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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Robert Kahawaii was born in Laie, Hawaii on May 22, 1910. In this interview, conducted in 1984, he was living in Laie at the time. He tells of his experiences as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints in Laie.

At the time of World War II, Kahawaii was the only witness to the attempted bombing of the Hawaii Temple on December 7, 1941. In addition to the attempted bombing Kahawaii was notified that Pearl Harbor was bombed on the same day. His statement as an eye witness of the attempted temple bombing was notarized.

Within this transcript, Robert Kahawaii and Kenneth Baldridge, the interviewer travel around Laie in a car. Robert describes the conditions of Laie as it was during his youth. There is a map at the conclusion of this interview that indicates the areas that were mentioned in the interview.

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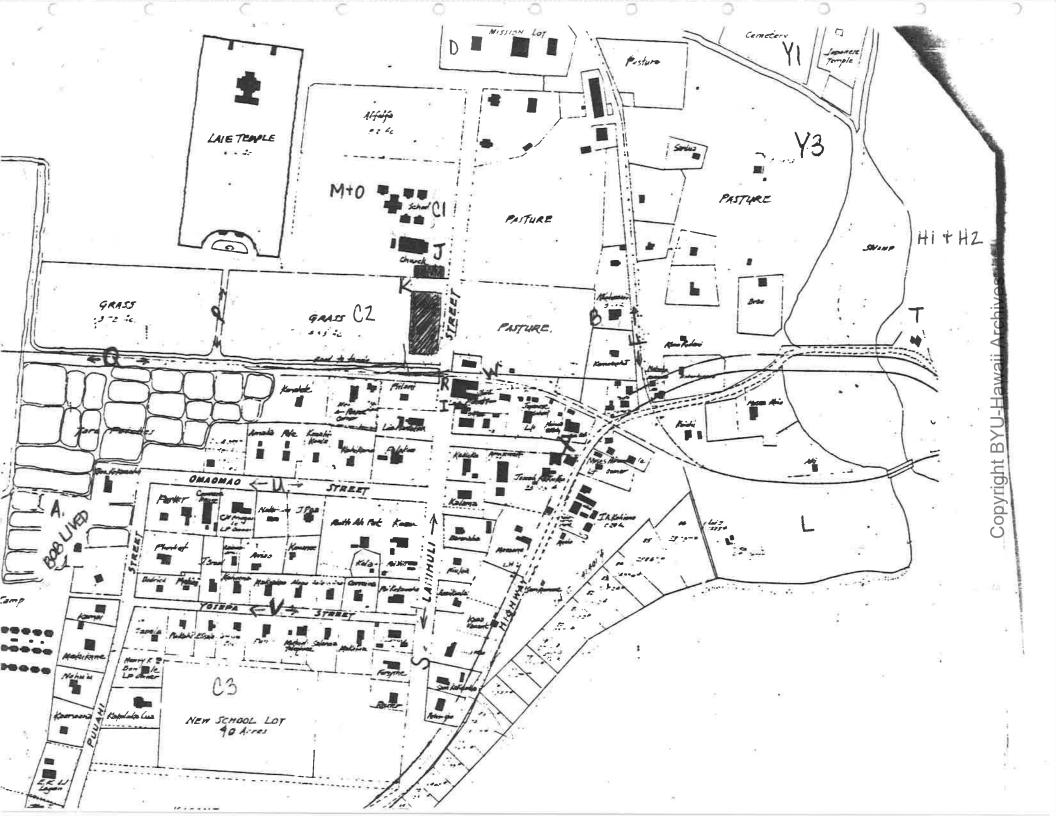
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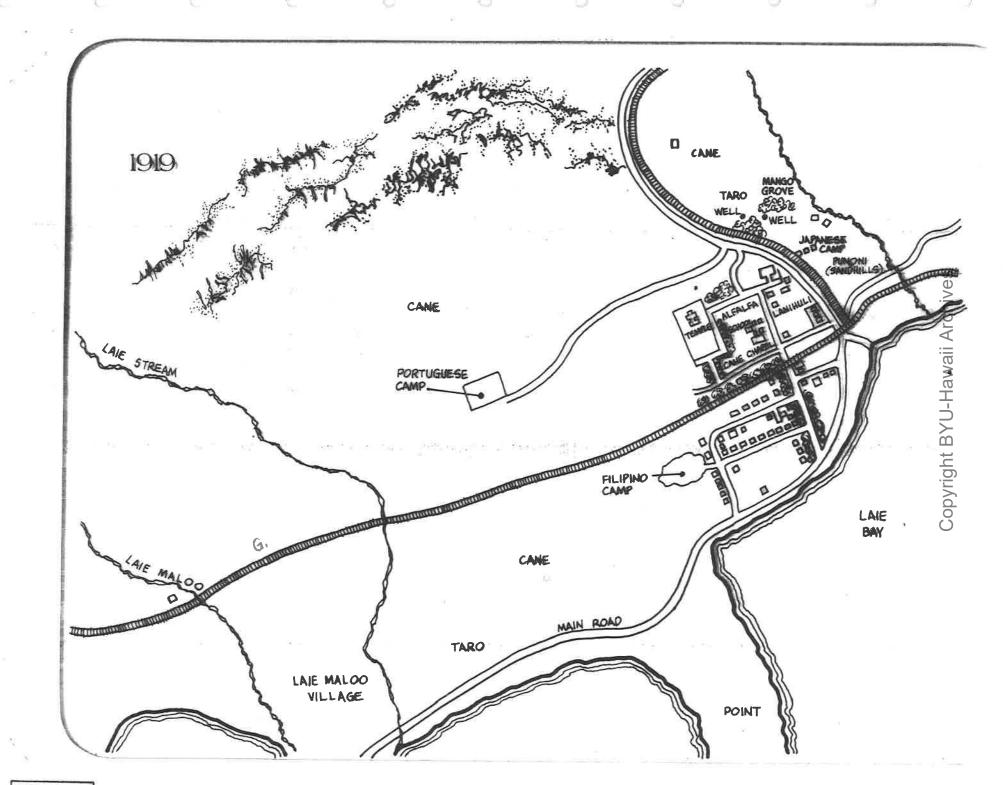
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- INT Ok, Bob, we're out in front of your house. Again, maybe we can go over that story again. Now, in 1941 you were living here you indicated before that, uh...
- RK This is, uh, what you call, lot 55-112, that's the lot now where my daughter-in-law... that's where I used to live. It didn't have the number, it only had Po'ohaili Street in '41.
- INT And you were born here, right on that same lot in 1910.
- RK 1910. May 22, 1910; I born right on this lot that says 55-112 Po'ohaili Street.
- INT Okay, so the day before then, on December 6, let's start right there. You had gone in to a football game.
