Orukpa)

### SECTION C—SOCIO-CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

18. What is the official title of your ruler or village head?
- i. Onojie ii. Odafe iii. Otaro iv. Oba v. Odion
- vi. Others (Specify): Okpashi
19. Who becomes the ruler of this village?
- i. Oldest person in the village ii. Oldest son of current ruler iii. Any of the sons
- iv. others (specify): Any member of the ruling family (Afekewe)
20. What is the system of inheritance of properties in this village?
- i. Patrilinear ii. Matrilinear iii. Oldest son gets everything
- iv. Oldest daughter gets everything v. Equal sharing Brothers of the man.
21. What is the name of your most important deity? Orumu
22. What was the main occupation of the founders of this village?
- i. Farming ☒ ii. Hunting iii. Fishing iv. Weaving
- v. Iron working/blacksmithing

If farming, please list the two most important crops planted by them then.

- i. Tam ii. Cassava

23. What is the native name of the implement(s) used by them then?

i. ofue ii. Oba

24. What is the most important traditional food of this village?

English Name: Pounded Yam Native Name: Irari

25. What is the main food used during the worship of your ancestors?

English Name: Pounded Yam Native Name: Irari

#### SECTION D-GENERAL

26. Has this village ever been ravaged or affected by a major disaster?

Yes No

If yes, what type of disaster and how long ago?

i. Major fire \_\_\_\_\_ (years ago) ii. Major Flood \_\_\_\_\_ (years ago)

iii. Major drought \_\_\_\_\_ (years ago) iv. Major hunger season \_\_\_\_\_ (years ago)

v. Major war 2000 (years ago) (war with Somwoko)

vi. Others (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

27. What type of relationship does your village have with the following settlements or language group?

Okpamerhi	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Uneme:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves <u>friends</u>
Igbira:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves <u>friends</u>
Yoruba:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves <u>friends</u>
Ate-Ivbie:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves <u>friends</u>
Akuku:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves <u>friends</u>
Enwan:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves <u>friends</u>
Esan:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves <u>friends</u>
Ora:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves <u>friends</u>

Emai:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	<i>friend</i>
Iuleha:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	<i>friend</i>
Otuo:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	<i>friend</i>
Uokha:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	<i>friend</i>
Ihievbe:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	<i>friend</i>
Bini:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	
Yekhee:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	<i>friend</i>
Igbo:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	<i>friend</i>
Igala:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	<i>friend</i>
Nupe:	<u>  </u> common origin	<u>  </u> colonized us	<u>  </u> our enemy	<u>  </u> our slaves	<i>friend</i>