

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: Ibillo Language Group: Okpamehe
2. Maximum Rel. ef: \_\_\_\_\_ (m) Name of Nearest River: Ose (River/ke)
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
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6. Distance to the nearest settlement? \_\_\_\_\_ (Km)

SECTION-TRADITIONS OF ORIGIN OF SETTLEMENTS

7. How many years ago, approximately, was this village founded? B/4 C16<sup>15</sup> (in yrs)
8. What is the name of the place (or village or town) the founders of this village came from to settle here? Benin
9. Why did the founders of this village move out of that place to settle here?
  - (i) 7 yrs mourning in Benin
  - (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: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Please list all the villages around this village and indicate (by check mark) those villages you share a common ancestral origin:

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| i. <u>Imogan (umar)</u>    | ii. <u>Ikirun <sup>Ebume</sup> Oke x Ile</u> |
| iii. <u>EKor</u>           | iv. <u>Ibillo</u>                            |
| v. <u>Ugboshi-Ale</u>      | vi. <u>Ugboshi-af</u>                        |
| vii. <u>Ayegunle (osi)</u> | viii. <u>Ogbe</u>                            |

Sasaro

Ogugu

Ojirami-kepeteshi

Shomorika (Camo)

Dagbala

Lampese

Afelcanu

EKpe

Aoyo

Ojah

Ayauza

Ojirame-dam

Eshawa

Elekp

Belkuma

makoke



Ibillo 4 gtr. (Ekura → Uzeh → Uwhasi → Eholoh)

12. What is the name of the oldest village or settlement in this area? Ogugu (smallest) / Oja
13. What is the name of the native language spoken in this village? Okpemesi
14. Which other villages around your village speak your language?
- i. Enwan ii. Alukwa
- iii.    iv.
- v.    vi.
15. Which villages around your village speak a different native language?
- i. Name: Uneme Language:    Distance:    (Km)
- ii. Name:    Language:    Distance:    (Km)
- iii. Name:    Language:    Distance:    (Km)
16. What is the name of the place your ancestors once settled before this place? Esan → Okpeke → Ayoguiri
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? Esho → Ubiaho → Oja  
War modernization

#### 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): Oni Billio of Ibillo  
High Chief - Deji
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): most forceful person
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 (sons)
21. What is the name of your most important deity? Oja - God or father of Ibillo
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. Yam ii. Corn



23. What is the native name of the implement(s) used by them then?  
 i. Ham (hoe) ii. Egbele (Cutlass)

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

English Name: Pounded yam

Native Name: Elare

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

English Name: Pounded yam

Native Name: Elare

Main Festival: Egbesonia

#### 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 ✓ (years ago) (war with Ibadan x Nupe)

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

Igbira: fr common origin colonized us our enemy our slaves

Yoruba: fr common origin colonized us (C) our enemy our slaves

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

Akuku: fr common origin colonized us our enemy our slaves

Enwan: fr common origin colonized us our enemy our slaves

Esan: common origin colonized us our enemy our slaves

Ora: common origin colonized us our enemy our slaves



Emai:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves
Iuleha:	<input type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves
Otuo:	<input type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves
Uokha:	<input type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves
Ihievbe:	<input type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves
Bini:	<input type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves
Yekhee:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves
Igbo:	<input type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves
Igala:	<input type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves
Nupe:	<input type="checkbox"/> common origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> colonized us	<input type="checkbox"/> our enemy	<input type="checkbox"/> our slaves