- RK I used to love and go see football, especially when the town team and the university or outside teams come see. So after the game I told the Mrs. that I was coming home. And, she wanted to stay over this place. But, no, I want go fishing tomorrow morning which is Sunday, December 7th. So she said, you folks going home well, I'll go home with you folks. So we all came home through Waialua side. On the way home it was all clear and when we got home I told my Mrs. I was going...
- INT To Kahuku.
- RK To the show, but I didn't tell them that I was going to drink. I love to drink. But, she knew I was going drink down there and drink. After the show we had a drinking party at Ray's. After the drinking party I came home. It was about Oh, between 12:00 a.m. or 1:00 a.m. I got home. And, I got my own car. So, I went in and tried to open the door, the parlor door, and the door is locked. I opened the bedroom door, I couldn't get in so I made up my mind I might as well go out and sleep. Well, probably this was the Lord's [way] trying to make me indeed a witness of the transaction of the December 7 bombing. So when went out and I didn't take any blankets, I slept under the coconut tree. About between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. I heard the planes humming above, right above our house when I looked, I saw a lot of planes. Some were going to—
- INT Air Force Base.
- RK Most going to Wheeler field, that's the most important Army, what you call, Air Force Base where the Army lands. And, some were going over to Pearl Harbor. Some goes to Kaneohe Bay, the Marine Air Base and the other bunch I saw [were] going—I say goes to right about here---some break and go to Dillingham. They were preparing over there to, see. So, I didn't take no mind because I want to go fish. I went down with my car to the beach. I look at the fish. But, before I went I saw this plane dive.
- INT So you were still here at the house then, when you saw the plane?
- RK Yes. I saw the plane dive before—My intention [was] to go fish that Sunday morning. But when I saw this plane it draw my attention to that plane. Not knowing he wanted to bomb—the plane. First time he come. Then the second time, I saw the bomb bay [doors]

