

**United States Department of the Interior**  
**National Park Service**  
**National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

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**1. Name of Property**

Historic name: Hāmākua Country Club

Other names/site number: TMK: (3) 4-5-004:005, Previously Honokaʻa Golf Course, Honokaʻa Golf Club

Name of related multiple property listing:

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

**2. Location**

Street & number: 45-3280 Māmalahoa Highway

City or town: Honokaʻa State: HI County: Hawaiʻi

Not For Publication: ☐ Vicinity: ☐

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this \_\_\_ nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide   x   local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

  x   A \_\_\_ B   x   C \_\_\_ D

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**Signature of certifying official/Title:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government**

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In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

State or Federal agency/bureau  
or Tribal Government

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

\_\_\_ entered in the National Register

\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register

\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register

\_\_\_ removed from the National Register

\_\_\_ other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

#### 5. Classification

##### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private:

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Public – Local

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Public – State

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Public – Federal

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**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

Building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
District	<input type="checkbox"/>
Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Structure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Object	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1(Clubhouse)</u>	<u>3 (sheds)</u>	buildings
<u>1 (Golf Course links)</u>	<u>                    </u>	sites
<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	structures
<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Total

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

SOCIAL: golf course

SOCIAL: Clubhouse

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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

SOCIAL: golf course

SOCIAL: Clubhouse



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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LANDSCAPE: Golf Course

BUILDING: Modern Vernacular

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

Clubhouse: concrete, wood, glass, and *totan* (corrugated metal roof)

Links: soil, sand, grass, and a few trees

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

Honoka'a Directional Terms:

*makai* (downside, toward the ocean, roughly to the north)

*mauka* (uphill, toward the mountains, roughly to the south)

Waip'io/Waipi'o-side (roughly to Waipi'o Valley on the west)

Hilo/Hilo-side (roughly to Hilo on the east)

(All citations are fully documented in Section 9—Bibliography and Addendum A—Property Transfers.)

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The property is a nine-hole golf course with Clubhouse located on a sloping site below the circle island highway.

The links are organized in a switchback design to accommodate limited acreage. The switchbacks lead to cross play on common fairways. Players may replay the initial nine holes to reach the standard game count of eighteen holes.

The Clubhouse is a one-story structure located on the highest elevation portion of the property. It contains "Operations" and "Lounge" sides, formed in the shape of an "L." The foundation is concrete, walls of tongue-and-groove wood construction, windows plate glass or louvered in wood frames, ceilings open beam, and hipped roof consisting of corrugated metal. Restrooms, storage, office and kitchen facilities occupy the Operations side, while the Lounge is a multiple-purpose recreational/meeting area. A large open Lanai on the north-west side, protected by a corrugated metal shed roof, offers views of the entire course.

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**Narrative Description**

**Hamakua Country Club**

The Hamakua Country Club Clubhouse is located *makai* (seaward) of the circle island Māmalahoa Highway. The Golf Course is accessed via Plumeria Street and 'Aiea Lane within the town of Honokaa.

**The Hāmākua Country Club Site—The Golf Course Greens**

The landscaped golf course includes manicured lawns for play with trees acting as windbreaks and providing for runoff retention. Putting green areas have closely-cropped grass. It is a nine-hole golf course in a somewhat limited area. Some of the holes have been reoriented. The circuit of the course is 2,505 yards. Each tee-off-fairway aims towards its hole, but crosses over another course in so doing. (Please see sketch map p. 44) The golf course slope descends from the 1,291-foot elevation at the Clubhouse location to the *makai* perimeter 1,164-foot-elevation. It has safety fencing to protect nearby houses, streets, and vehicles.

**Hāmākua Country Club Clubhouse**

45-3280 Māmalahoa Highway

The Clubhouse is located at the Waipi'o end of 'Aiea Lane. Its driveway has a parking lot as its terminus. The building can be accessed two ways: from 'Aiea Lane down by a straight run of eleven concrete steps or from the golf course upward by another run of concrete stairs traversing a dry-laid rock wall. The HCC Clubhouse is sited on the highest part of the property in proximity to both Hole 9 and a putting green.

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The existing Clubhouse building was initially constructed in 1956. Designed by an unidentified architect or engineer, it was constructed by Honoka'a contractor John Yamane at a cost of \$15,000. A Lanai addition was erected in 1957. The Clubhouse as completed is a Modern Vernacular wood building with concrete floors, single-wall construction, one-story height, open ceiling rooms showing wood beams and the underside of *totan*, gable and shed roofs, seven bays in width with a seven-pile depth, and 3,096 s.f. in area.

An aerial view of the HCC Clubhouse illustrates that it consists of four parts. These may be identified by function: (1) an "Operations" Wing, (2) a "Lounge" Wing, (3) a 7'-8" wide covered Entrance Corridor running between the Operations and Lounge wings and (4) a covered Lanai (patio). The Operations Wing has a corrugated metal roof that is oriented Waipi'o-Hilo parallel to Māmalahoa Highway. The Lounge Wing, nearly equal in size to the Operations Wing, also has a hipped corrugated iron roof, but is oriented *mauka-makai* perpendicular to Māmalahoa Highway. The two wings form an "L" shape. The Entrance Corridor is 7'-8" wide, with corrugated iron hipped roof, runs *makai* and joins the Operations and Lounge wings. The large Lanai, with shed corrugated iron and plexiglass roof, occupies half the southwest side of the Operations wing. The expansive Lanai roof is supported by wood columns and native 'ōhi'a posts. The *mauka* narrow shed-extension of the Operations Wing's eave consists of corrugated iron and plexiglass.

### Clubhouse Exterior

Describing the ground level exterior layout of the Hāmākua Country Club Clubhouse can be confusing as the *mauka* side containing the main entrance from the parking lot is not the focus of the building. Here, the "front" is secondary to the *makai* "back" because the back contains the golf links. Furthermore, the building sits on the Hāmākua District's northwest to southeast axis.

