

# The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture

By Ayuba Y. Mshelia



The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia

"A Synopsis of the Bura Project The three major rationale for writing this book are primarily to: through the study of African language family groups trace the origin of the tribe to a more specific location rather than the diffused response of "from the East"; secondly to investigate why and how the word "Pabir/Babur" came on the scene referring to a separate ethnic group different or the same as the Bura and thirdly to document some of the vanishing Bura cultural practices and deeds. For example what their beliefs are, their marriage practices, local industries and what they do to pass time. It is my strong belief that the first objective is accomplished through our analysis and presentation of the Proto-Afro-asiatic linguistic family classification group and its subgroup the Proto-Chadic of which the Biu-Mandara forms a sub-branch. Through a systemic and vigorous study of the classification of the different languages comprising this Proto Family of languages and its sub-branches we are able to assert that the Bura people were among many other ethnic groups part of a group whose origin can be traced to the Levant region of south west Asia and the Middle-East. They belong to the group that forms "back to Africa migration". This is because modern genetic studies of languages indicate that they're the only group that have traces of Y chromosome belonging to haplogroup R1b R-V88 in Africa but found mainly in Asia and Europe. After tracing the influences of the powerful Kanem (ca. 700-1376) and later Bornu-Kanem (1380-1893) empires around the Lake Chad region as well as the kingdom of Mandara (founded in about 1459, i.e. end of the 15th century), in what is today modern Cameroon on the inhabitants of the region, we conclude a chaotic period of migrations and wars, including trade in slaves. It is through this prism that we notice the emergence of the founder of the Woviri dynasty of Biu. Through his failure to win the Maiship of Bornu, he moved to Mandara and then the Plateau of Biu with some of his followers or relatives. Being a student of History Abdulahi or who later became Yamta-ra-wala attempted to replicate what the Kanembu were able to do among the local people they conquered some centuries earlier; they created an ethnicity and language called Kanuri. Yamta-ra-wala succeeded somewhat, but wasn't able to completely conquer the Bura people and turn them in his new ethnic vision. Instead the Buras went to the hills to fight him the next day. The new

breed he created he called "Pabir" or Babur as the Hausa would call them. The myth of who Yamta-ra-wala is has for the present eclipsed historians and would probably continue for some time to come. As for the Bura (Most have down the hill-tops and mountains!) and the Pabir they have never been closer than today. Today for all practical purposes they are one and the same ethnic group, they've intermingled more than any two previously separated groups. Their vocabulary, phonology and cultural practices have fused into one in most instances."

**Download** The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People ...pdf

Read Online The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir Peopl ...pdf

## The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamtara-wala, Social Organization and Culture

By Ayuba Y. Mshelia

The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia

"A Synopsis of the Bura Project The three major rationale for writing this book are primarily to: through the study of African language family groups trace the origin of the tribe to a more specific location rather than the diffused response of "from the East"; secondly to investigate why and how the word "Pabir/Babur" came on the scene referring to a separate ethnic group different or the same as the Bura and thirdly to document some of the vanishing Bura cultural practices and deeds. For example what their beliefs are, their marriage practices, local industries and what they do to pass time. It is my strong belief that the first objective is accomplished through our analysis and presentation of the Proto-Afro-asiatic linguistic family classification group and its subgroup the Proto-Chadic of which the Biu-Mandara forms a sub-branch. Through a systemic and vigorous study of the classification of the different languages comprising this Proto Family of languages and its sub-branches we are able to assert that the Bura people were among many other ethnic groups part of a group whose origin can be traced to the Levant region of south west Asia and the Middle-East. They belong to the group that forms "back to Africa migration". This is because modern genetic studies of languages indicate that they're the only group that have traces of Y chromosome belonging to haplogroup R1b R-V88 in Africa but found mainly in Asia and Europe. After tracing the influences of the powerful Kanem (ca. 700-1376) and later Bornu-Kanem (1380-1893) empires around the Lake Chad region as well as the kingdom of Mandara (founded in about 1459, i.e. end of the 15th century), in what is today modern Cameroon on the inhabitants of the region, we conclude a chaotic period of migrations and wars, including trade in slaves. It is through this prism that we notice the emergence of the founder of the Woviri dynasty of Biu. Through his failure to win the Maiship of Bornu, he moved to Mandara and then the Plateau of Biu with some of his followers or relatives. Being a student of History Abdulahi or who later became Yamta-ra-wala attempted to replicate what the Kanembu were able to do among the local people they conquered some centuries earlier; they created an ethnicity and language called Kanuri. Yamta-ra-wala succeeded somewhat, but wasn't able to completely conquer the Bura people and turn them in his new ethnic vision. Instead the Buras went to the hills to fight him the next day. The new breed he created he called "Pabir" or Babur as the Hausa would call them. The myth of who Yamta-ra-wala is has for the present eclipsed historians and would probably continue for some time to come. As for the Bura (Most have down the hill-tops and mountains!) and the Pabir they have never been closer than today. Today for all practical purposes they are one and the same ethnic group, they've intermingled more than any two previously separated groups. Their vocabulary, phonology and cultural practices have fused into one in most instances."