open. Second—and on the way back to the second trip, going from the ocean to the temple I saw the bomb hanging down. It didn't drop. He released, but it— it hang on the--I don't know whether it was a hook or what, but it hang on. Then when it went come up and come back, that's when I actually saw the bomb. Not too big, a smaller bomb, and long, just like a torpedo. So when he missed he came back, he didn't release he just take off, he went to Kaneohe.

- INT Now, excuse me, so the bomb wasn't carried under the plane, it actually was carried inside, and it had the bomb bay doors?
- RK The bomb bay doors opened but, it didn't drop. Instead of...
- INT That will kind of help me identify the plane.
- RK Instead of drop right on—from that mouth of the bomb, no it still hang on. That's the thing I saw. It didn't release right off the bat. It just hanged just like something holding it. But at that time I didn't pay attention because I thought it was only maneuver. So when that plane start going to Kaneohe side, then I thought I better go fishing. When I went down there—down the boat house, the cook boat house, I think I stay about half an hour I saw this Liberator [B-24, four-engine bomber]
- INT This was a B-17, wasn't it?

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- RK Yes, they were going towards Kahuku. One in the middle and two on the side, one was protecting... I don't know whether the Japanese, had anything to do [with it.]
- INT I think they got shot up trying to land at Hickam.
- RK Probably, this is the only field they can land, see. So, when I saw the plane spinning and go down, the other two were still up. And I thought, gee, that's an opportunity to see a new plane, what the hell kinda plane. It's a, big plane. So, before I made up my mind Kanahele came. William.
- INT This is William Kanahele [OH-398]
- RK Yes. That's Gala's father. Senior. William Kanahele, Sr. came and tell me they want us to go to Kahuku because they need all the home guards.
- INT Now, by this time the planes had all gone?
- RK The Japanese planes?
- INT Yes, that you were seeing, that you were watching.
- RK Oh, they gone long time.
- INT So, the planes had disappeared except for this one that was...

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- RK Yes, but then after that he took off, see.
- INT So, he made three passes at the temple and then took off down Kaneohe way.
- RK He couldn't release that bomb, see. But I understand he released it going towards Kaneohe Marine Air Base. That's what I understand, see.
- INT And that's what he had told President Kanahele.
- RK But I haven't seen. So, they say, amazed. That's why the Japanese (looking at us)? It's amaze. They can drop it there and cannot drop here. So, when I went William Kanahele Sr. told me to come back because they need us to go to Kahuku, to go down and watch our post. For what? He said, they bombed Pearl Harbor. Are you telling me the truth? If not I going—you going get a hell of a fight, and me I like to fight, too see. So I told him, okay, let's go then. So, when we got to his car, right by the boat house. He turned on the radio, it said all the home guards they need you to go to your post. Instead of tell everybody take cover. This is an attack. So, I dug a bomb shelter over here for my family, see. I went and I come back that night. Over night I dig that bomb shelter, six feet deep put the wall and then I get my family safe, but nothing happened. The following day, Monday, I used to go, I go work at the school. I was custodian for the Kahuku High School at that time. And, our principal was Miyamoto, Stanley Miyamoto. Then, I worked there until what you call Wyma was the principal on December 7 and then I used to go fishing and go lay lobster net.
- INT Now when you came back and you ended up sleeping outside. Had your wife, you said you think this may have been for a reason. Had you wife done this before?
- RK No, yes a couple of times she locked me out. Couple of times... but I break the door. But, this time I didn't break the door. See, I thought if it might break, the next morning Sunday and everybody hear me carpentering so no good. That's the reason I never break, see. If other nights I break in.
- RK No, not too drunk, just right, feel right, I don't know. Something, I think it's the will of the Lord. I don't know at that time. See, so I didn't break the door, I just went [and] get my jacket. Went out and slept under the coconut tree. Amazing that the coconut fall all on the side, they never touch, maybe I had a mission because when I was with Brother John Keawe he say you have a mission to fulfill, and I didn't know I was going to be called on a mission. I served three missions. But all proselyting missions, down Waialua six years.
- INT So after that happened then, in 1941, like you say, nobody's asked anything about it.
- RK No, only President Kanahele mentioned and I told...
- INT That was just a few years ago wasn't it? Three, four years ago? Because I remember I was talking to him one day and he told me to come talk to you. I'd say that was about four years ago. I think, when I first talked to you about this.
- RK I think I was the only eye witness and probably, that's thing that maybe the Lord tell me

