



ITEM NO. UJGU011

## AN UJIFUSA ARMY OFFICER KATANA SIGNED, SHOWA PERIOD (CIRCA 1930)

**Swordsmith:** Shinoda UJIFUSA  
**Location:** Gifu province  
**Length:** 66.7cm      **Curvature:** 1.0cm  
**Jihada:** *Ko-itame* (tight wood grain)  
**Hamon:** *Gunome with ko-choji* (waves with tiny clove blossoms)  
**Certificates (x 2):** NTHK-NPO **Kanteisho** (a sword AND fittings designated as Important by the Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Sword)  
**Included:** Koshirae, shirasaya, silk carry bag, sword stand, maintenance kit, printed care guide, DVD, exportation paperwork to home country

**SOLD**

Take hold of a premier WWII Army Officer Katana held by a *Company or Warrant Officer* as signified by the brown-blue tassel suspended at the hilt. 氏房 (Ujifusa) is a name synonymous with quality sword making dating back to 1356 to the Kyushu area of Japan.

The blade in pristine condition as it was polished in 2014 to a very high standard thus placing. The *gunome choiji midare hamon* is absolutely stunning - formed of tiny clove blossoms that dance along the blade in a rhythmic fashion.



Highly symbolic with this sword is the *Igeta kamon* (Igeta family crest) that was fixed to the hilt that only certain officer swords would have.

*Mon* are hereditary, being handed down the male line of the family (often of Samurai heritage) for several generations.

Different families often shared the same *mon* – those that share the *Igeta kamon* were the *Hanai*, *Orii*, *Fujii*, *Nagai*, *Ida*, *Sakai*, *Asai*, *Hashimoto*, and *Handa*.

These names tend to have the kanji "井(i)". *Igeta* is a wooden frame on the surface of a well. The kanji "井(i)" comes from the shape of the frame.

Also of notable interest is the scabbard is made of steel, thus making the piece one of the early originals. Later made scabbards were made of lighter weight aluminum due to iron conservation measures during the war.

All *seppa* (washers) and *tsuba* (guard) match with the **Number '4'**, indicating that the sword fittings are original to the blade. This katana is now in England, thus all import duties and taxes have been paid within the European Union. Sword can be shipped most anywhere in the world.

