

Ruins of the Garden

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In 1872, when Emperor Meiji visited Kagoshima, photographer Kuichi Uchida, who was accompanying the Emperor, took photographs of the inside and outside of Kagoshima (Tsurumaru) Castle. Included were photographs of the garden. These showed the state of the Okugoshoin and the beautiful garden with ponds, falls, and standing stones. The excavation survey confirmed the presence of standing stones and cobblestones, which suggests the high possibility that part of the garden in the photographs still remains under the ground.

Stones that structured the garden of Kagoshima (Tsurumaru) Castle were removed at the beginning of the Showa Period (1926–1989) for the construction of a pool for the old system's No 7 High School and relocated to Kagoshima City Public Hall (current Central Public Hall) and the garden of Kagoshima Kamoike Zoo. Later, stones relocated to Kagoshima Kamoike Zoo were brought back to their original location at the time of the opening of the Reimeikan, Kagoshima Prefectural Center for Historical Material, and set up at the pond near the Shiroyama Promenade.



The Garden in 1872
(view of Sagi-no-ma and Kirin-no-ma from the pond)



The Garden in 1872
(view of the garden from Sagi-no-ma)