## **ODUGBEMI FAMILY HISTORY**

Pa Benjamin Adeniran Odugbemi was the son of Philip and Helena Odugbemi (Akogun family).

The family stock started with:

## Faniyi)

Arojo) who was a famous warrior and an Ifa diviner who had an offspring called Egunsola Beyioku (Asunganga Topelorun) - A great and brave warrior reputed for killing snakes with his bare hands. The origin probably Origbo or Owu. He was respected and recognized for many other legendary exploits. Asunganga had four children namely:

Fatosa, Fagunwa, Fabunmi (mother of Afinbiejo), and Odugbemi-converted to Christianity and was renamed Philip.

Papa Benjamin Adeniran Odugbemi was born on the  $4^{\rm th}$  of March 1914 (which was a Wednesday) in Okeigbo and he died on the  $17^{\rm th}$  of November, 1979 (which was a Saturday), when on a visit to Lagos. He was buried in his hometown and birthplace, Okeigbo, on the  $1^{\rm st}$  of December 1979.

Mama Dorcas Ileola Odugbemi (nee Fasehun) was born in the town of Ondo on the  $24^{\rm th}$  of December 1922 (which was a Sunday) at about 9.00 am. She is the daughter of Chief Columbus Akindojutimi Fasehun, Lomofe of Ondo, a timber merchant and a contractor (son of Ekiti prince Adetona, who settled in Ondo) and Selinah Olamito (daughter of Mama Ifakumiju). Mama worked as a teacher at the All Saints Ogbonkowo, Ondo from 1937 to 1943. She got married to another teacher Benjamin Odugbemi, on Sunday, 14th March 1943 at All Saints' Church Ogbonkowo, Ondo. Papa Benjamin Odugbemi taught at the All Saints Ogbonkowo, Ondo from 1939 to 1944. He later moved to St. Andrew's School, Usi-Ekiti. In 1945, he moved to head St. Peter's School Aiyede Ekiti. In 1950, he was transferred to Ekiti Girls School, Ado-Ekiti where was the principal until September 1954, when he was appointed the District Supervisor (D.S.) of schools in Akoko, with the head quarters in Ikare-Akoko.

It was remarkable that it was during Papa Odugbemi stay at Ado-Ekiti that his sister-in-law, Mrs. Comfort Akinjagunla (Akinla) who was on a short holiday in 1954 at Ado-Ekiti, was invited by the Ekiti leaders to head the new Ekiti Anglican Girls Secondary School.





