

# Nigeria Pioneers

## ACHIEVEMENTS

## NAME

<b>Chief Justice-</b>	Adetokunbo Ademola First Nigerian Chief Justice of Nigeria. Appointed 1958-1972
<b>Female Justice Of The Supreme Court-</b>	Aloma Mariam Muktar, appointed 10th May, 2005 sworn in on 8 June, 2005
<b>Nobel Laureate-</b>	Oluwole Soyinka First Nigerian and African to win Alfred Nobel Prize in Literature; Stockholm, Sweden 1986
<b>Doctor (Medical) -</b>	Nathaniel King; First Medical Doctor-1814
<b>Doctor (Female) -</b>	Elizabeth Abimbola - First Nigerian Female Doctor-1937
<b>Prime Minister-</b>	Tafawa Balewa-First Nigerian Prime Minister, 1960 -1966
<b>President (Ceremonial) -</b>	Nnamdi Azikiwe -First Nigerian President (Ceremonial) 1960-1966
<b>President (Executive) -</b>	Shehu Aliyu Shagari, elected August 1979.
<b>NFA Chairman-</b>	Godfrey Amahcree- First Nigerian Chairman of NFA (Nigerian Football Association)
<b>Oxford Graduate-(Female)</b>	Kofoworola Ademola- First Nigerian woman to graduate from Oxford University
<b>Inspector-Gen. of Police-</b>	LouisEdet-First Nigerian Inspector-General of Police-1964-1966
<b>Law Professor-</b>	Teslim Elias- First Nigerian Professor of Law; also first and only Nigerian to have been made Chief Justice of Nigeria from the bar.
<b>Flag-Nigeria</b>	Taiwo Akinwunmi- designed the Nigerian flag
<b>Bible Translation To Yoruba-</b>	Ajayi Crowther
<b>Private Radio/ Owner-</b>	Raymond Dokpesi- Ray Power 100.5 FM, established 1994
<b>ICAN President-Female-</b>	Bolajoko Kuforiji-First Female President of Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria (ICAN).
<b>Senior Advocate-</b>	RotimiWilliams and Nabo Graham-Douglas; April 3,1975

<b>SeniorAdvocate-Female-</b>	Folake Solanke-First Female Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) March 5, 1981
<b>Coup/ Leader-</b>	Chukwuma Nzeogwu- military Coup; January 15, 1966.
<b>Military Leader-</b>	Johnson Aguiyi Ironsi- First Nigerian Military head of State 1966; also First Nigerian Major General, 1965.
<b>Movie Star-</b>	Orlando Martins-First Nigerian Movie Star-1935 on movie "Sanders of the River".
<b>Grammy Award-</b>	Helen Folasade Adu First Nigerian to win "Grammy" Music Award 1986; in the best new Artiste category.
<b>Miss Nigeria-</b>	Grace Tinuke Oyelude First Miss Nigeria Beauty Queen 1957.
<b>Mister Nigeria-</b>	Vincent Wokoma- First Winner of Mr Nigeria 1987.
<b>Grand Commander-</b>	Olusegun Obasanjo- First Nigerian to be awarded Grand Commander of the Federal Republic (G.C.F.R) of Nigeria; in 1981 by Shehu Shagari.
<b>Architect-</b>	Michael Onafowokan- First Nigerian Architect; 1952
<b>President (NUT) -</b>	Israel Ransome Kuti-First Nigerian President of Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT) 1931-55.
<b>Education Budget-</b>	First Education budget prepared in 1918- 1% of the Nation's total budget.
<b>School (Primary) -</b>	Methodist Primary School, Lagos 1842, by Methodist Missionaries.
<b>Secondary School-</b>	C.M.S. Grammar School, Lagos, 1859.
<b>Co-Education-</b>	Aggrey Memorial College; Arochukwu, Imo State established in 1932 as a Secondary School Teachers Training Institute
<b>Higher Institution-</b>	Yaba Higher College (Yaba College of Technology) 1932
<b>University-</b>	University of Ibadan 1948 as University College, Ibadan.
<b>Vice-Chancellor-</b>	Pro. Kenneth Onwuka Dike, Vice Chancellor University of Ibadan 1962 - 67.
<b>Woman Vice-Chancellor-</b>	Prof. Grace Alele-Williams, Vice Chancellor; University of Benin Oct. 4, 1985
<b>Woman Lecturer-</b>	Bolanle Alake University of Ibadan; Department of History 1960.