don't break that door. Go out and sleep when you can be witness, an eye witness, for me; and I did really see. I testify...

- INT And then later did President Kanahele have you go down and notarize with Sister Stone? [OH-186]
- RK Well, yes, and the told me to sign as a witness. So last year before when Rita Stone....
- INT Oh, so just last year it was notarized?
- RK Yes, so she stamped it.
- INT Well, that's interesting. And...
- RK So I used to lay lobster net. Every weekend I pull our 12 to 15,000 pound of lobster.
- INT A dollar a pound.

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- RK Dollar a pound. With two of us. We divide. And, I pay my Mrs. as I said \$50 an hour to mend my net. Every weekend we go out. Sometimes between weekend. If I don't go work. If I need money the U.S.E.D. don't pay 'nough money—so I lay net. I couldn't go in the night, see, but I have a friend, Captain "Seaweed" Kealoha, he was the captain of KRCT. I ask him, say boss I like go lay net. He send top sergeant come Phillip Leed (Lee) come down there watch me ray net. Morning time they come assist me and tell me, "I like fish." How many? How many\_\_ you want? How come you neva get 'nough? You know those big ten wheel truff (truck). Fill the mouth and let go the fish, can't take it off. That's what I told 'em, you take all the fish you want, do not waste any fish. So he takes. Sometimes he take five, six tons. By the hundreds, thousands of fish. That's those days, today no fish like before.
- INT It's interesting that—I don't know, I think if I'd seen something like that I'd have been talking about it all the time. But, of course, there weren't very many eye witnesses, I guess like you say, you were the only one out here.
- RK But the fishing all I can say me and my friend, Taualii, Wallace Taualii, he was Stake Presidency for Samoa.

#### INT Taualii?

RK Yes. Well he was living right behind the elementary school in Laie. He had the lot over there. So, now I understand the Zion Security or the Church build new buildings there so now the Church the BYU [Brigham Young University-Hawaii] has that lots down there. Before he used to live over there he and I go fishing. We tell, anybody like fish, anybody like fish or lobster all free, because we all poor. Try [to] help all the poor people. Then after that I used to go work for the army as a plumber. That's how I learn, get experience.

INT Yes, that's good.

RK To be a plumber.

INT Okay, well, I'll talk to President Kanahele

RK Yes.

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- INT And, kind of get the story then from there. I was hoping he could come today. Okay, well thank you very much. Now, the stables were just back right here. Now, where we are now. What was here? Was there anything here?
- RK Well, this was coconut grove right here and we usually come—there's another road in the back of the mission home come inside here and come down. That's where the school children come we go to the mountain for May Day or May walk. This is the same road, no change. Over here all cane.
- INT Now, over here on this side. Now, were there people living up here then? Up here up the valley?
- RK Nobody that time, before yes. And, this used to be all mango in here. Now it got banana. It's all mango grove.
- INT Now, down here where this big mango tree is on the corner—Now let's see, where was the sugar mill? Do you remember where that was? Was it still standing when you were a young fellow?
- RK No, no. When I was born after that when I know the sugar mill was Kahuku. This is where the church property over here. This [is] where we used to go up to the mountains for May Walk or go get our--what you call guavas all up here.
- INT But, when you were young there weren't any kuleana back here, behind the fish pond, yet? They were all gone by then, were they?
- RK No, [get] lot of kuleana but we don't pay. So the Church pay for the kuleana and they claim it, you know the tax.
- INT So, there was property there but nobody living back there.
- RK Very few. And some they don't even pay attention to their property even though my aunt, so the Church took over. So I have 3/4 acre land here; that's what the Zion Securities wants to trade. I want to trade my daughter-in-law place so I can have her fee simple with the water right. I got a water right and the land. This is all kuleana over there but, I understand Willie [Maka'a] trade with Zions Securities. That's why Zion's Securities have this land over there.
- INT So there was no remains of the sugar mill left when you were young?
- RK No, I haven't seen no sugar mill.

