

Finding Aid  
to

***IMAGES OF AMERICA: KAPAA, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS***

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### *Images of America: Kapaa, Supporting Documents*

**Extent:** 1-2.5" archival box

**Abstract:**

This folder contains photos, hand drawn maps, and personal notes about Kapaa. The primary contributor is Albert Fukushima.

**History:**

This finding aid contains documentation for the book *Images of America Kapa'a*, authored by Marta Hulsman, Wilma Chandler, Bill and Judie Fernandez, Linda Kaiialoa, Linda Moriarty, and Herman Texeira, copyright 2015. Kapaa was first mentioned as a mere stopover to Hanalei but it soon grew into a town when sugar and rice were introduced in the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Later pineapple and tourism came to play important roles in the Kapa'a's development. Kapa'a was unique in that it was independent and not necessarily a sugar plantation town. That is to say, that a single sugar plantation did not employ, feed, and house everyone who lived there. Government lands became available for sale and people moved there to open businesses and to have the opportunity to buy a home.

Albert Fukushima was born in 1931 and lived in Kapaa town from 1940. His handwritten notes describe a first-hand account of living in Kapaa; as a child, during the war years, and the impacts of rice, sugar and pineapple. Remarkably, he created a map from memory of all the families and businesses that occupied Kapaa town which was included in the book in his own hand. Many stories are related and friendships remembered. Of particular note are his descriptions of the WWII years and the impacts on Japanese families. Many of his personal observations are not included in the book.

**Acquisition information:** Ex. These records came to the historical society in 2008, deposited by Linda Moriarty.

**Access restrictions:** These records are open to research

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**Scope and Content:**

The documentation in this finding aid consists of 10 packets of handwritten notes by Albert Fukkushima, four hand-drawn maps on tissue/bond paper by Albert Fukushima, 11 packets of maps with notations. There are 9 original (?) photos and 6 photocopied photos and 2 packets of captions for photos. There are 3 documents by other contributors.

**Related Material:**

1. *Images of America Kapa‘a* by Marta Hulsman, Wilma Chandler, Bill and Judie Fernandez, Linda Kaialoha, Linda Moriarty, and Herman Texeira, copyright 2015.
2. *Walking Tour of Downtown Kapa‘a* by Marie Suard-Fifield.

**Container List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	1	Notes to Marta Hulsman from Albert Fukushima dated 10/14/2014. In this note Albert Fukushima (AF) mentions fun things that he did in Kapaa, sports, the LDS church, the Hawaiian Cannery gym and tsunamis. Photocopies of photos include LDS members, Kealia before the mill, Makee Mill, a mountain of sugar bags and the flood of 1946. Notes entitled <i>The Legacy of Kapaa Town My Thoughts</i> . In this packet of notes AF mentions how he saw Kapaa as a child, movie theaters, impacts of WWII, and the pineapple and sugar plantations. He also describes Kealia Town. Names that he mentions are Doctors Balfor, Wallis and Bert, Nurses Marie Rodrigues, and Kaiko Yoshida. In Kealia the postmaster Ken Masunaga then Hazel Kubbo, then Lee Ann (nee Kubbo) and then Laurie Macadamia (?). Gas station owner Joseph Sugai; Herman Chong ran the PineTree Inn. The Spalding Monument is mentioned. The Augiar (?) Family planted sugar cane in Kapahi. People who lived in Kapaa: Manuel S. Hendriques, Antone Texiera, Louie Gonsalves, Wallace Otsuka, Jay Otsuka, J.B. Fernandes, Billy Fernandes, Ted and Flora Yamate, Nicholas Kimiki, Mrs. Ball, Fred Victorino, Henry T. Sheldon, Henry C.K. Sheldon, Seto Family, Hatakeyama Family, Lizama Family, Tom Family, Nakamura, E. Bettencort, G. Ferrero, Vasconcilo, Osaki, Ogata, Souza, Rodrigues, Shak, Iida, Correa, Silva, Viverios, Ebinger, Seki, Rapozo, Hendriques, Nakamura, Kondo, Morgan, Garan, Iwamoto, Yukumura, Osaki, Kisada, Arakawas, Yaka, and Kinko.

Notes that begins with, “On the other side of the road...”

AF continues to describe the town and the shops and people associated with them. Names that he mentions are George Heiane, Minoru Furugen, Momiura, Higashi, Izumi, Nakaza, Arashiro, Lai, Nishimitsu, Veleso, Shido, Akutagawa, Ruben Ohai, Tanaka, Nakamura, George Kondo, Morgan, Garam, Iwamoto, Yukimura, Osaki, Kisada, Victorino. Hundly (Hunly), Ferreiro, Bettencort, Osaki Muramura, George Heiane, Taka Sokei, mamo Wakuta, George Mukai, Osaki Ogata, Souza, Rodriques, Fernandez, G.M. Shak, Iida, Correia, Silva, Viveriors, Ebinger, Seiki, Kojima, Rapozo, Hendriques, Yonemura, Karasuda, Yamate, Togikawa, Iwai, Oshita, Kurasaki, Mori, Nishino, Yegda (?), Terraoka, Noons, Lee, Yamanae, Kawasaki, Kawamoto, Nagaoka, Nishimitsu, Tom, Kakutani, A.H. Tan, Nakamura, Kondo, Ishi, Garan, Iwamoto, Yukumura, Osaki, Kisada, Martin, Noh, and Miura. AF mentions the waves of ethnic groups that came to Kapaa.

Notes beginning, “As I looked over the Notes...”

