

Take Asai



Otasu village, Tahkonanna's birthplace

Take Asai (浅井タケ *Asai Take*) or **Tahkonanna** (April 5th, 1902 - April 30th, 1994) was the **last fluent speaker** of the **Sakhalin Ainu language**. She was born in Otasu village on the west coast of Sakhalin Island in 1902, and moved to Rayciska (Raichishika) during her childhood. After World War II she was relocated to Hokkaido, Japan, and toward the end of her life lived in an old-age home in Monbetsu, Hidaka, in southern Hokkaido. She served as an informant with the Pilsudski Research Project and other projects until her death in 1994.*[1]

1 References

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