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9.23.1511 (Eishō 8) Ōuchi Yoshioki Document of Praise (kanjō) (大内義興感状)

This is the original document from Ōuchi Yoshioki to Shinohara Nagamori. It is in an unusual format, but one typical for the Ōuchi when they issued important documents to the Shinohara. At some time multiple families gain possession of a prestigious document and it ended up with families linked to Nima district in Iwami Province. The Yunotsu area

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A letter from Tsuji Zennōsuke concerning the borrowing of this document, 4.10.1931

On 4.10.1931, Tsuji Zennōsuke, head of the Tokyo Historiographical Institute, wrote to Nakajima Heizaemon, thanking him for the loan of the 1511 Ōuchi Yoshioki letter. Tsuji mentioned that the Institute had held the Yoshioki letter for a long time, but perhaps he was mistaken, as a surviving envelope (see below) suggests that the document had been returned in 1930, with this letter of appreciation being dispatched the following year. The 1511 document was sent in regular mail separately from this letter.



Envelope used to mail the document

This registered envelope was sent from Tsuji Zennōsuke to Nakajima Heizaemon and contained the 1511 Ōuchi Yoshioki letter. Nowadays, such letters are so valuable that it would be inconceivable to send them via regular mail. The envelope was postmarked on 3.25.1930 (Showa 5) and arrived in Nima in Shimane Prefecture, two days later. The document that the Historiographical Institute copied in 1930 was sent back to Nakajima Heizaemon in 1930, but the letter of thanks was not dispatched until the following year.

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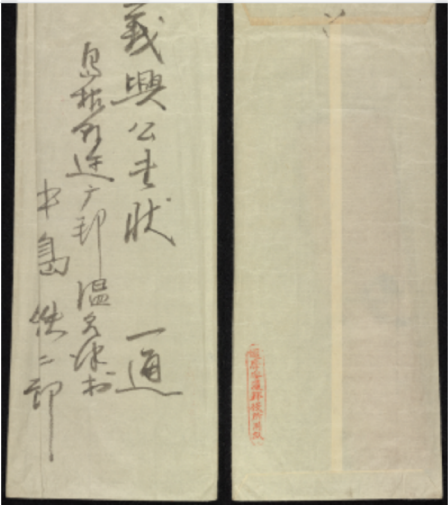
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Earlier envelope used to mail the document

This envelope is addressed to Nakajima Tetsujirō, and undoubtedly is linked to the earlier 1894 loan of the document. Save for the fact that Tetsujirō relied on an envelope from the district office of Nima, in Shimane Prefecture, and that a copy dating from 1894 survives at the Historiographical Institute, little is known about this earlier exchange.



Handwritten copies (eishabon 影写本) of the 9.23.1511 (Eishō 8) Ōuchi Yoshioki Document of Praise (kanjō)

This is one of the two identical copies of the original 1511 Ōuchi Yoshioki document. It is called an *eishabon*, which means a shadow copy. Original documents would be placed underneath a glass desk, and a calligrapher would exactly copy the original document. Skilled examples, like this example here, would be flawless and virtually indistinguishable from the original. Here one can see how closely an *eishabon* resembles



