

Princess Sumiko of Katsura 桂宮淑子内親王 (1829-1881)

12th Katsura-no-Miya head

1829 Born as the third daughter of the 120th Emperor Ninkō

1836 The previous Katsura-no-Miya head Prince Misahito, died heirless

1840 Engaged to Prince Naruhito of Kan'in.

1842 Prince Naruhito died suddenly just before their marriage.

1863 became the 12th Katsura-no-Miya (the only existence as a female *miyake* head).

1866 given the *jugō* title

1867 Meiji Restoration

1881 Died still a bachelor

1889 The Imperial House Law was enacted

