

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: Ojah (acronym of Ozah by Yoruba missionaries) Language Group: Okparaeti
2. Maximum Relief: _____ (m) Name of Nearest River: Ojeru
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? Now (say 1940s) (in yrs) ^{1st up the hill down}
8. What is the name of the place (or village or town) the founders of this village came from to settle here? Orogbe (but 1st from Ozah quarter of Benin)
9. Why did the founders of this village move out of that place to settle here?
 (i) Tribal War
 (ii) Inaccessible portable water
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: Dagbala, Mabeke
11. Please list all the villages around this village and indicate (by check mark) those villages you share a common ancestral origin: ^{about 1000 ft from Ozah quarter of Benin}

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| i. <u>Urene-Osi</u> X | ii. <u>Osooso</u> X |
| iii. _____ | iv. _____ |
| v. _____ | vi. _____ |
| vii. _____ | viii. _____ |

- Osi garden owned by Ojah - given to Urene

12. What is the name of the oldest village or settlement in this area? Ojah
13. What is the name of the native language spoken in this village? Ojah (Okpumeri)
14. Which other villages around your village speak your language?
- i. Daybaku ii. Ojiran
- iii. _____ iv. _____
- v. _____ vi. _____
15. Which villages around your village speak a different native language?
- i. Name: Uneme-osa Language: Uneme Distance: 1 1/2 (Km)
- ii. Name: Oso-so Language: Oso-so Distance: 1 1/2 (Km)
- iii. Name: _____ Language: _____ Distance: _____ (Km)
16. What is the name of the place your ancestors once settled before this place? Oroyke
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? Ojah oke (Ozohene)

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): Okogbe
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): Rotated between two ruling houses
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
21. What is the name of your most important deity? Ehishove⁽⁺⁾
22. What was the main occupation of the founders of this village?
- i. Farming ☒ ii. Hunting ☒ iii. Fishing iv. Weaving
- v. Iron working/blacksmithing Women are potter

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

- i. Yam ii. Cassava

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

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

English Name: Pounded yam Native Name: Ere

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

English Name: Pounded yam Native Name: Ere

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 storm 2002 August (years ago)

iii. Major drought _____ (years ago) iv. Major hunger season _____ (years ago)

v. Major war _____ (years ago) (war with _____)

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 friend

Igbira: _____ common origin _____ colonized us _____ our enemy _____ our slaves

Yoruba: _____ common origin _____ colonized us _____ our enemy _____ our slaves friends

Ate-Ivbie: _____ common origin _____ colonized us _____ our enemy _____ our slaves

Akuku: _____ common origin _____ colonized us _____ our enemy checked _____ our slaves

Enwan: _____ common origin _____ colonized us _____ our enemy _____ our slaves friend

Esan: _____ common origin _____ colonized us _____ our enemy _____ our slaves friend

Ora: _____ common origin _____ colonized us _____ our enemy _____ our slaves friend

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