

The Mori gave up their castle and left Hagi shortly after the Meiji Restoration of 1868. The shogunate had been replaced by a new political structure that was centered around the emperor, and samurai families across the country relinquished their titles and land. In 1878 the people of Hagi built Shizukiyama Shrine on the grounds of the former castle to show their devotion and gratitude to the Mori. Five of the Mori lords are enshrined here.