



LINEAGE OF OKINAWAN KARATE AND MATSUBAYASHI RYU

1683: The 17th *Sappushi*, *Wang Ji* arrived in *Okinawa* during the rule of King *Sho Te*.
 "Te" Junsoku: A 17th century *Uekata* (an official rank above the *Pechin* class), from *Okinawa's* *Nago* district, wrote, "...no matter how you may excel in the fighting traditions and scholastic endeavors, nothing is more important than your behavior and your humanity as practiced in daily life." *Nagamine* page 20
 1683: A tradition (*kata* named *Wanshu*) unfolded in *Tomari* based upon the principles allegedly taught by the *Sapposhi* named *Wan Ji* who arrived in *Okinawa* during this year
 1683: *Takahara Pechin*, map maker, mathematician, astronomer and "teacher" of *Sakugawa*, was born in *Shuri's* *Akata* village (died 1755)
 1720: *Kusanku* was born (died 1790)
 1733: *Kanga* (Tode) *Sakugawa* was born (died 1815)
 1769: *Makabe Choken* was born, (died 1825), alternative dates are 1773 or 87 to 1842) *O'Sensei* *Nagamine* dedicated an entire chapter in his book "The Tales of *Okinawa's* Great Masters"
 1782: A second theory maintains that *Tode Sakugawa Kanga* was born (died 1838)
 1790: *Matsuo Higa Pechin*, *kobudo*, was born (died 1870)
 1794: *Makabe Choken* traveled to *Beijing*
 1797: *Chinen Pechin*, *kobudo*, was born (died 1881)
 1809: *Bushi Matsumura*, regarded as the *Miyamoto Musashi* of *Okinawa*, was born in *Shuri's* *Yamakawa* village (died 1901 another theory places his death at 1890)
 1810: *Tode Sakugawa* traveled to *Beijing*
 1815: One theory maintains that *Tode Sakugawa* died in this year
 1819: *Chibana Chosho* was born (died 1870)
 1823: *Makabe Choken* died
 1829: *Matsumora Kosaku*, of *Tomari*, was born March 18th in *Naha* (died 1898)
 1831: *Itosu Anko* was born in *Shuri's* *Gibo* village (died 1915)
 1834: *Bushi Matsumura* received a *menkyo* (certificate) in *Jigenryu* from *juin Yashichiroh* in *Satsuma (Kagoshima.)*
 1836: One theory maintains that *Tode Sakugawa*, at 53 years old, traveled to *Beijing* in this year.
 1837: While still in *Beijing*, *Tode Sakugawa* fell ill in February and died the following month
 1855: *Bushi Matsumura* began to teach at *Shuri* castle
 1860: *Matsumura Nabe* was born (died 1930). *Kano Jigoro*, founder of *Judo*, was born
 1865: *Motobu Choyu*, older brother of *Choki*, was born (died 1929)
 1868: *Funakoshi Gichin* was born in *Shuri's* *Yamakawa* village on November 10th (died 1957)
 1870: *Kyan Chotoku* was born (died 1945). *Kuba Koho*, was born in *Tomari* (died 1942)
 1871: *Motobu Choki* was born in *Shuri* (died 1944)
 1873: *Iha Kodatsu* was born in *Tomari* (died 1928).
 1879: King *Sho Tai* abdicated handing *Shuri* Castle over to the *Meiji* Government marking the end of the *Ryukyu* Dynasty and the establishment of *Okinawa* as a prefecture of Japan. *Funakoshi Gichin* began to study *Toudijutsu* under *Azato Ankoh*. *Kano Jigoro* gave a private demonstration for American President *Ulysses Grant* at the home of Japanese tycoon *Shibusawa Eiichi*.
 1883: *Ueshiba Morihei*, the founder of *Aikido*, was born on December 12th (died 1969)
 1885: *Chibana Choshin* was born in *Shuri's* *Torhori* village (died 1969) student of *Anko Itosu*; first teacher of *Ankichi Arakaki*
 1888: *Miyagi Chojun* was born on April 25th (died 1953). *Funakoshi Gichin* began learning *Toudijutsu* under *Itosu Anko*
 1898: *Matsumora Kosaku*, karate authority of *Tomari*, died in November at the age of seventy
 1899: *Arakaki Ankichi* was born in *Shuri* died 12/28/1927 one theory places death 1929)
 1907: In June the *Dai Nippon Butokukai* became a foundation. *Kano Jigoro* replaced the black sash the *kuro-obi* (black belt) and instituted the *dogi* (practice uniform), which became the standard, still used to this day. *Tomoyori Ryusei*, a disciple of both *Mabuni Kenwa* and *Miyagi Chojun*, and pioneer of *Kenyuryu*, was born (died 1977). *Anko Itosu* created the *Pinan Kata* (some dates suggest 1905)

July 15th 1907: *O'Sensei Shoshin Nagamine* was born in the *Tomari*. Village
 1926: Mr. *Chojin Kuba* helped train *O'Sensei Nagamine* (age of 17)
 1928: (March) After graduation in March, 1928, *O'Sensei Nagamine* started a full-scale practice, becoming the disciple of Mr. *Taro Shimabokuro* of *Shuri* City, who was senior of me by one year.
 January, 1929, Enrolled in the 47th Infantry Division, *Oita* Prefecture. Dispatched to the skirmishes of *Sainan*, *China* in April the same year.
 1931: *O'Sensei* became a police officer at the age of 26. From 1931-1935 he received instruction from *Chotoku Kyan*
 1936: *O'Sensei Nagamine* trained under *Choki Motobu*
 1940: In May of that year, he earned the rank of *Renshi* at the age of 35
 1941: He created *Fukyugata Ichi Kata* In the same year, *Chojin Miyagi* created *Fukyugata Ni* (*Gekisai Dai Ichi* in *Goju Ryu*)
 1942: (May) *O'Sensei* opened his first dojo in *Naha* City
 1945: August 12th, *Soke Takayoshi Nagamine* was born
 1947: The name *Matsubayashi Ryu* was adopted to honor *Sokon Matsumura* and *Kosaku Matsumora*.
 1951: *O'Sensei Nagamine* was appointed as the head of the *Motobu* police station and Police superintendent
 1952: At the age of 7, *Soke Takayoshi Nagamine* began his training in the art of *Matsubayashi Ryu*
 1953: In January, the first Dojo was opened in *Naha* City called *Kodokan Karate-do* and *Kobujutsu Dojo*
 1956: (May) The *Okinawa Karate-Do Renmei* was formed. The meeting took place at the *Nagamine Dojo*.
 1976: The *Essence of Okinawan Karate* was published
 1977: Won a prize for teaching *Karate* and physical education promotion from the *Okinawa Times*. Awarded the *Prize for Sports and Physical Education* by *Okinawa Prefectural Office*.
 1988: (April) Bestowed the *Order of Rising Sun*, Fifth Class, with *Star and Ribbon*, by *Decoration Bureau*, *Prime Minister's Office*.
 1997: *O'Sensei Shoshin Nagamine* passes away on November 2nd at 5:51pm *Okinawa* time. He was 90 years old
 2000: The book *Tales of Okinawa's Great Masters* was published. In the same year, *Soke Nagamine* filmed a 3 part video series to document the *Art of Matsubayashi Ryu*. Part 1 was released.
 2002: Part 2 and 3 of the video Series were released
 2008: (October) *Soke Nagamine* was promoted to 10th Degree, *Hanshisei*
 2010: 75th Anniversary Celebration and demonstration was held in *Naha* City, *Okinawa*
 2012: April 27th *Soke Nagamine* passed away at the age of 66 years old.

