

Interview #4 with Gabriel Kealoha  
01-05-00

As we drove down the 'Opihikao road, Gabriel started off by saying that the top area is what they called Kama'ili Pali. Right below that, there's a gate. Where the gate is on the left side of the road, that's where the old road was. As you glance down, there's another gate on the right side of the road. That is where the old road would have gone through.

"old road" =  
Pahoa-Kalapana  
road?

Just around the turn, below Kama'ili Pali, on the right side of the road, that's where Iwasaki camp was located. The dike that Iwasaki folks made was located on the upper part of the property. (This dike was made during the time of the '55 flow. The purpose of this dike was to stop the flow from coming to the Iwasaki camp. There was also a gate that Iwasaki said that the lava was going to go through, having passed his property. But he spoke too soon and the lava covered his property. In this camp there was a house for single men, there was a store and other houses for the plantation workers. All these things were covered during the '55 flow. The plantation houses from Iwasaki camp were located on both sides of the road. There was also an old road on the right side; this road was used to get to the Iwasaki camp. It is hard to see it now from the main road, now there's a lot of bushes surrounding the area where the road was.

Below that by the big turn, on the right side of the road, there's a road that leads to a fork. The road that goes straight is an old trail (they don't have the right to put up a chain). The road on the right (ma uka) is a new road. As you drive through the gate on the ma uka road, there's an old house. This was the house that Gabriel spoke about in the

plants that were in the area.

*Makio had a camp as well as a store?*

Kudo camp was located below Makio camp. Albert Kudo was the name of the man who owned the plantation camp. This camp was on both sides of the road. Below was Nagayan but Gabriel forgets his first name. And then the family below that is Beck. *Is this the one that married his sister Elsie?*

Then Alice Hauanio's home. Right after that, there was Solomon Hekekoa, now his niece the last name is Kahaloa lives on the property. These properties didn't get affected by the 1955 lava flow, just Kama'ili. The Kahana family was next. Gabriel mentioned that Leilani Chow owns some of these properties. On the left side of the road, there wasn't any houses. That's where the sugar cane was growing. On the right side of the road that's where Cecilia Kuahiwinui lives and then if you look good in the bush there's another house, that's Michael Makua's home.

Below, there's an area that is still fenced up, that's property was owned by John Noa and then he sold it to the Branco brothers. (Gabriel speaks of this place in interview #1). Then as we drove down, Gabriel mentioned that on the right side of the road, that is where David Kuamo'o lived on the left side of the road, that's where Billy Peleho'olani lived. Almost at the bottom of the road, on both sides of the road, that's Gabriel's wife's property. *Peleiholani*

The ma kai road, Gabriel mentioned that they used to call it the red road but now it's not red anymore so they call it the ma kai road. When we got to the bottom of the road, we made a right and drove passed Bernard Konanui's home. Above his property, there was a burial. Gabriel noted that some people, they built their homes on top of some of the burials and then these people got trouble. They started seeing people that weren't

. Then there's the place called Pu'u Kama'ili. And then on the left side of the road there's an area called Kalaeloa and then Puehu. On the right side of the road, that's the Kanaka'ole Property. But they sold it. Kama'ili School was at the bottom of the road to go up to Kalanihonua. Then we were in Ke'eke'e then there's Kehena. And further down that's where Gabriel's mom, granddaughter and step father folks was buried.

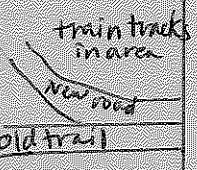
Highway

Kama'ili

Dike  
(that was built  
above Iwasaki Camp  
to stop lava flow)

Iwasaki Camp  
(Houses on both sides)

old road to  
Iwasaki camp



road narrows

Motor Car  
House

Kameleau  
'OpiniKao School

Store 25 mph

Leilani Chan's house □

Area didn't  
get affected by  
'55 lava flow  
- just Kama'ili

Kama'ili Pali

□ big blue house

Iwasaki camp

(Houses on both sides)



105 miles north

Gabriel's wife's  
Property

Bernard  
Kamman's  
House

Gabriel's wife's  
Property

McKaskle  
Family

Kamman  
purchased  
property to  
make subdivisions  
(Inwood near  
Springs)

Karlson Family  
(Not related to  
Gabriel)

Gabriel's  
Old House

Can you get original  
deeds

Daniel Elias's  
Property



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Coconut trees  
and the boundary  
of 'Ophikao

Kahu John  
Makua Kane

Makua Kane  
Cemetery  
(O. Harohana made head  
stones for all graves so  
families knew where burials were.)

End of  
Kaualea

End of  
Kaualea

Kamaiti  
Begins

Kamaiti  
Begins

Papaiki  
(15th lava flow)

~~17th lava flow~~

Karakaole  
Property

(Kalanikouma)

Ke'eKe'e

Keheha

Keheha (area where  
gabriel use to go doing.)

Burials  
(Gabriel's mum,  
granddaughters,  
Uncle Makekau - his  
step father all  
buried there.)