

浅山一傳流体術

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浅山一傳流史略

浅山一傳流は、元来剣術・柔術を中心に、小太刀・鎗術・鎌・忍術・捕手・棒術・手裏剣等を総合して「浅山一傳流体術」と称した。

開祖は、浅山一傳斎重晨（幼名三五郎、後に内蔵助）で、永禄九年（丙寅1566年）正月元旦、丹波の國氷上・天田両郡七万石の領主、赤井悪右衛門景遠の軍師、浅山玄蕃源吉忠一了斎の三男として生まれ、十二歳の時不動明王の霊夢により妙術を悟り、浅山一傳流を唱えたと云う伝説有り。

後に此の流会津藩に伝わり、会津藩の家老田中家に代々伝承され、明治年間に第十二代田中保（タモツ）より大倉久次郎直行に傳授された。第十三代大倉直行は背丈四尺八寸、体重十一貫足らずの小兵であったが、達人で、東京小石川に道場が有り、講道館の加納治五郎とも親交が有り、講道館の門人も多数いたと云う。大倉直行の門人永沼経行は師の一人娘と結婚し、道統を継ぎ第十四代を継承した。

永沼経行は次男良行に十五代を譲ったが、わけありて高弟の上野貴が十六代目を継承した。

昭和二十九年（1954年）十二月吉日、佐藤金兵衛は上野貴より浅山一傳流体術・逆取棒術第十七代の継承を受く。逆取棒術とは短棒術の事である。上野貴の代に絵目録による伝書を作製し、この流大いに伝播す。

平成二年（1990年）十二月吉日、種村匠刀は佐藤金兵衛より第十八代目を継承した。爾来、現在に至る。

当流は、元は天之巻（剣法）・人之巻（棒術）・地之巻（体術）と三巻の巻物があったが、永沼伝は地之巻と挫伝と棒術・剣術の口伝のみが残った。地之巻（体術）では、上段之位・中段之位・下段之位・奥傳之位・居取之位とあるが、当道場では、初傳・中傳・奥傳・免許・皆傳印可と分けて伝書と共に伝授し、かつ免許皆傳者には巻物を授与する事としている。また宗家継承者には秘術裏型と共に秘傳・口伝等が伝授される。

Asayama Ichiden Ryu History

Asayama Ichiden Ryu (tradition) originally focused on *Kenjutsu* (swordsmanship) and *Jujutsu*, and incorporated the use of *Kodachi* (short sword), *Sojutsu* (spear techniques), *Kama* (sickle), *Ninjutsu*, *Torite* (restraining techniques), *Bojutsu* (stick/staff techniques), and *shuriken*, known together as “Asayama Ichiden Ryu Taijutsu.”

The founder of this Ryu, Asayama Sangoro Ichidensai, was born in the first month of the ninth year of the Eiroku era (1566). He was the third son of Asayama Genba Minamoto-no Yoshitada Ichiryosai, a military expert (*Gunshi*) in the service of Akai Aku-uemon Kageto, the local lord of Amada and Hikami districts, with 70,000 *Goku* of land. According to legend, at the age of twelve Ichidensai had a dream vision of Fudo Myo-oh, which resulted in miraculous enlightenment and his subsequent promotion of Asayama Ichiden Ryu.

Later this Ryu had been transmitted in Aizu domain by the Tanaka family that served as elder councilors to the lord of the domain. In the Meiji era (1868-1912) the 12th generation head (*Soke*) of the Ryu Tanaka Tamotsu transmitted the headship to Ohkura Hisajiro Naoyuki who became the 13th generation head of this Ryu. He was a small warrior, only 4 *Shaku 8 sun* (147 cm) tall, and weighed 11 *Kan* (41.25 kg). Nevertheless, he was an expert, with a dojo in Koishikawa, Tokyo.

Ohkura was also a friend of Kano Jigoro of the Kodokan, and had many followers from among Kodokan students. He had two senior students, Adachi Yuisho and Naganuma Tsuneyuki. Ohkura married his only daughter to Naganuma Tsuneyuki, and appointed him the 14th generation head of Asayama Ichiden Ryu. Naganuma Tsuneyuki then transmitted the headship to his second son Yoshiyuki but because Yoshiyuki disappeared, Ueno Takashi, who was the senior student, was endowed with genealogy as the 16th generation head. (After Tsuneyuki died Yoshiyuki returned and taught some followers.)

In the 12th month of the 29th year of the Showa era (1954) Ueno endowed Sato Kinbei with the genealogy of the Ryu as the 17th head of Asayama Ichiden Ryu Taijutsu and Gyakutori Bojutsu. *Gyakutori Bojutsu* is the *Ura* (i.e., inner) techniques of *Tanbojutsu* (short stick techniques). During the time of his headship Ueno Takashi compiled an illustrated written transmission (*Densho*), which allowed for a coherent transmission of the techniques of this Ryu. In the 12th month of the 2nd year of the Heisei era (1990), Tanemura Shoto received the 18th generation headship from Sato Kinbei, and is the current head of the Ryu.

Asayama Ichiden Ryu originally had *Ten-no-maki* (“Heaven Scroll”) for swordsmanship (*Kenjutsu*), *Jin-no-maki* (“Person Scroll”) for stick fighting

(*Bojutsu*), and *Chi-no-maki* (“Earth Scroll”) for unarmed fighting techniques (*Taijutsu*). However, Naganuma’s transmission only included *Chi-no-maki*, *Hishigi-den* (i.e., joint manipulation techniques by short stick), and secret oral transmission (*Kuden*) of swordsmanship.

In *Chi-no-maki* there are *Jodan-no-Kurai*, *Chudan-no-Kurairi*, *Gedan-no-Kurai*, *Okuden-no-Kurai*, and *Idori-no-Kurai*, but in our dojo it is divided to *Shoden*, *Chuden*, *Okuden*, *Menkyo*, and *Kaiden* seal. A person who reaches the level of *Menkyo Kaiden* shall receive a *Menkyo Kaiden* scroll. Similarly, the designated next generation head of the Ryu shall also receive the inner teachings of secret techniques (*Hijutsu no Uragata*), secret transmission (hidden), and secret oral transmission (*Kuden*).