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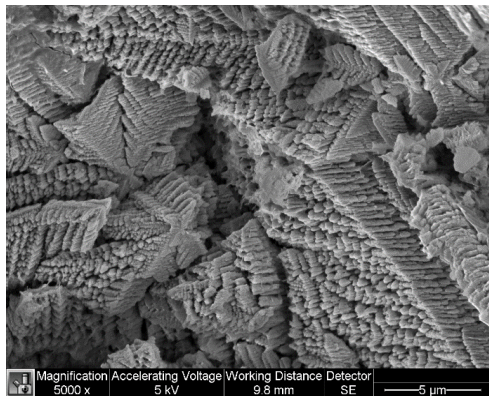
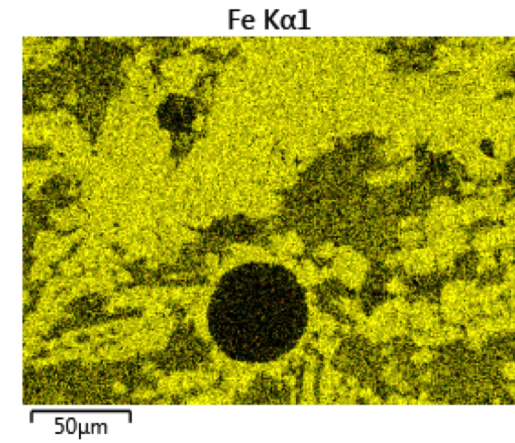
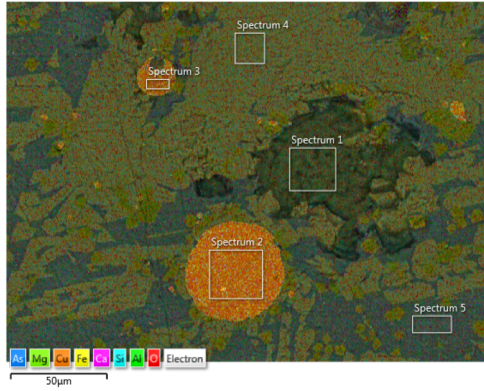
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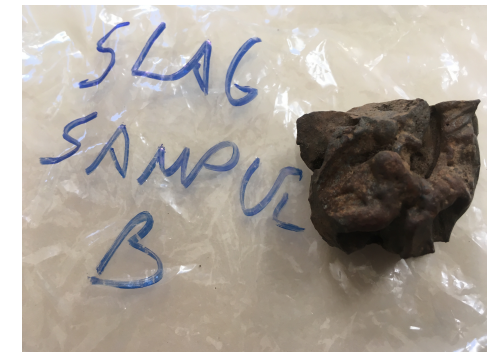
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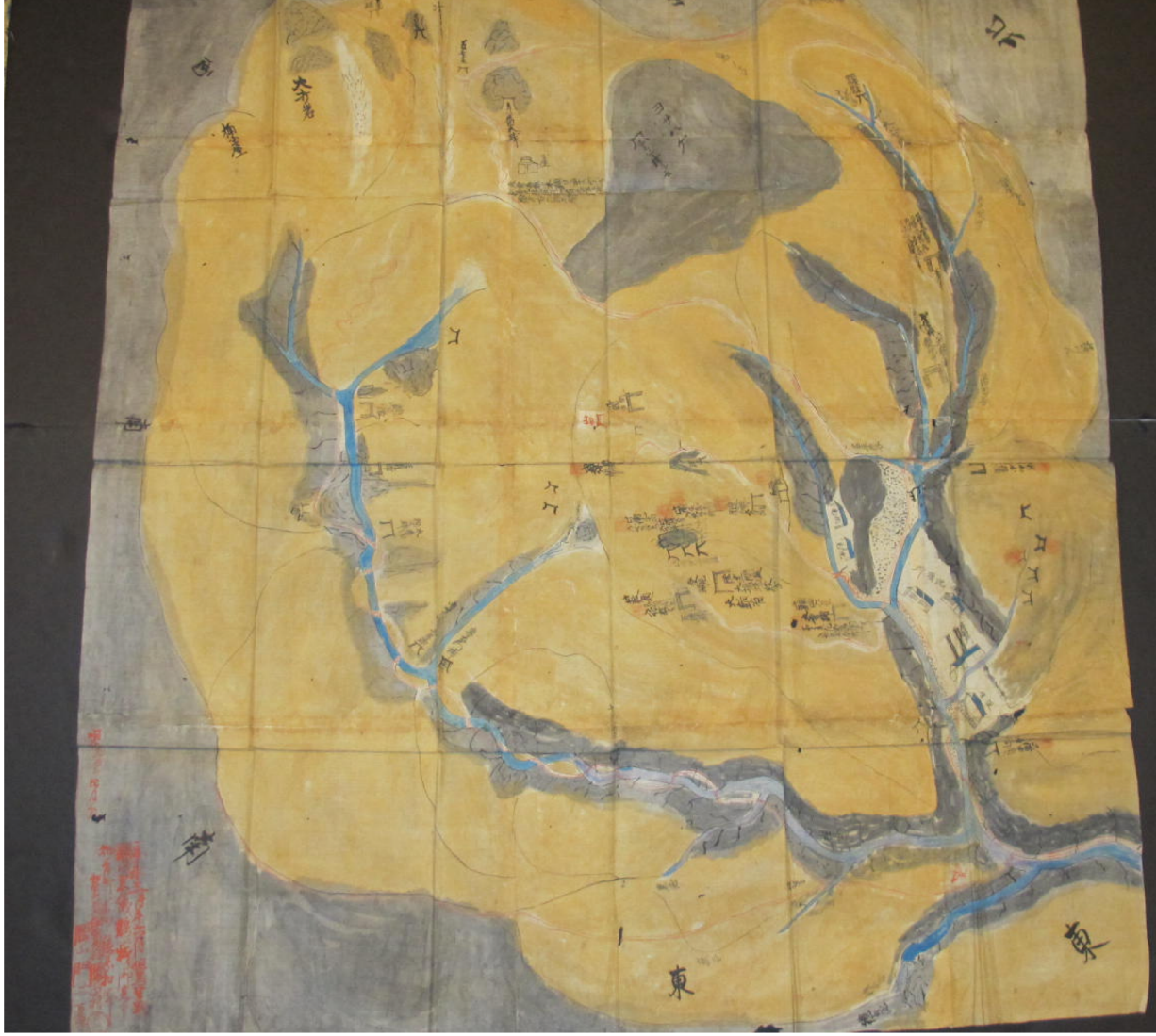