The Clubhouse's Mauka Façade is seven bays in width (64 feet wide), of which four bays are partially obscured immediately from the driveway entrance on 'Aiea Lane due to a change in elevation (Photos 0002-0006). Along the Operations Wing (viewing from left to right) are a wire fence, a metal gate, wood support posts and a roof extension of corrugated iron and plexiglass, providing a parking area for a queue of golf carts but obscuring the 7" vertical tongue and groove walls and louvered windows. A large wooden sliding door provides access to the central Entrance Corridor. The Lounge Wing is dominated by its gable. The Lounge Wing is also clad in 7" tongue and groove, circular-sawn, vertical wood siding without corner boards, some of which have been replaced at indeterminate dates, and a simple wood drip mold has been erected on the concrete slab. The Lounge Wing's two-bay wood framed windows have been infilled with painted plywood and embellished with a printed sign with the building name, "HAMAKUA COUNTRY CLUB." A corrugated metal shed roof with up-braces provides shade for the sign. The Lounge Wing's gable's corrugated metal roof extends well beyond the façade and its eaves do not include barge boards.

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The Clubhouse's Waipi'o Façade is seven bays in depth (52-feet wide) with two bays comprising the Makai Façade (rear) Lanai, four bays comprising the gable end of the "Operations" wing, and one bay for the golf cart shed extension on the Mauka (front-southwest) Façade (Photos 1, 11-12). Access for golf carts to and from the shed extension is provided by a vehicular entry and secured with a metal gate. The gable end is four bays in width, is un-fenestrated, and clad in seven-inch tongue and groove, circular-sawn, vertical wood siding without corner boards, and a simple wood drip mold that has been erected on a concrete slab. The corrugated metal roof extends beyond the façade and its eaves do not include barge boards.

The Clubhouse's Makai Façade's Lounge Wing has a gable end that is two bays in width (22 feet wide) and fenestrated by a prominent three-bay window that is wood-framed with fixed sash and gabled (Photos 7-9). The Façade was recorded by an unidentified photographer in an image that was published on September 7, 1956 in the *Hawaii Tribune Herald*. The photo shows that panels beneath the windows originally contained louvered vents that have been infilled at an indeterminate date. The original seven-inch tongue and groove vertical wood siding of the *makai* rear façade has been covered with horizontal vinyl siding with a three-and-three-fourth-inch lap and vinyl corner trim. The corrugated metal gable roof projects beyond the façade and is supported by exposed rafter tails with an open soffit.

The Makai Façade's Lanai (in alignment with the Lounge Makai Façade) is made up of three open bays, demarcated by two lines of wood columns and native 'ōhi'a posts, that support a shed roof of corrugated metal over a concrete Lanai, and provides shaded seating for patrons.

The Makai Façade's Operations Wing (setback from the Lounge-Lanai Makai Façade) has the Women's and Men's Toilets occupying two bays, clad with seven-inch tongue and groove vertical wood siding without corner boards, and fenestrated with louvered windows.

The Clubhouse's Hilo Façade is five bays in depth (40 feet wide) and fenestrated with two, paired louvered windows (Photo 6). The windows are wood framed and include wood heads, jambs, and sills. The original seven-inch tongue and groove vertical wood siding has been covered with horizontal vinyl siding with a three-and-three-fourth-inch lap and vinyl corner trim. There is a concrete approach to a sodded area next to this façade that appears to be used by staff for parking. The corrugated metal gabled roof is supported on exposed rafter tails with an open soffit.

### **Clubhouse Interior**

The main pedestrian access into the HCC Clubhouse is made through a slab door (c. 1950) in an enclosed outset entry from the Façade. This interior Entrance Corridor leads to the Operations Wing, Lanai and Lounge Wing.

The "Operations" wing includes an Office/ Kitchen and two Storage rooms. A slab door that

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facilitates staff access and egress to the Corridor from the Office/Kitchen is located near the front entry; original single panel doors provide access to Storage rooms. The interiors of all three rooms have concrete floors, exposed seven-inch vertical tongue and groove wood siding, top and bottom plates, intermediate framing for slab doors and louvered windows, as well as exposed roof framing that has been painted. The Office/Kitchen has metal counters, a metal sink, and a stove installed against the exterior *mauka* wall. Wood counters for office functions are installed against the interior *makai* wall. There is also a counter and a pass-through service window through to the room's Office/Kitchen wall that opens onto the Lanai for patron access.

The Lanai is accessible to both the Operations and Lounge Wings. Within the Operations Wing, fully separate from the Kitchen/Office, are the Women's and Men's Toilets. The interiors of both restrooms rooms have concrete floors, exposed seven-inch vertical tongue and groove wood siding, top and bottom plates, intermediate framing for slab doors and louvered windows, as well as exposed roof framing that has been painted. There is one stall in the Women's Toilet and one in the Men's with a urinal. The Men's Toilet includes wood partition walls that are accessed through a wood privacy door while the Women's does not. There is a small storage space in the Women's Toilet that appears to have been a shower. Both Toilets are furnished with commodes, sinks, mirrors, and paper towel dispensers.

The Lounge Wing contains the Lounge itself and two Storage rooms and are accessed from the Lanai through two pairs of slab doors. The interior of the Lounge has a concrete floor, exposed seven-inch vertical tongue and groove wood siding, top and bottom plates, intermediate framing for slab doors and louvered windows, as well as exposed roof framing that have been painted. The roof framing consists of paired wood rafters with up-braces and wood purlins that support the corrugated metal roof. Within the Lounge are moveable lounge chairs for viewing the golf course and several moveable tables and chairs.

Access to the storage rooms is provided by two slab doors inside the Lounge. There is a demising wall that separates the two rooms. They are unfinished with concrete floors, exposed seven-inch vertical tongue and groove wood siding, wood top and bottom plates, intermediate framing for windows that have been infilled with plywood, as well as exposed roof framing.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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**Period of Significance**

1929-1973 (Original course layout to 50 years)

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**Significant Dates**

1929 (Original Course layout)

1956-1957 (Present Clubhouse constructed)

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**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

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**Cultural Affiliation**

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**Architect/Builder**

Contractor: John Yamane

Contractor: Yam Contractors

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

### **Level of Significance—Local History**

The Hāmākua Country Club Property meets the Registration Requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Submission "Historical and Architectural Resources of Honoka'a Town, Haina Ahupua'a, Hāmākua District, Hawai'i Island, Hawai'i MPS for the Property Type: Entertainment/Recreation and Landscape/Architecture.

