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The story of Especio is part of a larger family history, Dotario was a step-father of Lewis Andrade, and provides this information after extensive genealogical research.

Dotario arrived in 1931, under contract as a plantation worker. While Especio Dotario Sr. was his name while on Kaua'i, the records indicate Hospicio Dotario, at age 20, arriving June 26, 1931, according to a Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association labor agreement. Finding the records to unravel this issue is yet to be accomplished. Data shows he used both names.

Florence Andrade became his wife on April 10, 1940 in Wailuku, Maui. She is listed on his draft registration form dated June 27, 1943, where he used the name Hospicio Duca Dotario. They had five sons. The marriage ended about 4 years later.

Dotario was employed by various plantations on Kauai, Oahu and Maui, and perhaps on Lana'i as well. Work records provide additional data. He was employed for 14 years in the sugar industry. Dotario traveled to the Philippines in 1947, 1948, and 1949, where he married Dorotea Sapitola, in 1947, in 1948 they had a son, who died at age 2.

Angeline Hepa (1933-2006) became his new wife in Kapa'a in 1954. One daughter is still living.

Interesting information provided by Lewis Andrade completes this archive : Dotario purchased the *Sea Queen*, a fishing boat in partnership with Mr. Ogata in 1951 or 1952. Family stories follow, with Dotario buying another boat about 6 years later, and he became a fisherman. His obituary is provided, along with family photographs.

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