

Interview 4 with James Ahia, Charles Langlas 2/6/88

This interview took place while driving from Kaimu up toward Pahoa and then walking around in back of Kaimu beach. Notes were taken but none of the interview was recorded. (See the attached map for place-names and former locations of houses which were given by James Ahia.)

1. Asked about Kala and Papa Poha, James didn't recognize them as Poha. He knew Jack Poha, but thought that Kala and Papa, Martha Lum Ho's uncles, were Waipa's. He said they were albinos, couldn't see well in the sun, but they worked--for the county.

2. James' grandfather Elderts' land at Waiholoku'i was inherited by James' mother and Willie Elderts (father of Minnie Ka'awaloa). Uncle Willie lost the land on an FHA loan. He moved around a lot.

3. The pond on Ahia property that they used for washing dishes had no name, simply called puna wai (general term for a spring-fed pond).

4. We walked around the old Desha lot. There were remains of two houses there and a heiau. The newer, collapsing wood house was Desha's. The older house with only a foundation, including a cement stairway, was Kauwila's. James didn't see Kauwila living there, thinks Desha's inherited the house (but only remembers an old Korean living there after it was already leaking).

The old Kauwila house was a high house, with many rooms, a lanai across the front, and cookhouse on the side in back.

Asked about the heiau, James remembers walking past it on the way to school, but said they just ignored it.