The Property retains all seven aspects of historic integrity: (1) Location. The Course has remained in its original location. (2) Setting. The Course and Clubhouse have retained their configuration from 1957. (3) Design. The historic form, plan, spacing, structure and style of the property are intact. (4) Materials. The building's composition, including foundations, tongue and groove or sheet metal walls and *totan* roofs have been replaced where necessary in kind. This is true also of the vast majority of windows. (5) Workmanship. The owners have employed skilled carpenters specializing in buildings constructed during the period of significance. (6) Feeling. The buildings would be recognized by members from the 1950s in terms of original design, materials, workmanship and setting. (7) Association. The property reflects the evolution of integration of different ethnic groups into local social organizations and recreational facilities.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

### **History and Events**

#### **Historical Background of Golf in the United States**

Although it remains unknown exactly when organized golf entered the U.S., it appears to date to the 1780s and became extremely popular by the 1880s. The two earliest known courses, the South Carolina Golf Club and the Savannah Golf Club, were founded in 1786 and 1795. Another, Virginia, was founded in 1884 but ceased to exist by 1910. The closures of these early golf clubs illustrate that even with incomes generated from fees, maintaining a successful country club was unpredictable at best. The next golf course to be built in the country appears to have been Shinnecock Hills on Long Island, New York in 1891, and



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because of its unique approach to financing, appears to have had more longevity than any of its predecessors.

Shinnecock Hills was situated on a rural tract of land and financed by a group of likeminded enthusiasts who had learned the game while travelling in Scotland. To develop the course and maintain it, they raised funds by incorporating and selling stock. Historically dependent on those who could afford time and money for leisure activities, the stockholders and members of the company rebranded the enterprise as a "country club" or "golf club." Over time, such institutions became the destinations for high status and wealthy, privileged, upper class people who were mostly Euro American, Protestant businessmen and the independently wealthy, their families, and politicians who could afford to maintain the extensive grounds. For example, in 1891 Shinnecock Hills Country Club sold shares for \$100, the equivalent of \$3,272 dollars in 2022, well out of reach of the average American worker who made less than \$5.00 per day. In 2022 the price of a round of golf for a visitor at Shinnecock Hills are \$350 per round, a member must accompany the golfer, and must hire a caddy as walking the course is mandatory.

As golf clubs proliferated, they began to compete with one another for prestige and increased membership by sponsoring amateur tournaments. In 1894, after two clubs declared two separate winners in amateur tournaments that were held at their courses, an organization of five clubs was established called the United States Golf Association (USGA). Its purpose was to standardize the rules of the game and resolve conflicts between competitors. They included Saint Andrew's Golf Club in Yonkers, NY (1888), Shinnecock Hills Golf Club on Long Island (1891), the Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton Illinois (1892), the Country Club in Brookline Massachusetts (1893), and the Newport Country Club in Newport, Rhode Island (1893). In 2022, the USGA sponsored fourteen separate national tournaments, ten of which were expressly for amateurs.

As with other organizations, articles of association were and remain the mainstay of the country club. In those documents are stated the organization's purpose, rules for membership, how much stock may be sold and at what price, as well as the composition of the board of directors. Investment insured long-term financial support while revenue from non-stockholder monthly or annual subscriptions, dues, locker rentals, and initiation and green fees covered operational costs. Such privately owned, all male clubs could, and did, frequently implement policies barring persons of ethnic, religious and/or economic minority communities. These discriminatory practices are still legal in the twenty-first century,

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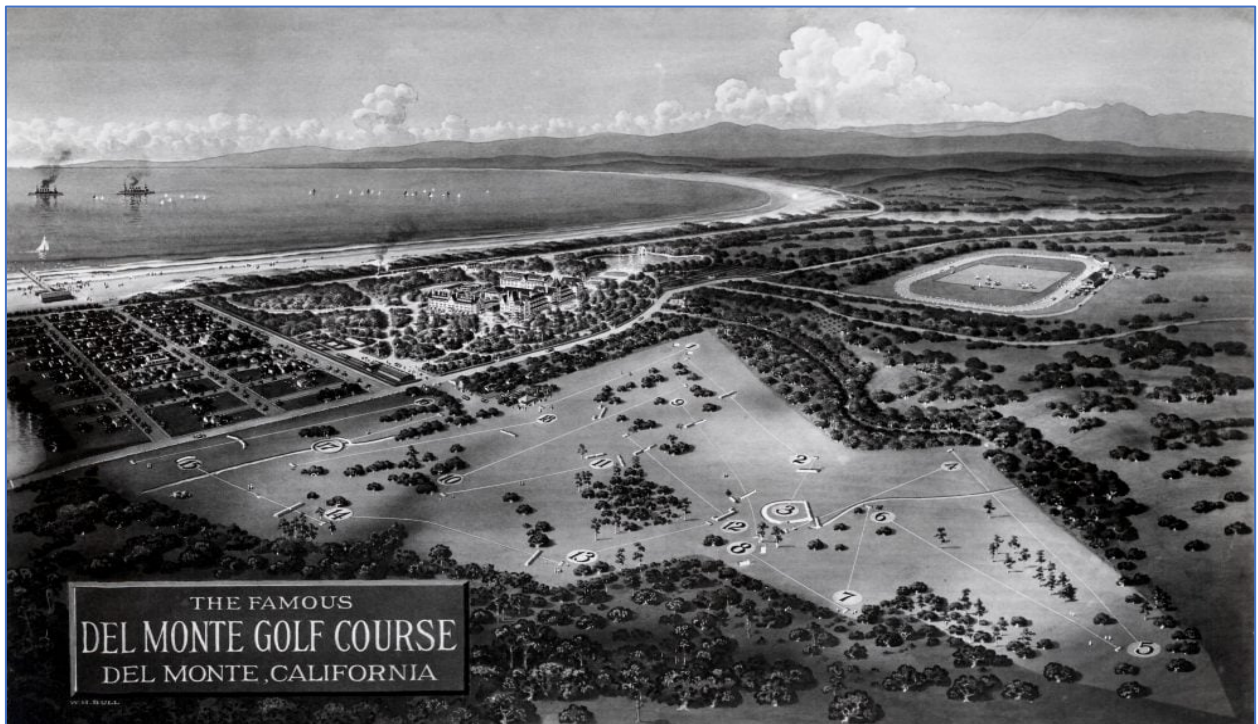
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though pressure from societal forces has resulted in the relaxation or abolishment of the policies at some clubs. (One infamous example was the barring by the Augusta Country Club in Georgia of former Secretary of State, African American Condoleezza Rice. After experiencing considerable pressure, the eighty-year-old club finally allowed her and another woman to join in 2011.)