- INT I know they've had two. Now, what about—on some maps it shows a railroad coming up here.
- RK Yes, right here.
- INT Right along Po'ohaili Street?
- RK Yes, to pick up the cane.
- INT Was it right here on the street or along side of it?
- RK Right along side, see.
- INT Right over here. Hugh?
- RK And then all of a sudden—making this other road. Talking about\_\_\_\_\_ go by. These all train tracks here and the road was here, see and we used to catch the train from the Goo Store [and] go down Kahuku for [a] show. When I was small—didn't have houses in here, all pastures. Have chicken farm, where, what you call, you know who Mataalii is? Tufaga? That's where the chicken farm was under Brother Smith, he was in charge of the chicken farm. But this church I can't recall but when we came back, the old church burned down. The old church was right here. . .
- INT Now...

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- RK Then, in order to get a new church that's why you hear that Hukilau.
- INT Oh yes. Where was the old church?
- RK Right here. Right over here.
- INT Right at the same spot as the present church?
- RK Yes, but we had our social hall over here before because we had an elementary school. That's where I used to go school.
- INT The elementary school was over here behind, up the hill, kind of behind the chapel.
- RK Right behind this chapel. And our playground.
- INT So just a kind of on this spot her behind this chapel?
- RK Right here. Right here. A portion here, and a portion here, and then the social hall for our school.
- INT Now when—the—they turned the school over to the territory in 1937, is that when they built the school down where it is now? Do you know?

- RK Yes, I imagine that's when. Because I went move from here I moved to Waianae. From Waianae I went and worked on a ship.
- INT In 1910, you were going to school until about...
- RK In 1910 I just born.
- INT You were born in 1910. You finished school in what, about 1925, '28?
- RK 1918, I was here see. I was going [to] school here. I was only eight years old. I know when I was baptized up by Koa farm by Brother [Robert or...] Crowell. he was the manager [at] that time.
- INT Now, when did you leave Laie to go to Waianae?
- RK I leave here was 1926.
- INT And you were 16 years old when you went away.
- RK Yes, I couldn't stay down Kahuku. I used to go Kahuku School, see.
- INT High school?

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- RK No, elementary. They didn't have high school and that time we want to go high school when we graduate we had to go to town, 'cause we didn't have the means those days, my father—
- INT Well, how come you went to Kahuku when there was a school here?
- RK Well, they don't have eighth grade here.
- INT Oh, I see.
- RK Only up to sixth grade, I went to Kahuku...
- INT Oh...
- RK ... to get seventh grade, and then my father wants me to go Waianae. So, I went down there to finish eighth grade.
- INT Oh, I see.
- RK The government had school up to eighth grade, the roads stopped. They didn't have high school. Recently then they had the high school. See, this place, nothing but, on the hill there was the mission home for all the missionaries...
- INT Now where was the mission home, was it across the street?

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- RK Right here. You see in between this green building here? We used to come up here. This was the building. They had upstairs, downstairs right here.
- INT Right here on this spot right here.
- RK President Kanahele knows too.
- INT So that was here, of course, when you were born wasn't it?
- RK Oh yes, before. Long time before.

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INT And, when did that building. . . When was that building torn down, do you know?

