

# Lana'i Memories

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Over the last 10 months, the people of Lana'i—past and present residents—have been bringing a wide range of artifacts and family memorabilia to the collection of the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center. With the passing of time and changing social-economic environment on Lana'i, there has been a sense of urgency on the part of people who wish to help ensure that Lana'i's heritage and treasured resources are protected and passed on to future generations. These cultur-

al-historical collections, along with those gathered over the years since envisioning such a center on Lana'i, have our community well on the way to being a leader in the efforts of documenting and passing on our unique community heritage. We are also continuing our efforts to find a permanent home for the collections, and for sharing the history of Lana'i with everyone who touches our shores.

Our motto at the Lana'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lana'i CHC)

is, "Honoring the past, and enriching the future." To do this, we need the help of everyone who cares for Lana'i. We are seeking financial support to ensure that we can be good stewards of the material culture and resources entrusted to us. We are continuing our efforts of collecting oral history interviews with elders, and we are always looking for items — artifacts, historical pieces, plantation family memorabilia and historical records (documents, photographs and maps) — that will en-

sure that Lana'i's rich history will be a part of the lives of all people who follow us.

Below, follow a few photographs from family albums that are a part of the Lana'i CHC collections. We encourage you to help us continue collecting photographs like these so that we can pass the history of Lana'i on to future generations. If you can help us identify the people in the photos, it will be very important for future generations:



Families of the Lana'i Honpa Hongwanji ca. 1939 (Photograph from the Helen Tamura Onuma Collection).



Lana'i Japanese Language School (Photograph from the Gima Family Collection).



Filipino Federation of America War Bonds Program (Photograph from the Hera Family Collection).



July 4th, 1946 Celebration (Photograph from the Masao "Jeff" Matsumoto Collection).



Lana'i Trip of July 1975 with Kenneth Emory pointing out petroglyphs at Luahiwa—Kepa Maly standing behind K. Emory. (Photograph from the Duane A. Black and Sheila Black Collection).



Collection of endemic Hawaiian Land Snails collected in the 1930s from James Smith and Linda L.S. Caires (Photo No. KPA-C10239)