

Interview 8 with Teresa Waipa 4/4/89

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(interview unrecorded due to microphone failure; notes only)

corrections: to Int 7: spelling of brother's name Everest
to Life-history: change Louis Akuna to L.

1. miscellaneous

- Robert's Chinese name--Ah Choun [cun]
- rebuilding of Kalapana Protestant Church, she's not sure when, but took at least a year, made party after w. laulau
- school at St. Joe's was hard after Kalapana (lots of math, homework); the sisters were strict; had to go to church on all the holy days; catechism in school (memorizing Hail Mary, etc.); she stayed at the house of Mrs. Kainoa Beck--Father Sebastian of St. Joe's had found the place for her; they had other children too (incl. the sister of her S-in-law)
- she learned to weave lauhala in school: girls taught by Rose Waipa (her future M-in-law) twice a week, while Mrs. Hoopii the teacher (Mrs. Hoopii a relative of Rose Waipa); later Mrs. Pe'a taught them; they learned to make mats, fans, purses, etc.; boys just watched them; they made gardens, but at home.
- later on she wove tablemats to sell (after returned to Kalapana at end of 10th grade and again after she moved to Hilo; she found the Hilo lauhala hard--it cracks easily--so got lauhala from Kalapana through her husband's relative (brother?)).
- When back at Kalapana after H.S., she visited BW of Louise Keliihoomalu (visiting from Kona at Ka'iu Waiwai's house) and learned how to weave hats from her.
- She looked at the tablemat on her dining table during the interview: said from Tahiti, because all the leaf a uniform color; the leaf from Kalapana is different--some light, some dark.

2. old Lee house and lot at Kalapana

- watertank was behind house, dug well some ways further back (100 feet); they used tank for drinking, well for other uses--laundry, dishes, watering pigs; but tank water tasted worse
- stoves: first one in the kitchen house was hand-made (by M or F, she doesn't know which), had iron bars over a fire-box and below the fire-box an oven; later they got a manufactured wood-stove in the cookhouse, but didn't always work (pipe would get plugged up, cleaned with a stick); after they moved to new house, about one year before move to Hilo, they got a kerosene stove
- had two outhouses for bathroom on the side of the house--deep but no water in the holes; was dug with blasting power (after they saw a well done that way)
- old house had no underhouse, only about 5 feet up, little stored there since they had the garage

3. other houses and households in Kalapana

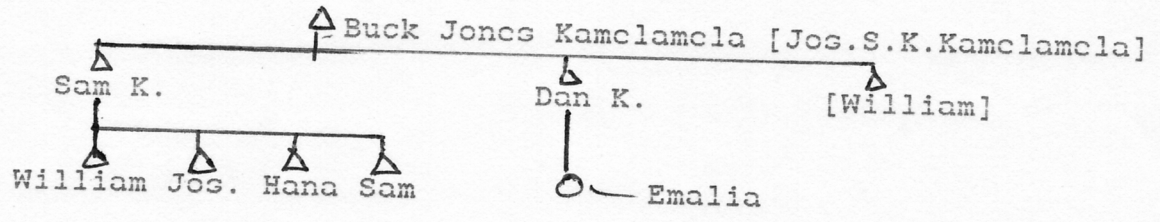
--Old man Ka`apana: lived alone in his house (wife dead), a one-story house w. separate bedrooms & kitchen; chickens underneath; outhouse;

was a stone wall between their houses, she just climbed over it;

he grew lots of flowers, e.g. carnations

--Dan Kamclamela (in a separate house from Ka`apana on own lot) had 7-8 children, beautiful house with 3 bedrooms, back porch

--"Buck Jones" Kamclamela: lived alone (no wife, he and Dan didn't get along); had nice house too; son Sam lived up between Kalapana and Pahoa [Kaola]; grandsons William and Sam came on weekends



(William was Pahoa postmaster)

--Ka`iu Waiwai: Ku`ulci Pa built (present) house for her grandmother. T. doesn't remember the earlier one; Ka`iu also had a hanai (Kauhi) who died in WW2, Germany; house had an underneath where Ka`iu used to weave

--Mary and Alama Kahilihiwa lived in small house in back of present Walter's store; had porch (all the houses had porches), unsure if had bedrooms inside; seemed old--they never painted; low house

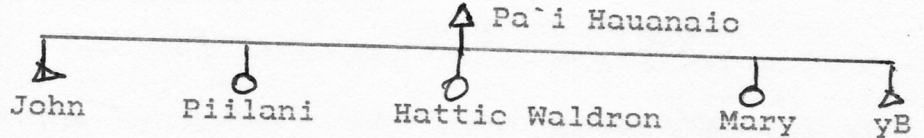
--Kekahuna's house: nice house, still there (Kahilihiwa's lived there later)

--Hauani`o house next to school was built recently

--Pa`i Hauani`o: had new house--w. front porch, upstairs and downstairs

People used the downstairs to weave, to cook also if no separate cookhouse.

