

University of Ibadan and Southern Illinois University
A Questionnaire Survey of Place Names

SECTION A - SETTLEMENT NAME AND IMPORTANCE

1. Name of Settlement: Thierbe LGA: Owan East
2. Language Spoken in the Settlement: Thierbe Ethnic Group: Edo
2. Name Parts: 1. (2) Ohi Meaning: Destined
2. ye ebo Meaning: to be a native doctor
3. What is the meaning of the settlement's name? Person destined to be a doctor
4. What aspect of your culture is this place noted for? hospitality
5. What other things make this village important in this entire area? Farming, Trading
6. Are there any other villages bearing the same name as this village? Yes ☒ No
If Yes, Please list them: _____

SECTION B - SPATIAL RELATIONS

7. How many quarters are there in this settlement? 14
List all the quarters beginning with the oldest quarter: Iviele, Thierbe-ogben
8. Does this settlement have an old site? ☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what is the name of the old site(s)? Ido (cave) → Odo (Farmland) → Ido → Ugbafen (new settlement)
9. Name all the villages you have some form of relationship with in this area and indicate the type of relationship.

Related Villages	Type of Relationship

Eho → Ora → Ido →

Laoba (men)
Edio (women)

10. Name all the villages founded by people from this settlement? _____
11. What is the name of the major shrine of this village called? Ogobieme
12. Which part of the village is the major shrine located? Central

SECTION C – ORIGIN AND SOCIO-CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. Founders of this settlement came from where? Benin (obo) disobeys Ewaka
14. Why did the founders of this settlement choose this place? Protection & hid-p place

15. Rank the following environmental factors in terms of their roles in influencing the choice of this site for settlement by its founders:

Reasons for Selection	Rank
Nearness to a river or a stream	(2)
Rock shelter <u>(hid-p place)</u>	(1)
Availability of farm land	(3)
Ancestral homeland	
Rock shelter adjacent to ample farm land	
Accessibility and centrality	
Protection offered by nearby big kingdoms	

Ikpeshi R.wei
Ekafe R.wei

16. What do you call the head of this village? Ukor (messenger)
- Is the village head answerable to another head outside this village? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, please give the name of this other head: most senior man His Location: _____
- and why? _____

17. How does your culture explain how rivers are formed? None river developed from where the dead body decayed
18. How does your culture explain how the huge rock outcrops and hills around here formed? decayed

19. List all other things you think make this place special to your people: _____

SECTION D – FOOD HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

20. What are the three most important crops planted in farms owned by members of this settlement (village)?

1. Yam
2. Maize
3. Cassava

21. Are the crops planted by the first farmers who founded this settlement the same as those planted in farms today?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please name those crops planted by your ancestors:

1. Cocoyam
2. Cow-
~~Pigeon~~ Pears and Sword Beans

22. Why are those crops planted by your ancestors not planted today?

1. Forest degradation
2. for Cash
3. _____

23. What is the main food this village is known for?

Pounded yam — melon/ogbono Soup

24. Has the main food remained the same over the years? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If no, what was the main food and why has it changed?

Cocoyam / vegetable Soup / mushroom

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Ughereke Quarter

Ihievbe.

Owan East L.G.

Afize

Edo