

## Ridge Board as Materials for the History of Japanese Earthquakes

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Ridge Board (Munafuda) is a wooden plate nailed to a ridgepole, on which notes about earthquakes or tsunamis are sometimes written. Rarely have these scripts on Ridge Board been gathered as materials for the study of the history of Japanese Earthquakes. Collecting scripts on Ridge Board have therefore a good possibility of detecting fresh materials for the history of earthquakes.

In this study, we got a script on Ridge Board written in the second year of Kyoho (1714), about the Genroku Earthquake in the sixteenth year of Genroku (1703). This might be one of the evidence that the source area of the Houei Earthquake (1707) did not extend into the inside of Suruga Bay.