John Hauani`o (son of Pa`i) married Elizabeth Keliihoomalu (one of Teresa's classmates)



("She was fascinating to men.")

--Kini Aki

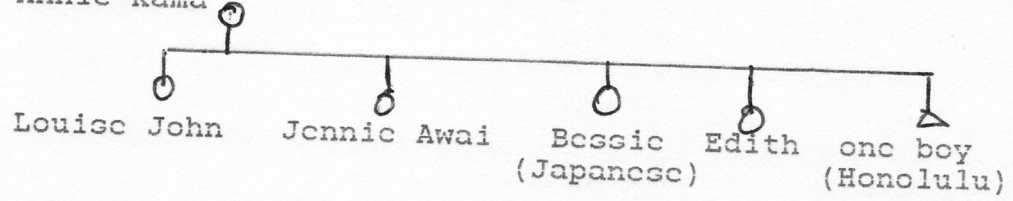
Later he married Lei Pavao's mother (her husband's aunty) and they did well--gathered `opihi to sell. (He was a seller--"because he's Chinese, yeah?") They stayed both sides, Kapa`ahu and Kalapana, because she had a house in Kapa`ahu. T. knows

because she used to go down with her H to fish, and the wife was her H's aunty.

--Mrs. Kama (the grandmother): was interesting lady, she had a lotta land, she weaves; leased land to a Chinese man from Hilo

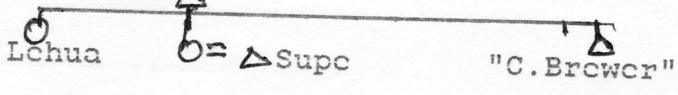
Annic Kama [d-in-law of the grandmother] had a lotta men. She lived with Tashibata (not married), then lived with Aki. (Teresa didn't know about Keiwiki Ahia.) She sold the land to Teresa's brother Henry after their divorce.

Annic Kama

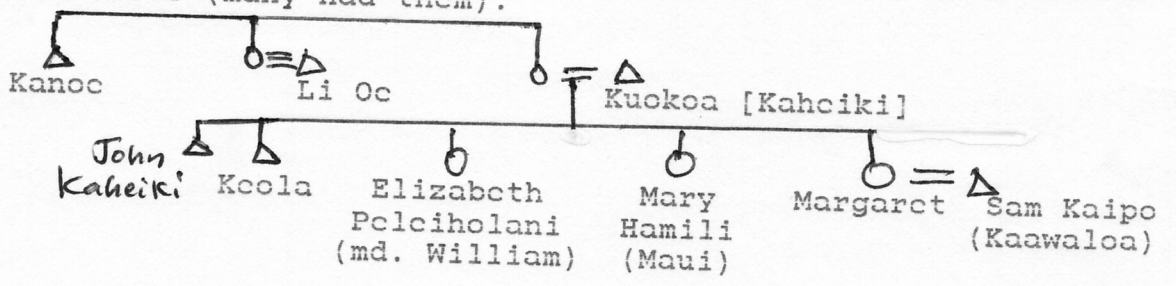


--Joseph Kama (called Kamahoahoa, was good friends with her dad): had nice house, w. front porch; married a Kahciki daughter

Jos. Kama



--Kuokoa [Kahciki] (maybe older than her father): house w. bedrooms upstairs, open downstairs; they slept downstairs on mats on pebble floor; kitchen was at one end--she thinks w. kerosene stove (many had them).



--Elia Ka`aukai--many kids, about 4 boys, 2 girls (she wasn't sure where they came from); had brother Kahilani, md. before to Mrs. Pa's mother, lived at Kamahoahoa's house

perhaps not md. (See L. Kel. notes)

--Ili and W Kanani; only them and her illegitimate son Ka`onohe

T. didn't know of any one-room houses (like James folks). Said only some houses had separate cook-house, others had underneath.

comments on Interview 7

- 1) miscellaneous--about building of present Kalapana Protestant church, going to high-school at St. Joe's, weaving in Kalapana school & later in Hilo
- 2) details of the old Lee house and yard
- 3) other houses & households in Kalapana:

Ka'apana, Dan Kamelamela, 'Buck Jones' Kamelamela, Ka'iu Waiwai, Kahilihiwa, Kekahuna, Hauani'o, Aki, Mrs. Kama, Joseph Kama, Kuokoa, Ili, Ka'aukai

Kini Aki lived in Kapa-ahu after he married Lei Pavao's M