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## Relationship between Kasuga Shrine/Kofuku-ji Temple and Nanto Onmyoji in the Early Middle Ages of Japan

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This paper examines Nanto Onmyoji in the early Middle Ages of Japan. It is well known that the Kotokui family, a branch of the Kamo clan, settled in Nara from the late medieval period to the early modern period. After Tomoyuki I, this family was promoted to third rank by forming a close relationship with Daijo-in Monzeki. After the discontinuation of the Kadenokoji family, the main line of the Kamo clan, he became a representative of the Kamo clan. However, the origin of Nanto Onmyoji was not the Kotokui family. Already at the stage of the 13th century, Abe Tokisuke and Haruyasu, Abe's branch-school onmyoji, can be confirmed as 'Terazumi Onmyoji' of Kofuku-ji. They lived in Nara, performed fortune-telling and sorcery on the monsters that occurred at Kofuku-ji Temple and Kasuga-jinja Shrine, and chose the day of creation. However, it did not cover everything. Onmyoji, a bureaucrat living in Kyoto, conducted daily kanshin on national events and the head of the Fujiwara clan, while Nanto Onmyoji dealt with internal problems of temples and shrines. In the event of an apparition, the Nanto Onmyoji would foretell fortunes for light problems, and if it was judged to be a serious one, they would be sent to Kyoto. In this way, a system of division of labor was adopted. Kofuku-ji Temple and Kasuga-jinja Shrine had onmyoji settled nearby. This is because they wanted to quickly deal with frequent occurrences of apparitions and fragmented activities within temples and shrines. Nanto Onmyoji that appeared in the 13th century has two lines. One is the lineage of Hareyasu and Hareuji of the Harumichi party, a branch of the Abe clan, and the other is the lineage of Tokisuke and Suketomo, who separated from the Yasuchika line of the Abe clan. However, there is one caveat. The former can be confirmed in multiple genealogies. On the other hand, the latter can only be confirmed in the 'Onmyouka-Keizu' (Kunaityou-Syoryoubu). This genealogy also states that Tokisuke was the ancestor of Tomoyuki KOTOKUI. However, there are clear factual errors in the content. Therefore, it would be appropriate to judge it as an act of posterity. Furthermore, it can be inferred from the Yoshikawa family document 'Onmyou-Zassyo' (National Museum of Japanese History) that the original surname of Tokisuke's ancestor was the Koremune clan. The Kotokui family was originally the Koremune clan, took the name Abe clan in the 13th century, and changed their name to the Kamo clan in the 15th century. In this way, the Kotokui family was based on the existence of the Nanto Onmyoji of the 13th century.

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