<b>Woman Professor-</b>	Prof. Felicia Adetoun Ogunshaye (nee Banjo) Oct. 1, 1973.	<b>Woman Political Party leader-</b>	Adunni Oluwole founded Commoners Liberal People's Party 1940s .
<b>Chartered Accountant- Woman Chartered- Accountant-</b>	Akintola Williams 1948. Otutoye Olusola Olakunrin-1964 in England.	<b>Woman Senator-</b>	Wuraola Esan elected Oct. 1960 under Action Group (AG) from Western Nigeria.
<b>Woman Accountant General-</b>	Victoria Eronini (nee Okeke) appointed 1976-1981 in Imo State.	<b>W'man Cabinet Minister-</b>	Adenike Oyagbola and Janet Akinrinade Appointed by Shehu Shagari Oct. 1979, as National Planning and Minister of State Internal Affairs respectively.
<b>Woman Stock-broker- Central Bank Gov-</b>	Ndi Okereke Onyiuke 1983 Aliyu Mai-Bornu Appointed 1963-1967, he took over from the First Governor, a British, Sir. Ray Fenton.	<b>Stadium-</b>	Liberty Stadium-Ibadan built 1959 by defunct Western Nigeria Government.
<b>Bank-</b>	First Bank of Nigeria Ltd. Established 1894 as Bank of British West Africa functioned as the Government's Official bank until 1959 when Central Bank was established.	<b>Olympic medal-</b>	Nojeem Maiyegun won bronze medal. Nigerian 1st medal in Olympic in light middle-weight Division in boxing at 18th (Tokyo). Olympics on Oct. 20, 1964
<b>Bank (Merchant) -</b>	NAL Merchant Bank Ltd. 1960.	<b>Olympic medal (Silver) -</b>	Peter Konyegwachie in Boxing in the feather-weight class at the 23rd Olympics in Los Angeles USA. 1984.
<b>Woman C'man of Bank-</b>	Dorcias Bola Kuforiji-Olubi appointed Nov. 1984, United Bank for Africa (UBA).	<b>Olympic medal (Gold) -</b>	Chioma Ajuwan in Long jump at Atlanta, USA, 1996. Also in football, making it two Gold medals in that tournament.
<b>Insurance Company-</b>	Royal Exchange Assurance 1921.	<b>Commonwealth Games (Gold)-</b>	Emmanuel Ifeajuna, in high jump at the 1954 Commonwealth games held in Vancouver- Canada.
<b>Lawyer-</b>	Christopher Sapara-Williams 1880.	<b>All Africa Games (World Record)-</b>	Chidi Imoh August 8, 1987 at the 4th All Africa games in Nairobi Kenya, ran the 100 metres in a world record time 9.92 seconds.
<b>Woman lawyer- Attorney General-</b>	A.R. Alakija Dr. Teslim Olawale Elias 1960 - 66.	<b>World Boxing Crown (Feather Weight)-</b>	Hogan Bassey on June 24, 1957, in the world feather weight boxing category.
<b>Woman Att. General-</b>	Victoria Onejeme, (nee Okeke) sworn-in Feb. 16, 1977 in Anambra State.	<b>World boxing Crown (Middle Weight)-</b>	Richard Ihetu (Aka) Dick Tiger, on Oct. 23, 1962 In middle weight category at San Francisco, USA.
<b>Chartered Librarian- Woman Cht. Lib. Radio Station-</b>	Kalu Chima Okorie, 1951. Ekei Essien Oku 1953. Western Nigerian Broadcasting Service(WNBS);Ibadan ` established 1959.	<b>World boxing Crown (WBC HeavyWeight)-</b>	Samuel Peter on 24 <sup>th</sup> September without a fight after the former reigning champion; Oleg Maskaev failed to defend the belt due to back injury. On 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2007 in Madison Square Garden New York; USA, he successfully defended
<b>Radio (F M)-</b>	Radio Oyo, Broadcasting Organisation of Oyo State, Ibadan 1979 also 1st 24 hour broadcast service.		
<b>Television-</b>	Western Nigeria Television Ibadan Oct. 31, 1959 (Now NTA Ibadan).		
<b>Television Appearance-</b>	Anike Kuforiji Williams, as announcer, Oct.31, 1959.		
<b>Newspaper-</b>	Iwe Irohin in Yoruba Language by Rev. Henry Townsend at Abeokuta, Ogun State in 1859, later translated to English March 8, 1860.		
<b>Newspaper Editor-</b>	Ernest Sesei Ikoli Nigerian Daily Times 1926.		
<b>Political Party-</b>	Nigerian National Democratic Party (NNDP) Founded 1922 by Herbert Macaulay.		

	the belt by defeating Jameel McCline of USA. 27 years old from Akwa Ibom State.
<b>Airport-</b>	Bodija Airport in Ibadan, Oyo State, built in 1940 by British Royal Air Force.
<b>Pilot (Commercial) -</b>	Robert Hayes in 1955 Trained at the Air Science Training College, Hamble, Southampton, England.
<b>Woman Pilot-</b>	Chinere Onyelucheya, May 20, 1981, graduated From Nigerian Civil Aviation Centre, Kaduna.
<b>Air (Plane) Disaster-</b>	Occurred on May, 1949, involving 'Dove' air craft, flying from Port-Harcourt, River State to Benin, Edo State. Every body in it died.
<b>Engineer-</b>	Herbert Macaulay -First Civil Engineer - 1893.
<b>Woman Engineer-</b>	Grace Chijinwa Ezekoka graduated from Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) Zaria Electrical Engineering, June 1966.
<b>National Anthem-</b>	Nigeria, we hail thee-1960 by Miss Williams, a Briton.
<b>Prison-</b>	Broad Street Prison, Lagos, built 1872 to accommodate 300 inmates.
<b>Museum-</b>	Jos Museum, built 1952, also Nigeria's largest Museum.
<b>Game Reserve-</b>	Yankari game reserve, Bauchi State established in 1964.
<b>Eclipse-</b>	A total eclipse of the sun occurred on May 20, 1947.
<b>Storey Building-</b>	St. Thomas Anglican Church Vicarage-Badagry,Lagos completed Dec. 1842 by Rev. Henry Townsend.
<b>Sky Scrapper-</b>	Cocoa House, Ibadan, Oyo State, a 22 Storey Building completed in 1960 Owned by Odua Investment Corporation.
<b>Abuja Stadium (Medal)-</b>	Eme Edem 1st Nigerian and female to win a Competition On Abuja National Stadium she competed in 100m race on April 8, 2003 at the Official Opening day while Fatugba Olusiji won the Male's 100m race.
<b>Public Execution-</b>	April 24, 1971 of three armed robbers at Victoria Island Bar beach, Lagos; they were Sub Lieutenant Williams Alders Oyazimo, Joseph Ilobo, and Babatunde Folorunsho.