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### **Kawahata and Kawarayu Villages in 1783**

The two villages are located on a river terrace between the Agatsuma River, which forms a deep valley, and mountains. Since there are many sloping lands, the land was leveled in steps to make fields and building sites. The houses were built facing the road. Usually a warehouse, a barn, and an outhouse (toilet) were built in addition to a main building on the premises. Most of the cultivated land was fields, and there were a few paddy fields. In Kawarahata village, wells were dug, and in Kawarayu village, irrigation channels were connected to nearby mountain streams to use the water necessary for living and agriculture.