

「A study on *Honmune* style houses in Iida City and Shimoina region」

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[SYNOPSIS]

Iida City located in the southern part of Nagano Prefecture, and in the valley divided by Tenryu river.

Honmune style houses were built since late 17C to late 19C, exist only central and southern part of Nagano Prefecture. Especially 205 houses still exist in Iida City. This paper reports about result of hearing investigation at 206 houses and measurement survey at 85 houses.

Main features of *Honmune* style houses are gable roof, gable front and wood roofing with stones. Those architectural plans, structures and designs are different by building generation, located region and influence of sericultural industry.

But those some houses are broken every year, because it is not only decrepitude of them and change of living standard, but also resident's ignorance about originally housing life. So it became difficult to live in such architectural style houses because of the change of life style. Also, living space of *Honmune* style houses is gloomy and closed. The reason why the inhabitants made an uncomfortable space is expansion the second floor to sericultural work in the 19th century.

This paper explains architectural evaluation of *Honmune* style houses based on the research about the realities and transition of living spaces and structures.