

## Cultural Property Designated by Uda City

## Former Traveller's Inn, 'Aburaya'

'Aburaya' is the former traveller's inn in Haibara-Hagihara, Uda City. It is located in the center of 'Hagihara-juku' which was an important transportation hub flourished since ancient times, and also located at the junction of two pilgrimage roads: Ise-Honkaido and Ise Kaido. This building was used as an inn until the end of Meiji era (1868-1912), and before that, it had been an oil seller (Aburaya) as the name suggests. (Abura=oil)

According to *Sugegasa Nikki*, a diary written by Norinaga Motoori (a famous Japanese scholar of Kokugaku active during the Edo period), he stayed in this 'Hagihara-juku' during his visit to the Yamato region. He did not mention which inn he stayed in, but it might have been 'Aburaya'.

Once there used to be a two-story building with guest rooms attached to the north-western part of this main building, and these two buildings were connected to each other by the corridor. Also, according to the old map of this inn, the southern side of the main building used to be the owner's residence.

The main building is wooden two-story house with 'Kirizuma-zukuri' (gabled roof) style. The front of the building and 'Udatsu' (a small side wall to prevent spreading of fire) has the inn name 'Aburaya' made with stucco. This building is believed to be built in the late to the end of the Edo period, and a part of the building was renovated.

Today in Uda City, there remain only a few inns that has existed since the Edo period. This is why 'Aburaya' is quite an invaluable building as reminiscent of the Edo period when pilgrimage to Ise Grand Shrine gained immense popularity.







There remain a stone lantern and a signpost (inscribed '1828') at the junction of Ise-Honkaido and Ise-Kaido.







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2672-3 Haibara-Hagihara-Motohagihara, Uda City, Nara Prefecture

Entrance Fee: Free

Opening Hours: 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Hoilday: Mondays&Tuesdays, December 15th - January 15th

Access: 5-minute walk from Kintetsu Haibara Station

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