

The Ikoma Family and Takamatsu Castle

●Brief History of the Ikoma Family

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Lordship Period: 1587 (Tensho 15) – 1640 (Kan'ei 17)

●Background of the Construction of Takamatsu Castle

After Sengoku Hidehisa and Bitou Tomonobu had their territories confiscated one after the other, Ikoma Chikamasa was given the entire province of Sanuki in 1587 (Tensho 15).

According to San-u-tetsu iroku [Chronicle of the Ikoma family edited by Ikoma Chikanori], "when Chikamasa entered Sanuki, he initially based himself in Hiketa Castle [in today's Higashikagawa city], but as it was too far to the east of his territory and was inconvenient for governing western Sanuki, he opted to move to Shotsuji Castle [in today's Utazu town]. However, because the castle was too small, he attempted to build a castle on Kameyama [later Marugame Castle], but since it was too far to reach Ouchi-gun [in today's Higashikagawa city] within a day in eastern Sanuki, he considered Yurayama in Yamada-gun [in today's Takamatsu city] as a candidate, but there was not enough water there. Finally, he decided to build a castle [Takamatsu Castle] in Noharasho, Koto-gun."

In order to govern the territory, Chikamasa carefully considered where to establish a new base, including the several places where castles had previously stood. As a result, the location of the port town of Nohara was chosen, and Takamatsu Castle was built there.

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生駒家

ちかまさ かずまさ まさとし たかとし
①親正 — ②一正 — ③正俊 — ④高俊 —

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寛永17年(1640):生駒騒動で出羽国矢島へ

生駒家の系譜図

●Ikoma Disturbance and Land Confiscation

During the reign of the fourth lord, Takatoshi, due to a feud among the vassals that led to the family's internal strife known as the oie sodo, or Ikoma Disturbance, the territory was confiscated, and as a consolation payment, 10,000 koku of land in Yashima, Dewa Province [present-day Yurihonjo city, Akita prefecture] was granted. As a result, Sanuki was temporarily divided among the three domains (han) of Iyo, and Takamatsu Castle came under the custody of Kato Yasuoki, the lord of the Ozu domain.



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