- RK I don't know, when I came was all torn down.
- INT When you came back, you mean from Waianae?
- RK Yes, No, Yes,—after Waianae I went and work on a ship. I worked for four years. Then in 1930 I came back.
- INT And it was gone by then.
- RK The building was gone. There's no building there. Later on they start building all this building.
- INT Now, let's see, you were nine years old then when they dedicated the temple.
- RK Eight years old yes, but before that I used to clean over here. My father used to help build this temple. And, we were living up the taro patch.
- INT So was the chapel here [near the temple]?
- RK Chapel right here by the school, the school here—the chapel there.
- INT So just right there where that little building is?
- RK Right here. Right here. No, no, no, was this side. That's where the school and the chapel. Green, thin, old chapel. From there they moved it down there. The same chapel they moved it down there. [He is discussing the removal of the chapel that had been dedicated in 1883 down near the intersecting of today's Naniloa Loop and Lanihuli Street. It is identified as the church on Map A]
- INT So, they actually moved the chapel from here down to there.
- RK And then they wanted repaint the chapel, the old one. So we had to take the paint off from the wood work while we used blowtorch; to take off—Brother Mahiai, Mary Mahiai's husband, was in charge that afternoon. When I came back from lua I saw that thing burning. Was burning. From the tower where they had a steeple, like that. The smoke was coming from the tower. So the thing just went right down.
- INT When was that, do you remember?
- RK Oh, I didn't keep track.

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- INT Now this building was built here about 1950. The chapel then. Would you say two years before that do you think or...
- RK Oh, I think it was 1948. Or—But oh, cannot be because when I went to the temple, about '47 between '46, '47 that's when. We were trying to—we had the conference. So, Bishop Kekauoha wants to have that repainted. So we thought, okay, everybody go ahead and we start to blowtorch and take the old paint off and then apply a new paint. Well that thing

just run down and we didn't have the conference [chapel]. Then we went to the social hall. The Laie social hall. That's where we hold our [chapel] meetings 'til—this chapel was rebuilt. Then the first time I recall when Sister [Viola] Kawahigashi [OH-36]-they were in the quorum, the Elders Quorum see wanted money. So they say we got to get money from the Hukilau, they just suggest it and they asked who will go to the Visiting Bureau. Sister Kawahigashi, "I'll go!" See her husband was an elder but at that time I didn't think about church work too much. So, they come ask me if I familiar with Hukilau, and from that time we start that hukilau.

INT So the original purpose of the hukilau was to raise money for the chapel.

- RK For this chapel because...
- INT Oh yes.
- RK The people alone were very poor that time and we don't have the means. But, because of this tourist bureau and we had Sister Kawahigashi go to town to patronize with the hotel to get people come. We got lot of people come eat. [commit]
- INT Would be quite a trip in those days too wouldn't it?
- RK Oh, you oughta see the people come, they enjoy. We feed 'em. Then I was the last with Bishop [Nathan or Bill?] Blevins. When Bishop Blevins was the bishop I was his counselor, you know. I was the working horse for that hukilau. So when President [Wayne] Allison saw this, \$8,000 a year profit, he said, "To go...."
- INT Oh, yes.
- RK ...but, he wanted me to stay with him see and he release our ward clerk, Charles Barenaba. I got mad and I don't know the procedure of the church, him and bishop and President Kanahele, you ask 'em, come over the house and they reconsider, you know, what I say. I tell you shout it up and I didn't know what I'm with talking my mouth. I didn't know I'm talking about— to the Lord, I didn't know they represent the Lord. You ask President Kanahele [undistinguishable]. They wanted me because they wanted me to go back on the Hukilau.
- INT This would have been, what, by 1958 or something by then I guess? Was President Allison the stake president then?
- RK Yes, he was the stake president. He took over. That's how they build that wall down there. Then I was out.
- INT That would be...
- RK But President Kanahele wants me, still because I was the [working horse]. I'm the only guy and I can call anybody I want they all come see because any time they need help I come, night or day I come fix their plumbing.

- INT So that would have been about 1968 or something—about twenty years after it started then, huh?
- RK Well, we started in 1947, I know because I used to go get the lumber down Kahuku. Po'i [Kuailipo'ilani] Kekauoha tell me, go down Kahuku get the lumber. I had one GI truck, and I haul my... That time when I used to go get and I didn't know 'til after---when I told Bishop Blevins---you shove that job off, the bishopric job, but I didn't know I was talking to the Lord. Nineteen sixty-six my wife got a stroke and is dead. And today I sustain any leader, no matter who they are, whether they a deacon or what. So that's why all theses people, anytime I call they come because anytime they need plumbing, free, I don't charge them.

