Manor Territory and Paddy Field Grids in Ōta-no-shō

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In order to clarify the manor territory of Ōta-no-shō, landmarks were placed to show the boundaries. As for the places of the landmarks that appear in the old documents, various assumptions have been made so far. In this paper, various opinions have been reviewed and a new aspect on the places of some landmarks is proposed.

In the territory of Ōta-no-shō, names based on “the paddy field grid systems” appear in some of the old documents. Also, in some parts, names related to the paddy field grid system still remain. However, it is difficult to think that, in the mountain region such as Ōta-no-shō, the land division was made similar to that in the plains. It is thought that modifications were made to a large extent.

In this manor, there are sites of iron manufacture in various places. The chemical analyses of iron slags from various sites in this manor showes that the iron was not made of iron sand, but iron stone.