Earlier in the nineteenth century, the popularity of golf spread quickly across the nation and on May 1, 1897, the Pacific Improvement Company opened the Del Monte in Monterey, California, the first course west of the Mississippi. Still on its original site in 2022, it was part of the Del Monte Hotel complex regarded as one of the grandest resorts of the era. In 1919 Del Monte Properties built the famous Pebble Beach links, which later became, and still is, the site of numerous championship and pro-am tournaments.



*HISTORIC TIMELINE OF THE DEL MONTE COURSE*

1913 Postcard of the Expanded Del Monte Golf Course

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## Golf in Hawai'i

Golf was introduced to Hawai'i by Scottish and English members of plantation company management, engineers and business owners who saw Hawai'i's topography of rolling hills and valleys as particularly well suited for golf courses. The first game is recalled as having been played in 1890 between Scot Alexander Garvie, the head clerk for Bishop & Company (predecessor of First Hawaiian Bank) and the Britisher John C. Cook, a cashier for the Theo H. Davies Co. (a British owned plantation management and merchant company). The game took place on a cow pasture near Punahou school with each player sharing a set of clubs that were borrowed from fellow Scot Archibald S. Cleghorn (the father of Princess Ka'iulani). Garvie won. The first media report about golf in Hawai'i was in a "Local Brevities" section of the January 25, 1895, edition of the *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* (PCA) which stated that, "on good authority...a golf club similar to those in the East will soon be introduced in the city." Four months later on April 16, 1895, the PCA's "Local News" section reported that members of the nascent Mānoa Valley Golf Club were playing on Judge H.E. Cooper's Puupuea lot at "Punahou near the college" (Oahu College). On January 1, 1896, the *Evening Bulletin* attempted to inform local readers about the new game by reprinting an article from the front page of the San Francisco Call that described golf and how it was played in that city.

Three years later in 1898, missionary's son and golfer Samuel Mills Damon opened an eighteen-hole course on his 6,000-acre estate in Moanalua on Oahu. He eschewed the formation of an official association, kept the links open to all and refused to build a Clubhouse. In 1901 his son Samuel E. Damon reduced the number of holes from eighteen to nine (also likely reducing the cost of upkeep). He is reported to have remarked that, "The course has been shortened from 18 to 9 holes because it has been conceded by the majority of players that the latter number is sufficient for a warm climate such as we have here." Samuel E. Damon permitted the Honolulu Golf Club, incorporated in 1900, to base its operation at Moanalua, though there was no affiliation with Moanalua itself. Damon served as president and T. Clive Davies, owner of Theo H. Davies, as vice president. As close to a public course as existed at that time, the HGC offered open membership to anyone who wished to join.

In 1904 Benjamin F. Dillingham's Hale'iwa Hotel resort at Waialua on O'ahu's north shore offered guests the option of hunting or playing at its own private golf club.

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On June 4, 1904, sixty-five golf enthusiasts met at the Alexander Young Hotel to launch the official Mānoa Valley Country Club, (MVCC). Unlike the Honolulu Club, it was private, although Women could be members (but not stockholders) and provisions were made for tourists and visitors to play. Officers were elected, and the membership voted to improve the course and build a Clubhouse. Judge Cooper, who was not a club member, had allowed members to play rent-free on his property and offered the club the option of either leasing or buying his land. Both alternatives were deemed too expensive, but Cooper continued to allow the group to use his property. Over the next two years, the board looked at Kaimukī, Kapi'olani Park and at the Rooke estate in Nu'uanu Valley as alternative sites.

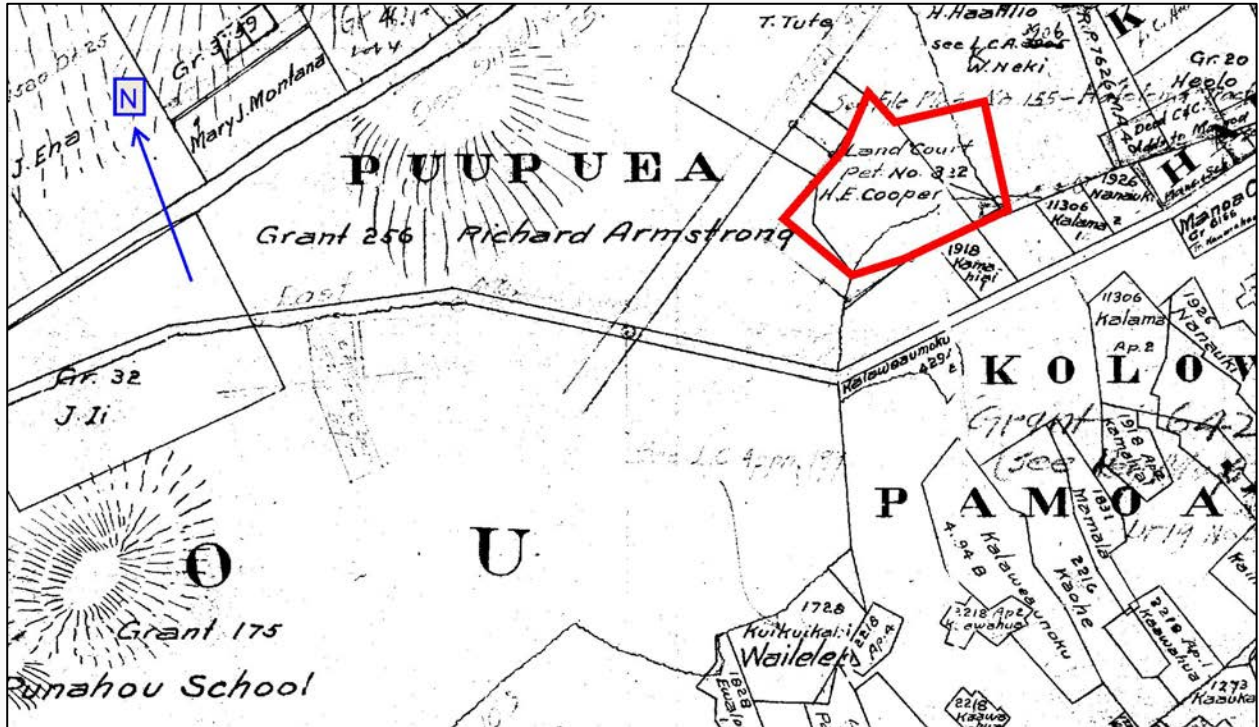
On June 2, 1905, the MVCC passed a resolution to incorporate and acquire acreage on the Rooke estate in Nu'uanu Valley. It disbanded on April 4, 1906, after Cooper's real estate syndicate subdivided his parcel into residential lots that the club had previously used. The following day on April 5, 1906, the O'ahu Country Club (OCC) was formed and the MVCC members absorbed into the new body. The corporate officers included E. Faxon Bishop of C. Brewer & Co. as president, J.P. Cooke of Alexander & Baldwin as first vice-president, and botanist G.P. Wilder as second vice-president. The association acquired 300 acres of the Rooke estate in Waolani valley in upper Nu'uanu. Seventy-five acres "were in every way adapted" for golf, and housing was proposed for the remaining land. The MVCC, which had planned to play their first tournament in Mānoa, donated a silver trophy cup costing \$125 to the club for the first Mānoa Cup tournament. The tournament was played on September 15, 1907. It became the oldest golf tournament in Hawai'i.

