山形市の歴史
History of Yamagata

斯波兼頼（しばかねより）

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出羽国最上郡、山形の地にはじめて城を築き、ここを政治の拠点として出羽を治めたのが、斯波兼頼である。延文元年（1356年）、時はまさに南北朝動乱のさなか兼頼は出羽国の探題に任ぜられ、奥羽山脈を越え山形に入部したとされてきたと伝えられています。翌年山形城を築いて、ここを政治の拠点としたという。

Yamagata's first castle was built in the Mogami district of the Dewa province.
It is from here that Shiba Kaneyori governed Dewa. It is said that in 1356 (First year of the Enbun period),in mid-Nanbokucho upheaval, Kaneyori crossed the Ou mountain range after being appointed as the Tandai (local commissioner) of Dewa.
The next year, he built Yamagata castle and made it the seat of his government.

最上義光（もがみよしあき）

MOGAMI YOSHIAKI

兼頼を初代として、子孫は地名をとって「最上氏」を称することとなる。清和源氏、足利流、最上斯波氏。武家の名門であり、第11代が最上義光。出羽山形藩の初代藩主。伊達政宗の伯父にあたる。関ヶ原の戦いにおいて東軍につき、最上家を57万石の大名に成長させて全盛期を築き上げた。城下に職人町を配置し、職人を手厚く保護することで、様々な伝統工芸の発展を促した。

Kaneyori and his descendants took the name Mogami from the name of the region.
The Mogami clan, born from the Shiba clan, descended from the Ashikaga branch of the Seiwa Genji clan. Renowned warrior family. Mogami Yoshimitsu, the eleventh generation in his lineage, became the first ruler of the Dewa-Yamagata domain and was uncle of Date Masamune. He fought with the Eastern armies at the battle of Sekigahara and the Mogami clan grew to become major feudal lords with a rice production of 570,000 "koku" (enough to feed 570,000 people) at its peak. A craftsman's district was formed in the area surrounding the castle and the warm protection of those craftspeople led to thriving development in traditional crafts.

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