

戸隠流

TOGAKURE RYU

Togakure Daisuke

戸隠大助

1st Soke 初宗家: Togakure Daisuke 戸隠大助 was born in Shinsyu, near to Azumino province during the Oho era (1161-1162), at the time of his youth he was known as Nishina Daisuke. Daisukes father was Nishina Yukihiro, and was a senior vassal (Samurai) of Kiso Yoshinaka, cousin of Minamoto Yoshitsune, and Minamoto Yoritomo (the first of the hereditary Shogun's). Nishina Yukihiro Daisukes father was also killed at the Awaza no Kassan.

In the 1180's, Daisuke was the second son of Yukihiro, fought for the losing side in a battle in the army of Kiso Yoshinaka. After the battle he managed to escape across Japan, where he finally ended up in Togakure village in the Nagano mountain region (Togakure village is now called Togakushi village).

Here he studied the Shugendo sect of Buddhism, and learnt Ninjutsu under Kagakure Doshi. Kagakure Doshi is reputed to have been a Ninja from the Hakuun Ryu.

Another theory about how Daisuke came to meet Kagakure, is that Daisuke went first to Iga after the battle, where he was found by Kain Doshi (another name for Kagakure Doshi), whom some believe to be his uncle, but this can not really be verified.

Apart from Daisuke, Kagakure also taught Shima Minamoto (who was to become the second Soke of Togakure Ryu). Kagakure had found Shima injured after a battle he had taken part in. Daisuke later took Shima into his care, and continued his training.

Kagakure Doshi, taught Daisuke, the Happo Hiken, which included early forms of Jojutsu, Sojutsu, Naginata, Taijutsu, Muto, Koppo, and Shuriken. This may have been related to the early origins of the Amatsu Tataru Hibumi. A set of scrolls on warfare written in the 6049ad. The Ongyo Jutsu originates from this Amatsu Tataru Hibumi no maki, being introduced directly from the Hakuun Ryu in to the Togakure Ryu.

When Kagakure took care of Daisuke he taught him all of the Hakuun Ryu skills. Daisuke adopted Kagakures warrior teachings (Happo Hiken) to his own Shugendo training, and the beginnings of the Togakure Ryu were formed. Togakure Ryu never had an official founding as do some martial arts Ryu-ha. In the beginning there was Daisuke, his son, who was his first student, and Shima who worked, and studied with Daisuke.