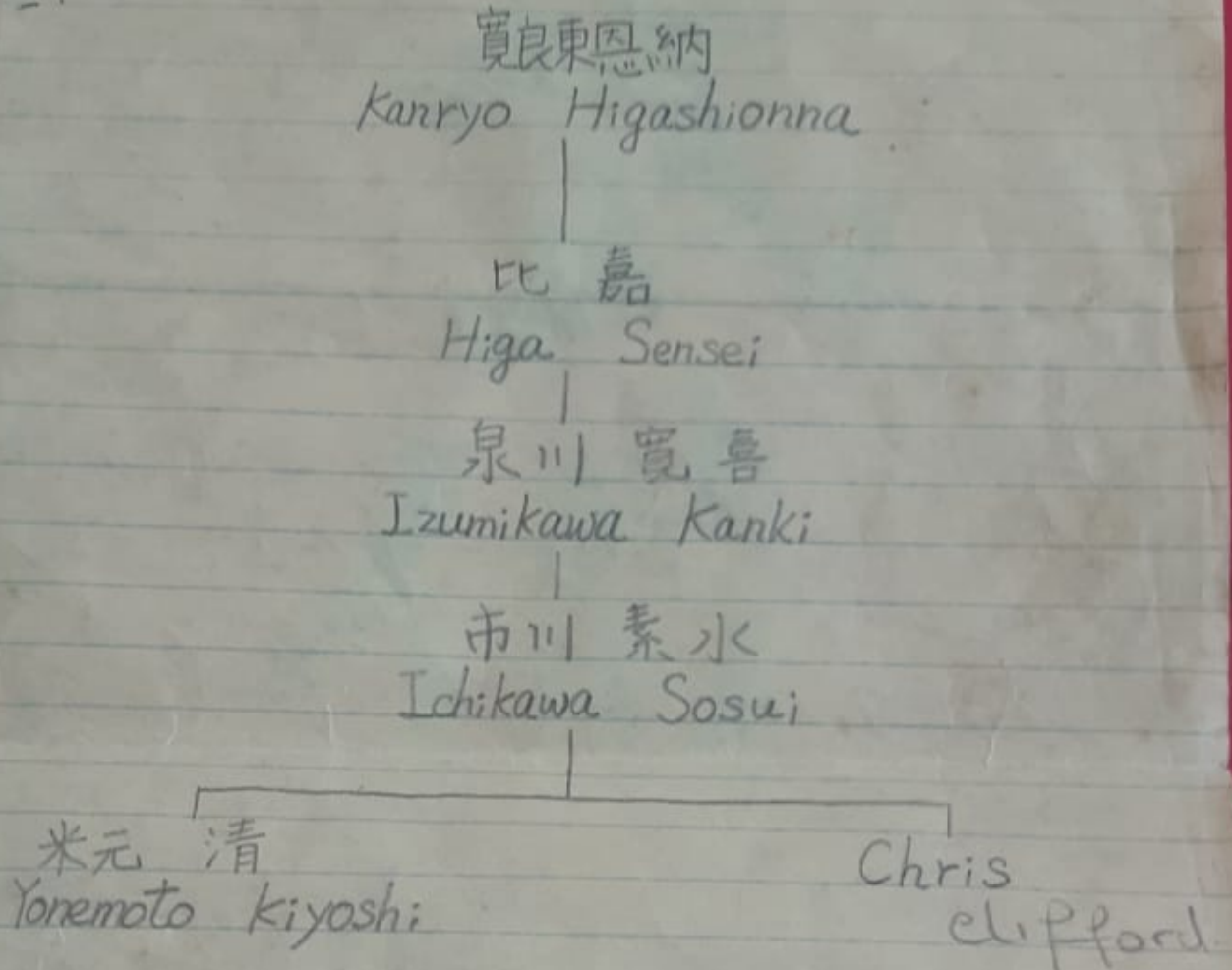


The letter following is a letter from Grandmaster Ichikawa Sosui to Chris Clifford answering questions. *Translated by Sensei Ono.*

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1)



Kanryo Higaonna wrote 'Bubishi' in order to be handed down to people. It is like a license card. Only special person authorized to keep it.

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2) There are 11 people to master it, but Chris is the first person to master it for foreigners, 10 Japanese people and you.

3) No, the first of all he taught his disciple the hard way, after that he led the soft way to master Goju Ryu, because that way (from the hard side of Goju to the soft) is easy to master it.
The most important things are basic.

4) No. Kata Turu which you mastered came from Okinawa.
It is difference between Okinawa karate and Chinese karate.
Okinawa karate only use hands, but Chinese one can use weapons.
We can't use any weapons to kill someone

5) Niseishin and Unshu came from Aragaki Kamadeuchu.

Aragaki Ryu looks like Goju Ryu, so I teach my students to master Goju Ryu, the true way Goju Ryu is very difficult to master the true way.

6) Yes, I've found the true karate, it is not Sports karate. Sports karate is business. I don't want Sports karate But I've studied the true karate even now. For me the true karate is so difficult to master, Even I feel this way.

7) Because they don't know the Turu kata, even Okinawa people doesn't know it. My teacher taught me the Turu kata 2 to 3 years before he died so it is like the duties of a teacher. I teach you the special lesson. Only 10 dan people knows it.

8) No, Higa Sensei has included the Turu kata.

9) The basic kata are very important.