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1882 HAWAII STATE SURVEY OFFICE REGISTER MAP 1068WIDE)

H. E. Cooper's Property and location of Mānoa Golf Club Course in Mānoa Valley near Punahou School

By 1920 O'ahu had four country clubs that included: Honolulu Golf Club at Moanalua (1899), Hale'iwa Golf Club (1903), O'ahu Country Club (1906) and Schofield Barracks Golf Club (1915).

Each club was private with memberships restricted to Euro Americans or "whites only" except for the Honolulu Club at Moanalua. This began to change by the late 1910s and early 1920s. Chinese American Charlie Chung, who had been allowed to only caddy at the OCC, joined the Honolulu Golf Club and went on to win five local tournaments between 1919 and 1925. He was runner-up in the Mānoa Cup for four years before winning the Championship in 1924 and 1925, and became the first golfer of color to win the cup. Francis Brown, member of the Native Hawaiian I'i family, joined OCC in 1920 and won the Mānoa Cup tournament nine times between 1920 and 1934. He also won the All Japan Amateur Tournament in 1929 and the prestigious California Amateur Tournament that



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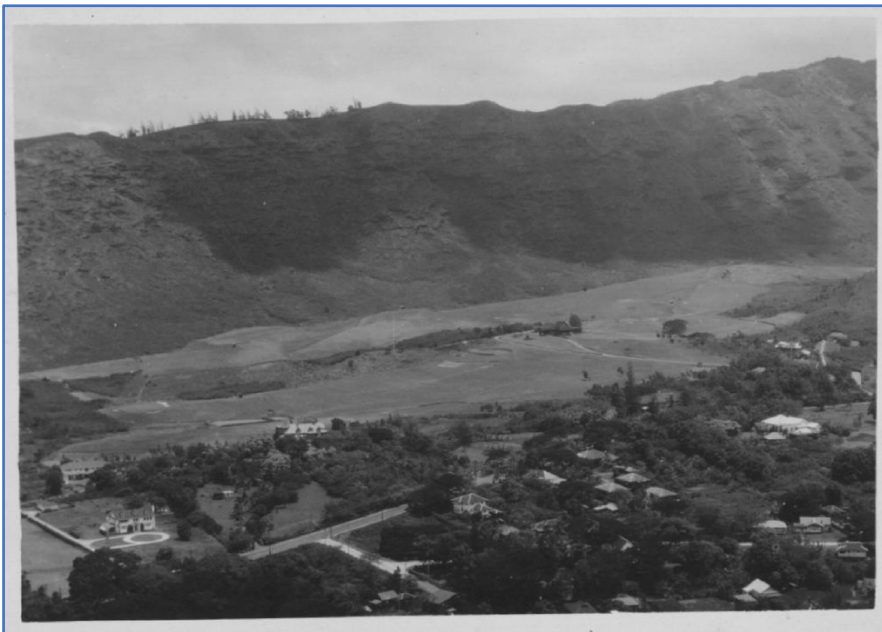
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same year before finally losing to Charlie Chung. He returned to Hawaii in 1928 and became the golf pro at Moanalua.

As golf's popularity grew in Hawai'i, the public clamored for municipal courses. Maui Municipal opened in 1929, followed by O'ahu's Palolo Valley course on December 6, 1931 (championed by former member of the Board of Supervisors for Honolulu Dr. Dai Yen Chang). By 1946, Hawaii boasted fourteen links both private and public. These included six on O'ahu: the Ala Wai public course in Waikīkī, Mid-Pacific Country Club in Kailua, O'ahu Country Club in Nu'uuanu, the Wai'alae Golf Club in Kahala, Moanalua golf course in Moanalua, and the Kalākaua at Schofield Barracks. Molokai had a single course at Hanakeukuai. Maui's links included: the municipal links at Waiehu and the West Maui country club. Hawai'i Island boasted the Hilo Country Club, the Volcano Golf Course, and the Hāmākua Country Club, while Kaua'i had a single course at Wailua. In 2022 one source listed 108 operating courses throughout the islands including public, private, municipal and military. In addition, ninety percent of Hawai'i's best amateurs continue to be public course players.



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Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Aerial Photo of the Oahu Country Club

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### Social Clubs and Team Sports on the Hāmākua Coast

In 1920 the population of the district of Hāmākua numbered 9,122 persons, larger than that of North Kohala and exceeded only by North and South Hilo. Hāmākua was ethnically diverse with Native Hawaiians, Europeans and Euro American as well as numerous plantation camps housing Japanese, Filipinos, Puerto Ricans, Chinese, Portuguese and others. Māmane Street businesses were owned and/or operated by Portuguese, Japanese, Native Hawaiians, Chinese, Filipinos, Koreans, Europeans and Euro Americans, while government homestead tracts in Āhualoa and Ka'ao 1 and 2 were owned primarily by Portuguese and Japanese. Homesteaders were building wealth through real estate, retail businesses, and/or the production of commodities such as vegetables, coffee and cattle for local consumption or export. Their children were being educated in public schools; however, children's league sports were not available there as in Hawai'i, only private schools and universities supported a full physical education curriculum.

