Stone Works of Shinagawa Station and the Shinagawa Battery

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Stone Works of the Tokaido Highway Shinagawa Post Station

A stone wall erected on the seaside of the former the Tokaido Highway. When the wall was dismantled in November 2015, a portion was donated to the Shinagawa Historical Museum. The wall is believed to have been constructed towards the end of the 19th century, and is made from tuff stones, made of sedimentary volcanic ash, taken from Mt. Nokogiri in Chiba Prefecture.

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Stone Work from the Shinagawa Odaiba Battery

In response to the arrival of the U.S. naval squadron led by Commodore Perry in June 1853, naval batteries were built from off-shore Shinagawa to Fukagawa (the present-day area from the Shinagawa City waterfront to the Koto City waterfront in Tokyo).

Egawa Hidetatsu, the *daikan* administrator of Izu-Nirayama (present-day Izunokuni City, Shizuoka Prefecture), was in charge of the construction. Construction was halted in 1854 when half the planned batteries completed. This stone was excavated from the foundation of the Gotenyama Battery that was built later at Ryoshimachi Town, Minami-Shinagawa, and was donated to the museum by the Shinagawa City Daiba Elementary School.