

Record of the 1896 Sanriku Earthquake and Tsunami -3 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.



▲ *Illustration of a Tsunami Striking a Wedding in Utatsu Village (Isatoma)*

The entire family and relatives had gathered to welcome the bride. Just as the *san-san-kudo* (sake-sharing ceremony) was underway, the tsunami struck. Everyone, including the bride, perished, leaving the groom as the sole survivor. The surviving groom went mad and could only laugh hysterically.

Source: Fuzoku Gaho No. 120, special edition (Rias Ark Museum of Art collection)