As in any community, social organizations usually begin among people with similar backgrounds. In Hāmākua, this could mean a collection of residents of isolated camps, a temple or church congregation, immigrants from a particular section of the country of origin, general business, skilled workers, or management. Such social organizations first addressed mutual needs and eventually, as industries stabilized and expanded, came to include other activities.

The broad foundation for the Hāmākua Country Club began when the European or Euro American plantation management at Pa'auilo constructed tennis courts for itself in 1910. Social clubs from different plantations, such as the Honoka'a Social Club and the Pa'auilo Social Club, (both founded in 1921) sponsored teams to compete with each other in single sports, and later other sports. The Honoka'a Social Club supported an all European and Euro American "Wasp" baseball team while the Pa'auilo Social Club did the same in tennis. This model rapidly evolved in the early 1920s to sponsoring multi-ethnic intermural teams in baseball, basketball, tennis and to social events such as dinners, dances, bridge games and socials for club members, their guests, and team members. Unfortunately, there is no information on the exact number of plantation workers or their children who participated in social club sponsored sports, or whether this sponsorship extended to teams at the plantation camps, but by the mid-1920s and the 1930s social clubs and other sponsors were providing financial support, coaching, and scouting, and arranging locales for teams with a variety of sports.

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Participation in recreational sports in Hāmākua would further expand by the middle of the 1920s, when Honoka'a School developed a physical education curriculum, with junior high and high school male and female teams competing against each other in sponsored leagues. Honoka'a School also built an athletic field in 1926.



HONOKA'A HEERITAGE CENTER

Honoka'a Hawks Baseball Team n.d.

### Golf Courses on Hawai'i Island

Golf is easy to play, requires no teams and anyone of any age can participate. As a sponsored league sport, it was as ethnically diverse and inclusive as other sports with some teams composed entirely of a single ethnicity such as Chinese or Japanese who would play against each other and against the country club set. The sport became so popular with the Japanese community that in 1926 the Hilo Japanese Golf Association (JGA) was organized and sponsored tournaments that were open to any club or player of any ethnicity. In that year alone, the JGA held a competition against the Honolulu Japanese Golf Association,



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and in 1927, the JGA paid to build a course at Mountain View. By the end of the 1920s participation in league sports spanned all age groups with junior and senior divisions that included schools and the military. Sponsorship of all types of league sports expanded to include businesses and other organizations such as the *Hilo Tribune Herald* and the Rotary Club. In the 1930s and 1940s the social club teams banded together to form the Big Island Athletic Union, which was originally for boxing but soon expanded to include league sports.

On the U.S. mainland, golf's popularity had increased considerably as well. By 1926, there were an estimated 2,900 to 4,000 golf clubs and 156 public courses with Americans spending approximately \$100,000,000 on dues; \$50,000 on clothing, \$30,000,000 on equipment and municipal courses averaging 90 acres in size. This was also the period that was considered "golden years" of Hawai'i tourism. Though statistical records on the number of tourists coming to Hawai'i did not begin in earnest until 1937, there are two counts. The first was for 1921 when the Hawai'i Tourism Board counted 8,000 tourists with an average month-long stay. The second tally in 1922 counted 9,676 tourists to Hawai'i, an increase of 1,676. Tourism to Hawai'i Island increased bolstered by travelogs, newspaper and magazine articles, and the golfers who had experienced O'ahu's courses wanted to play during their visits to the outer islands.

Hawai'i Island's golf courses were first built on the eastern or windward coast in areas where water was abundant, and the terrain were perfect for golf course development. The first golf courses were small practice courses located along the Hāmākua coast at Honomū, Hakalau, and in Waimea. P.T. Phillips, manager of the Volcano House, the premier tourist destination on the rim of Kīlauea volcano, recognized the need for a regulation 9-hole course. He approached O'ahu Country Club resident pro and golf architect Alex Bell in 1921 to build it on a cow pasture north of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Volcano Golf Course opened on May 20, 1922, charging 50¢ per round for hotel guests and \$1.00 for the public. Prior to 1925, when the Hilo links at Kaūmana opened, leagues traveled long distances to Volcano and to Honoka'a to participate in tournaments. By 1929, Hawai'i Island's east coast hosted at least five golf clubs at Kaūmana in Hilo, Volcano, Mountain View, Hāmākua, and Kohala.

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The Volcano Golf Course in 2022

From the mid-1920s into the 1930s visitors to Hawaii Island could stay and combine sightseeing and golf. They could play a round at the Mountain View course on the way to visit Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park then go to Volcano Country Club and stay at the Volcano House Hotel. There were also accommodations provided by hotels in Hilo, Laupāhoehoe, Pau'uilo, Honoka'a, Waimea, and Kohala. Golfers could practice on the 3- and 5-hole courses at Honomū and Hakalau before traveling on to Honoka'a where, by invitation from the Honoka'a Social Club, could play the 9-hole course at HCC and then go to Kohala's 9-hole course. Conversely, Kona and the west coast did not become as popular a tourist destination until the advent of air travel to Kailua-Kona in 1949. The first course opened in 1967 at Laurence Rockefeller's Mauna Kea Resort in Kohala, because developing and maintaining a golf course along the dry rocky Kona Coast required costly