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- RK Because they all poor, see. Boy, before Behlings, just come look, \$27. Only look, man don't touch!
- INT Now, you never did go to the school up here?
- RK No, I went down here, I didn't have time.—No chance.
- INT Now, this school here was gone by the time you were born then, was it?
- RK No, I saw my sisters and my step-sister go over there.
- INT Oh, I see.
- RK But when I was ready to go school they break this down, they had another one see.
- INT Oh, this was 1918, I guess, that would be about right, wouldn't it, because that's about when this started. So, it was new then, well the same building, same building.
- RK No, no, no, no. They tear down and they had a new building.
- INT Oh, okay, so new building. Oh, it was the chapel they used. The chapel and the chapel was just along side of where that other building is there.
- RK For the school classes. Only a few classes here, about two or three, that's all. but they had up to seventh grade only. I know Sister Woolley was my school teacher. Sister Woolley, Sister Meyers they were all. And, I used to bring my father's lunch. They didn't have this, but when I came back from the ship they had this. We used to have our garden for the school over here.
- INT I'd like to know when they built that road to Hale La'a. I haven't been able to find that out yet. Now this Naniloa Loop is fairly new too isn't it.
- RK This is where the train track was. There was no road here. No road, because train track. No parking over there. Train track go right along side his store.

INT That's good.

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- INT Now, did it stop here at the plantation store?
- RK Right straight [to] Kahuku so it connected to the main train track go down to Kahuku cause they got to haul the cane.
- INT (On car) So, the track, we're just about following the track, right now here on Naniloa Loop.
- RK This is the new road, before all along the other side there they had that one, this one, Lanihuli.
- INT So, then, it came out over there...
- RK This Wahinepe'e
- INT ... by Matsuda Store [Romie's Store] some place.
- RK Yes, it come in the back here by Matsuda store.
- INT Let's drive over there. So now Wahinepe'e came around and kinda curved in here. This road wasn't here then, was it?
- RK No, no, that's lately.
- INT Even the highway I guess didn't. So, did the camp come through over this far, you think?
- RK No, no, just on Moana.
- INT Oh, it ended at Moana Street.
- RK Yes, not over here. They had [undecipherable]. Stream wall was there the stream go right down to this— that's where connect with that sewer line I suppose used to be— go right out to the ocean.
- INT So, just kinda from Iosepa on over.
- RK The main [camp was] over here, see, but they had only little bit. One two houses, that's all.
- INT I see.

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- RK The main camp was this side.
- INT Now for along time they had...
- RK There's another old house that I recall, I was still small. Pane Meatoga's house. That's Bishop Kekauoha.

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- INT Now they had a couple of old buildings here when we came, I remember, they said belonged to the school where it used to be up there.
- RK Yes, they pull it from over there and bring it over here.
- INT And they used that for a long time, too, I guess. No more. So, this house where Pane lives, that's an old house.
- RK Yes, this is another old house. Then we used to have the Hukilau when we used to come over here for our meeting. Get our instructions from the Bishop Kekauoha.
- INT Is that where he lived?
- RK Yes.

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- INT Bishop Kekauoha? [Hauula Mauka corner of Lanihuli and Iosepa Street]
- RK This is all new homes now. Before, only few houses here.
- INT I guess this old Plantation Store has been here [a] long time, hasn't it? [on Kahuku makai corner Naniloa Loop, Lanihuli Streets]
- RK Yes, when I was small little boy [used to] come over here buy our things. They had a bakery right in the back. Bakery right over where that house is; [that] is where the bakery was.
- INT Over there where Joe Blevins lives now? [55-641 Naniloa Loop]
- RK Yes. The Chinese used to make the pastries.
- INT So, this is—was kind of the center of town, right here, I guess, right?
- RK Yes, everybody come here. This was the only store at that time. Then after that they had Kekuku store where Sam Choy is. The track come here, connect up there and go down. Then we had the barber shop here where we cut our hair before.
- INT Yes, I remember that. So, the spur that took off to go up behind here, took off around here someplace, is that right?
- RK What?
- INT The railroad spur that went off?
- RK Right here, right here—right along side here.
- INT So, it came in right here at the circle and went up out along Po'ohaili.
- RK Because it break off, from over there they get one switch over there.