AF mentions cooking in rock ovens, tofu shops, farm crops, tin smith, plumber, saimin shop, stable, theater, and a funeral practice.

Notes entitled, *Roxy Theather (sic) the Dream of Mr. Fernandez.*

AF relates stories about the theater. He mentions names associated with the shops and businesses in the town: Ilene Smith, Yanigihara, Patterson, Arakawas, Yaka, Kinko, ChongUrabe, Pedcrin, Miyazaki, Kawakami, Yoshida, Tam, Morita, Otsuka, Chu, Murata, Kawamura, Yoshida, Takemoto, Stumpy, Kawamoto, Hashimoto Odanaka, Tsunuhiro, Hepa, Sahara, Komori, Sora, Yokota, Magsayo, Rumion, Arashiro, Nakaza, Izumi, Higashi, Miura, Frugugen, Sugahara, Hiranaka, Tam, Yoshimura, Wong, Morita, Otsuka, Chu, Murata, Kusumoto, Nishimoto, Kawamoto, Hashimoto, Yamada, Odanaka, Tsunihiro, Takemoto, and Kaawai.

Notes entitled, *More of the Fun Things.*

AF relates stories about the sugar train, fishing and Makee Mill. He lists people who lived in Kealia; Tamashiro, Koide, Sugahara, Hironaka, Wakuta, Alisna, Hashimoto, Furumoto, Vasquez, Ornellas, Kaluahine, Watanabe, Shimamoto, Fujiuchi, and Freitas. He lists his contemporaries (circa 2014) who would know about Kapaa.

Notes entitled, *The Hawaiian Cannery Managers.*

AF talks about managers of the Hawaiian Cannery, Mr. Albert Horner, Leslie Miller, and Jan Newhouse, Mr. Giles and Walter Smith.

Notes entitled, *Wilma.*

AF provides history of particular features and businesses of Kapaa town that relate to photos that were used in the book. He mentions the canals, last rice patches, and businesses such as Kondo S. Co.,

Lee Restaurant, Pool Hall, Tanaka , Nishimitsu, Lai, Ohai, Cummings, Akutagawa , Deville, Nagaoka, Miyoshi, Seto Store, Furugen, Kanekuni, Tam, Wakumoto, Hirata, Mao Long Chu, Nakaza, Kisada, Osaki, Iwamoto, Takemoto, and Morgan.

Notes entitled, *Kapaa China Town -Chinese Business-*.

Author (unknown) mentions Chinese businesses in Kapaa town.

Notes entitled, *Kapaa Mormon Church*.

Author (unknown) states the timeline of the development of the LDS chapel, gym, and complex.

1            2        Albert Fukushima (AF) wrote up several note packets addressing WWII:

Notes beginning "May I suggest to have more about..."

AF talks about his brother James "Turk" Fukushima and mentions those that might know about his time in the Korean War. Three Garden Island Newspaper articles are included about Turk as well as a certificate from the Secretary of Defense.

Notes beginning "A sad ovation for the Japanese people..."

AF mentions how Japanese were treated in 1941 to 1945. An article from WWII about a Japanese flag that was found in a cave in Okinawa.

Notes beginning entitled *1/15/15 George Mukai*.

AF interviews George Mukai about various subjects; Kaiakea dairy, Mahelona Hospital, WWII impacts on Japanese on Kauai, fishing, and dredging done by plantation. He mentions the Suzukamo family, Jitsuo Otsuka, and Ted Yamate.

A Garden Island Newspaper article by a member of the Lost Battalion from Texas who were saved by the 442<sup>nd</sup>.

An article on Bunkichi Matsuyoshi of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

A brief mention of Katsuki Tanigawa and Seichi Hoishi about a promotion.

3            History of Kapaa by Reggie Kawamoto.

Dairies on Kauai by Albert Fukushima

Kapaa Slide Show, Sept 27, 2008. These are notes on slides (no slides) of a presentation about Kapaa.

4            Various maps hand-drawn of Kapaa and Wailua in the 1930s. Maps show names of family residences, businesses, parks, and churches.

Hand-drawn map on bond paper (26" x 36") of Kapaa includes the entire town from Kawaihau Road to the north to Waieka Canal to the south. Two 11" x 17" duplicate maps are included. One is a clean copy and the other is a key to the individual maps.

Three hand-drawn maps on tissue paper (20" x 25") of Wailua from Waieka Canal to the north to the Wailua River to the south.

A. Map and notations showing occupants of Kuhio and Niu Street. Dates for businesses included in notations.

B. Map showing occupants of Kuhio and Inia Rd.

C. Map showing Kuhio and Ulu St.

- D. Aloiau's property map showing Lehua St., Kukui St. and the Gov't. Main Road. Notations include a list of businesses and dates that are shown on map.
- E. Map showing most of Kapaa town with Kuhio, Lehua, Kauwila Roads
- F. Map showing Kuhio Road, Waikea Canal to All Saints Church.
- G. Map showing Kawaihau Road and including Kapaa School, Mahelona Hospital and dairy.
- H. Map showing Kapahi Homesteads.
- I. Map showing almost all of the Kapaa Town.
- J. Map including Ulu St., Kuhio Rd, Inia St.
- K. Map including Moikea Canal to Kawaihau Road.
- L. Map showing Waikea Canal south to All Saints Church.

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Photos

9- black and white photos of Portuguese families, sugar laborers, sugar mills, and Stone Lantern. All photos in KHS collection.

12 photocopies of photos of various Kapaa scenes

2 packets of captions for photos used in book