

(Kaaloha)
Jan. 1988. Interview with Mrs. Elsie Naungayan, by C. Langlas

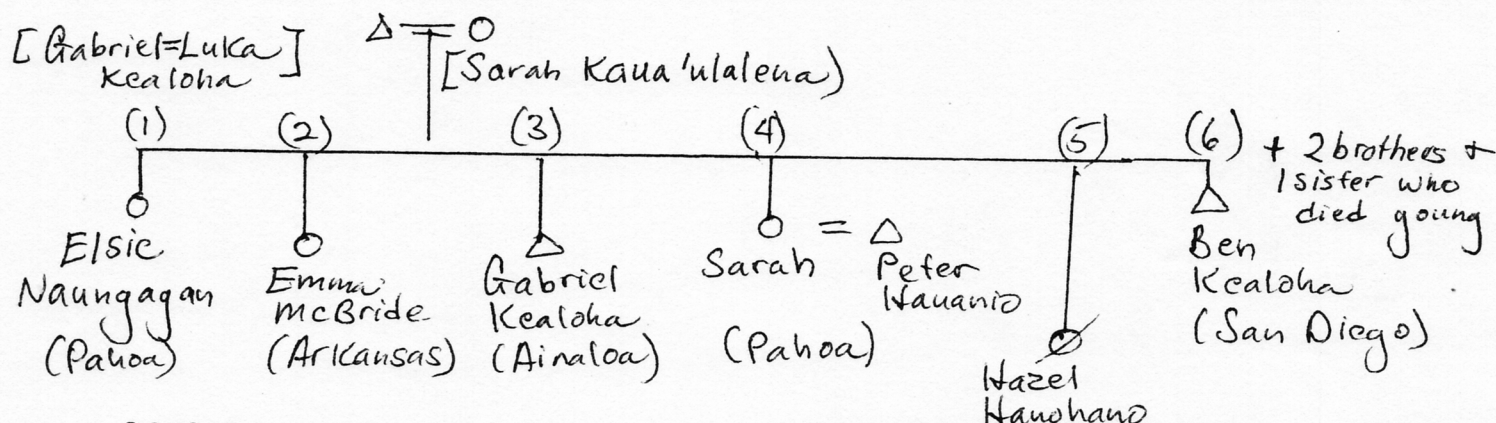
b. 1924 at Kea'au

family--her father's family originally were from Ka'u & were intermarried w. the Wai'au family at Kaimu

--land was given to her father's mother by her father's uncle (a Wai'au) and came to her dad (a lot between the Pe'a property and the Wai'au property of 6 acres, including the present rocky point in the middle of Kaimu beach; that's where their house was when she was little)

--her mother worked as a substitute school-teacher at Kapoho first, then as school-teacher at Kalapana, living in the teacher's cottage there; her mother met her father at Kalapana when he came to visit his mother who lived at Kaimu (the father was then working at Kea'au)

--her parents married and apparently lived initially at Kea'au, then moved to Kaimu; the grandmother had died--she never knew her grandmother, or her grandfather who died earlier



-- 1930 her family moved to Mokuhulu, near to Keliihoomalu's (her brother Gabriel was born there)/ they lived between the families of two Keliihoomalu brothers--Henry and William, but closer to William's place (below Kealoahs)

her dad worked for county--NRA (?), 15 days/month

also grew vegetables (taro, sweet potatoes, etc.), fished on canoe, used throw-net, dove for lobster (She remembers him going to a special place for lobster, coming up with lobsters and looking at them, throwing back the females so they'd reproduce)

They had smooth water then for 3 mos. at a time so could fish. Even at 5 yrs. she could go get 'opihi, crabs; once her father got angry when his flashlight was missing --he knew she must have taken it to go get crabs; Her other siblings didn't go for seafood--only Gabriel started doing that after WW2.

She remembers 'upena ku'u--using surround net by everybody at Kaimu beach to catch fish, about once a month, then shared out to all.

--1934 her father died (she was 9)

c.1937 her mother moved to Kaeleau (she was 12 & in 6th grade)/she finished school at Kaeleau school

--in WW2 she moved to Honolulu for job (there were no jobs here for women but plenty there); returned after WW2 because didn't like Honolulu lived in Pahoa

Mrs. Naungayan (contd.)

-1942 or 43 her mother sold their Kaimu land to Carvalho (a court administrator and real estate man)

odds and ends:

in 30's, only had to pay poll tax (for everyone working in family);
older ones worked for county, or for WPA at Harry K. Brown park
(Kauila, Ka'sukai, Kaho'okaulana, younger Roberts)
younger ones moved out of Kalapana-Kā mu

Chinese fit in with Hawaiians in Kalapana well, especially the Lee's