

Oye-Ekiti Community in Ibadan

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ABSTRACT This paper explains the inter-group relations between Oye-Ekiti and Ibadan in the 19th century. Essentially, the paper focused on the movement of Oye-Ekiti people to Ibadan in the 20th century, a period of change in the traditional pattern of migration in Nigeria. In the course of this study, oral interview and documentary method of information gathering were used. The study revealed that the process that spanned almost a century of regular inflow of migrants from Oye-Ekiti to Ibadan was peaceful. The work explained that Oye-Ekiti people were able to entrench themselves into the political terrain of south-western Nigeria, while socio-economically they were able to fit themselves better into a 'macro-economic' setting unlike the peasantry economy obtainable in Oye-Ekiti. Hence, Oye-Ekiti migrants were able to contribute to the development of Oye-Ekiti and Ibadan in particular and Nigeria in general.