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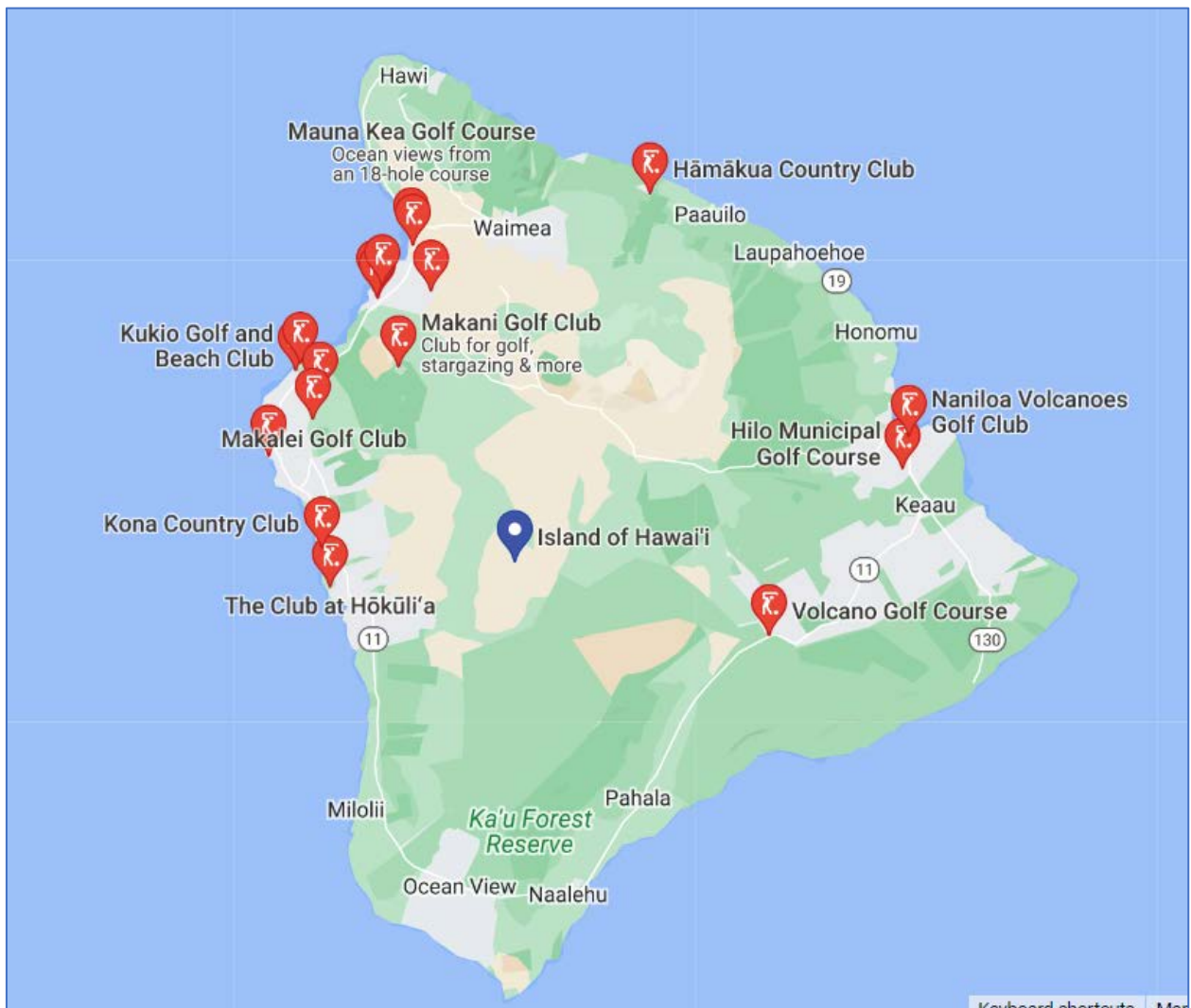
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large-scale irrigation and earthmoving that could only be financed with capital investment from resort developers.

In 2022 there were sixteen courses on Hawai'i Island; four on the windward side and twelve on the Kona Coast. The Kona Coast courses are invariably attached to resorts or are parts of planned residential communities.



<https://www.lovebigisland.com/big-island-golfing>

2022 Map of Golf Courses on Hawai'i Island



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## Golf and the Rural Landscape

Open space is a valuable social resource that allows for recreational opportunities in both urban and rural environments. Unfortunately, on O'ahu, rapid population growth, housing developments and commercial/industrial expansion closed golf facilities completely in Mānoa Valley and halved the number of holes in the Moanalua Valley. Fortunately, the longstanding rural context of the Hāmākua Golf Club has helped retain the physical integrity of the links, the residential character of the immediate neighborhood, and the existing social fabric of the Hāmākua District.

## The Hāmākua Country Club

The Hāmākua Country Club was initially established in 1921 as the Honoka'a Golf Course, then reorganized as the Honoka'a Golf Club, and finally the Hāmākua Country Club. Each change in moniker reflected modifications to the structure, management, and finances of the organization.