The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia Bibliography

Sales Rank: #4276540 in Books
Published on: 2014-05-16
Released on: 2014-05-16

• Original language: English

• Number of items: 1

• Dimensions: 9.00" h x .63" w x 6.00" l, .82 pounds

• Binding: Paperback

• 252 pages

**Download** The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People ...pdf

Read Online The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir Peopl ...pdf

Download and Read Free Online The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia

#### **Editorial Review**

About the Author

"I was born in Garkida, a town in Adamawa State in the north-eastern part of Nigeria. I attended a missionary school from Elementary to High School. After High School, I was admitted to ATC/ABU Kano from 1967-1970. In 1971 after the completion of my course of studies, I was admitted to Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) in Zaria; and graduated three years later with an honors degree in 1974. I served one year of National Youth Service before joining Ahmadu Bello University Zaria faculty, in the Department of Education. In 1977/1978, I attended the University of Chicago where I earned an MA degree. I went back to Ahmadu Bello University teaching, until 1980 when I was admitted to a Ph.D. program at Columbia University in New York City. I completed my degree in 1985. From 1987 to the present I have been a Professor at BMCC/City University of New York in New York City. Besides my teaching responsibilities, I am the author of several books which include the following titles: Araba Let's Separate- The story of the Nigerian Civil War, 2012; Suksuku, 2010- Stories and Folktales of the Burrah People of North-Eastern Nigeria. The Village Boy, 2009; and Cognition, Culture and Field Dependence-Independence, 2008. All the books are published by AuthorHouse Publishing Company in Bloomington, Indiana."

#### **Users Review**

#### From reader reviews:

#### **Doris Moreno:**

What do you concentrate on book? It is just for students since they are still students or this for all people in the world, what best subject for that? Only you can be answered for that issue above. Every person has distinct personality and hobby for every other. Don't to be obligated someone or something that they don't wish do that. You must know how great along with important the book The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture. All type of book are you able to see on many sources. You can look for the internet sources or other social media.

#### **Patrick Spradlin:**

Here thing why this particular The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture are different and trusted to be yours. First of all looking at a book is good nevertheless it depends in the content than it which is the content is as yummy as food or not. The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture giving you information deeper including different ways, you can find any publication out there but there is no guide that similar with The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture. It gives you thrill looking at journey, its open up your personal eyes about the thing which happened in the world which is maybe can be happened around you. It is easy to bring everywhere like in playground, café, or even in your means home by train. Should you be having difficulties in bringing the printed book maybe the form of The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir

People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture in e-book can be your alternate.

#### **Laura Rogers:**

A lot of people always spent their very own free time to vacation or even go to the outside with them friends and family or their friend. Were you aware? Many a lot of people spent that they free time just watching TV, as well as playing video games all day long. In order to try to find a new activity honestly, that is look different you can read some sort of book. It is really fun for yourself. If you enjoy the book that you simply read you can spent the entire day to reading a e-book. The book The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture it is quite good to read. There are a lot of people that recommended this book. We were holding enjoying reading this book. In case you did not have enough space to bring this book you can buy typically the e-book. You can m0ore easily to read this book out of your smart phone. The price is not to cover but this book possesses high quality.

#### Carmela Williams:

With this era which is the greater particular person or who has ability to do something more are more precious than other. Do you want to become one of it? It is just simple strategy to have that. What you have to do is just spending your time almost no but quite enough to enjoy a look at some books. One of many books in the top list in your reading list is usually The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture. This book which can be qualified as The Hungry Hills can get you closer in turning into precious person. By looking way up and review this reserve you can get many advantages.

Download and Read Online The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia #ZFJDAN1B80G

### Read The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-rawala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia for online ebook

The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia books to read online.

Online The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia ebook PDF download

The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia Doc

The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia Mobipocket

The Story of the Origins of the Bura/Pabir People of Northeast Nigeria: Language, Migrations, the Myth of Yamta-ra-wala, Social Organization and Culture By Ayuba Y. Mshelia EPub