

## Record of the 1896 Sanriku Earthquake and Tsunami -2

### From the graphic magazine Fuzoku Gaho

The 1896 Sanriku earthquake that occurred at 7:32 p.m. on June 15th, 1896 caused great damage along the Sanriku coast.

The tsunami was reported in the graphic magazine Fuzoku Gaho on July 25th, 1896. Drawings conveyed the horrific extent of the damage.

The following is an image from the magazine, courtesy of the Rias Ark Museum of Art collection, that relates to present-day Minamisanriku.



▲ A Brave Woman in Shizugawa Rescued Her Family of Four (Aratohama)

This woman was holding her infant in her arms when the tsunami hit, but the child was instantly swept away by the waves. The woman immediately swam to rescue her child, then tied it to a tree on high ground. She next swam back to her house, which had been carried away by the tsunami, to rescue her parents and her five-year-old child.

She accomplished this in spite of being tossed around by the waves and almost naked.

Source: Fuzoku Gaho No. 119, special edition (Rias Ark Museum of Art collection)