- INT On the Kahuku side of the track...
- RK Right up here. So many new houses, kinda hard to estimate where—But it comes right along side this road.
- INT Now, was the cemetery here when you were a young fellow?
- RK Cemetery up, up the hill.
- INT Up farther, huh?
- RK Yes.

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- INT Do you know anything about the old cemetery up behind the temple?
- RK There's one up there, right up there, where those folks cleaning. This you know where that banana patch. It's from this side.
- INT Way up on the hill over there. Way up high.
- RK Oh no, most on that side, close to the temple, right in back of the temple?
- INT Is it between the temple and that road that goes back there?
- RK No, you see that hill? Right behind of the temple.
- INT The hill over the top of the green house, is that where you mean?
- RK No, no, no. In the back there, because we had to come the other side. Before we go over here, there was good road; they clean it see, kept it clean for burial and we had one up going up [to] the Cackle Fresh Egg Farm.
- INT There was another cemetery over here.
- RK Yes, there's two, we had quite a bit Chinese, Japanese—they buried here and we have our own plot down there, the Polynesians. Then later on they brought it down. Right across the river over here, there's one right across the river. Then they got this new one, this cemetery when we bought our plot too.
- INT Let's see if I can get that figured out.
- RK You go right in here, there's a new cemetery.
- INT Can you see the old one from here? If we go in here, can you see where the old cemetery is?
- RK There's one old one across the stream. Go this way... see where the pine tree is? That's

where the second cemetery from the older one up the hill. There's one up the hill. From there they brought it down here. Then over here kind of full, they started coming out here. When Howard Stone was—he had it over there. Then later they had to open again another plot over here. So we bought ours here you see where, the second one, this is the second one across the stream.

- INT So it's on the other side of the pine tree, then there's a stream behind the back there, huh?
- RK Right here the stream where this hump is. We go down here get one bridge-that's the second cemetery. The first cemetery up the hill.
- INT Oh, I see, over there where those buildings are. Is that where I said, it used to be?
- RK No, Cackle Fresh Egg Farm.

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- INT So, just about where Cackle Fresh Egg Farm is.
- RK Down here, down here, right below, as you are going up the Cackle Fresh Egg Farm.
- INT So that was the first one.
- RK The first one up there. That's where we bury all my... This was the second because not enough plot up there so they had this open. Then this was kinda full then Howard Stone start re-open this side. So we had to pay \$50 plot that time. Yes, he told me you better buy a couple of plots for you, so I bought only four.
- INT So this area right here across form the other side of the bridge here was the second one, then.
- RK This the second, the first one up...
- INT Right where the Cackle Fresh Egg Farm is.
- RK Yes, right below the Cackle Fresh Egg Farm.
- INT Now had they started this one yet when you were a little fellow?
- RK Which one?
- INT The second one.
- RK Oh, I was old, I came back the ship, had that already.
- INT But when you were just young they just had the one up by the egg farm?
- RK Yes, from the first cemetery. I knew that one. Then when I came my stepmother was buried here, but [it] was still here before I went. But when I came back I didn't know was this new [undecipherable] so Howard Stone wanted to give me all information on it. I said

go see President Clissold. [OH-103] President Clissold doesn't know too much of this one over here and the road use to come over here catch one place and then go up. Was Wahinepe'e.

INT Oh yes... Now to get to that other cemetery behind the temple, did you go over, did you walk up over the hill behind the temple or go around, come up from behind it?

RK Goes right by the temple used to be. But, now all closed up. You know where the school I was telling you? We used to go up there. Either that or go by President Wongs Behlings home. Right in the back, we get one trail go up there, a road for the burial.

INT So it was right there, it wasn't very far.

RK Mostly, most burial was all close behind the temple.

INT Right there behind the temple.

RK Because mostly dirt, but this side all rocks, so nobody want to dig with [undecipherable] they don't have the means, have dynamite to dig the hole. Okay.

INT Well, thank you, so very, very much.

RK Thank the Lord.

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INT I appreciate this.

RK Give the credit to the Lord. I am one of his servants.

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