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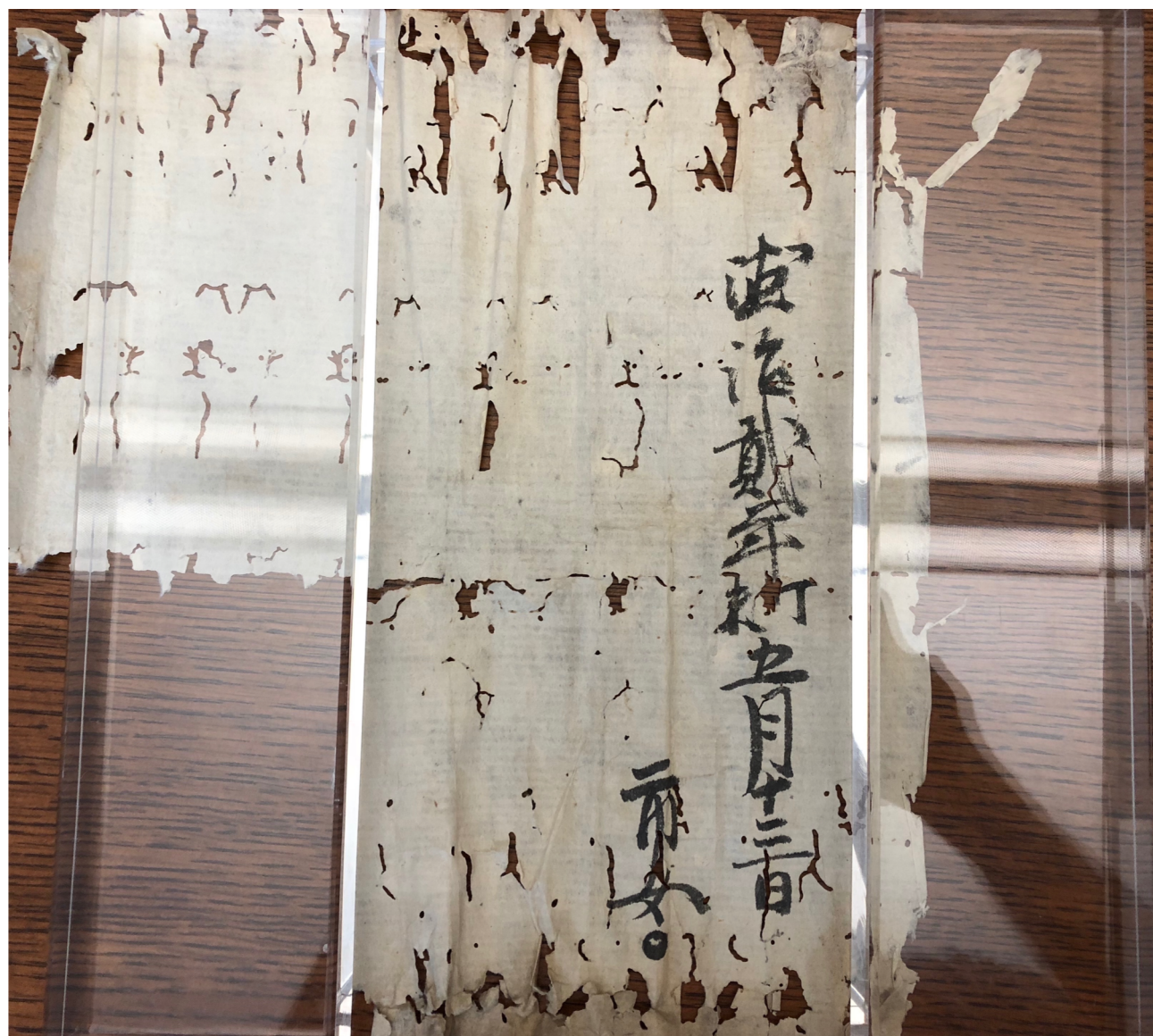


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