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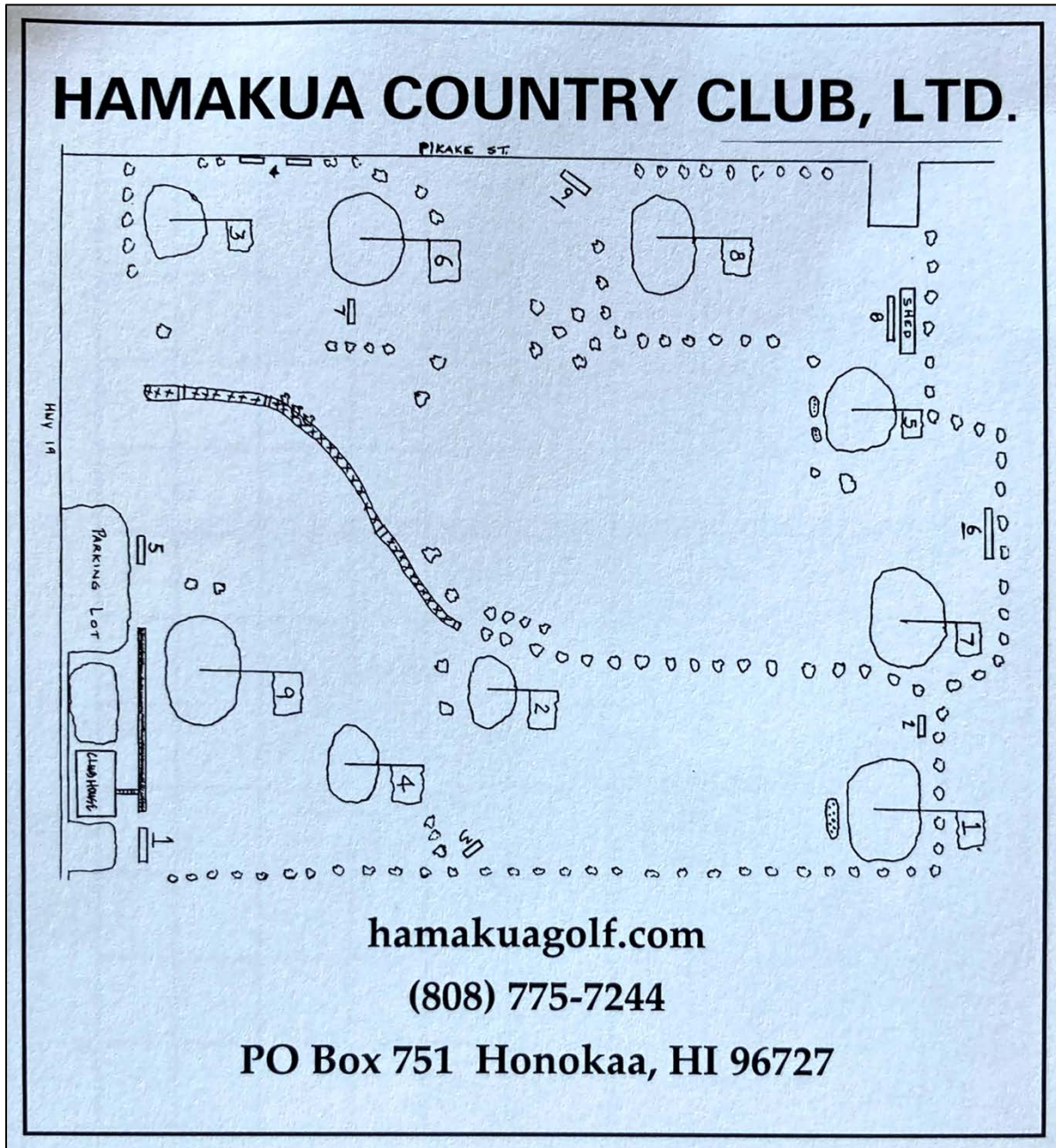
Sign facing Māmalahoa Highway

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Hāmākua Country Club schema of the nine-hole golf course given out to all players.



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Flag poles at the Clubhouse. Camera facing north.

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**PHOTOGRAPH: LAURA RUBY**

View from Tee Off for Hole #1. Camera facing northeast.



**PHOTOGRAPH: LAURA RUBY**

Another view of the golf course from the flagpoles. This is the tee-off for hole #1. Hole #9 is in the near distance. The short tree in the center of the photo often has owls nesting, so golfers have to beware of owls protecting their young. Camera facing north.



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View from Tee Off for Hole #1. Camera facing north.



**PHOTOGRAPH: LAURA RUBY**

Another view of the golf course from hole #8. Regular golfers have said that visiting golfers find this course very difficult. Camera facing southeast.



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Another view of the golf course from hole #4. The Clubhouse is in the distance. Notice the extreme slope of the course. Camera facing south southwest.

The golf course is located in the Ka'ao Homesteads, *mauka* and 1.8 miles from downtown Honoka'a, and adjacent to Māmalahoa Highway (Belt Road)—the main east-west road leading from Hilo to Waimea. In 1921 property owner William Payne allowed the Honoka'a Social Club to build a golf course on an 18.6-acre parcel within his 52-acre Land Grant 7668. It was designed across sloping terrain that extended from the *mauka* (southern) boundaries from an elevation of 1500 feet at the Highway downslope 200 feet, to the *makai* (north) boundaries, and it was bounded on the Waipi'o and Hilo sides of the course by the homestead lots along the periphery of the course. Initially surrounded by largely unimproved properties, access was via Ka'ao Road, a secondary road extending *mauka* from the main (Government Road). Access changed after construction of a realigned Māmalahoa Highway (Belt Road) in the 1950s. The Belt Road replaced Route 19 which was Honoka'a's Māmane Street. The Clubhouse is now accessed via a short residential road off the highway. The surrounding lots have since been further subdivided, and in 2022 contained single-family residential units that abut the north, northeast, and east boundaries enclosing the course.

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Evolving golf course design reflected changes in the sport as well as development in construction and in maintenance practices. In Hawai'i the development of golf course design followed similar patterns. Volcano golf course began as a "sand green" course laid out by three amateur golfers. The links remained intact until it was taken over by the Volcano House and improved with Alexander Bell redesigning the course. Similarly, the Hāmākua Country Club links, like Volcano, was initially created by two men with no landscape design experience. The first nine-hole practice course was laid out in August 1922 by Honoka'a School principal Frank Skinner, but then was redesigned that same year by Frank Anderson, manager of Pa'auhau Plantation (PPSCo). It was opened in February 1923 as the Honoka'a Golf Course. Built with the assistance of the nearby plantations and the local Honoka'a Boy Scout troop, the course was described in 1924 as having trees and only natural hazards. William Payne, a civil engineer by profession, produced a plan of the course in 1929, and it was remodeled over time. The current design was completed in the 1950s and is similar to the original 1923 hole and tee layout except for some landscaping. In 1985 the Honoka'a Lion's Club and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers planted trees on the course as part of an initiative to plant 600 trees in Honoka'a. In addition, three sand traps were added, but no water hazards.

No structures existed on the property until 1929 when a small 24' by 19' Clubhouse and two sheds were constructed east of the current Clubhouse. These were demolished after the present Clubhouse was built.

### **Honoka'a Golf Club**

In the first two years of its existence the HGC was open only to male and female members of the social club and their guests. In response to a Rickard Hotel advertisement promoting the golf course as one of the entertainment venues in Honoka'a available to tourists, the Honoka'a Social Club published a notice in the *Hilo Tribune Herald* stating that course was private, unaffiliated with "any hotel" and reserved only for the men and Women members and their invitees. However, by 1924 the Honoka'a Social Club realized that private membership alone could not financially sustain the course and that it was necessary to extend the financial burden beyond Honoka'a Social Club members. Consequently, on February 8, 1924, Honoka'a Golf Course unofficially organized with no articles of association as the Honoka'a Golf Club. New by-laws were adopted, and elections were held. The new officers included: William Lawson of Honoka'a's Lawson Store as president, George F. Murray of Pa'auilo Plantation as vice-president, and David K. Crabb, a

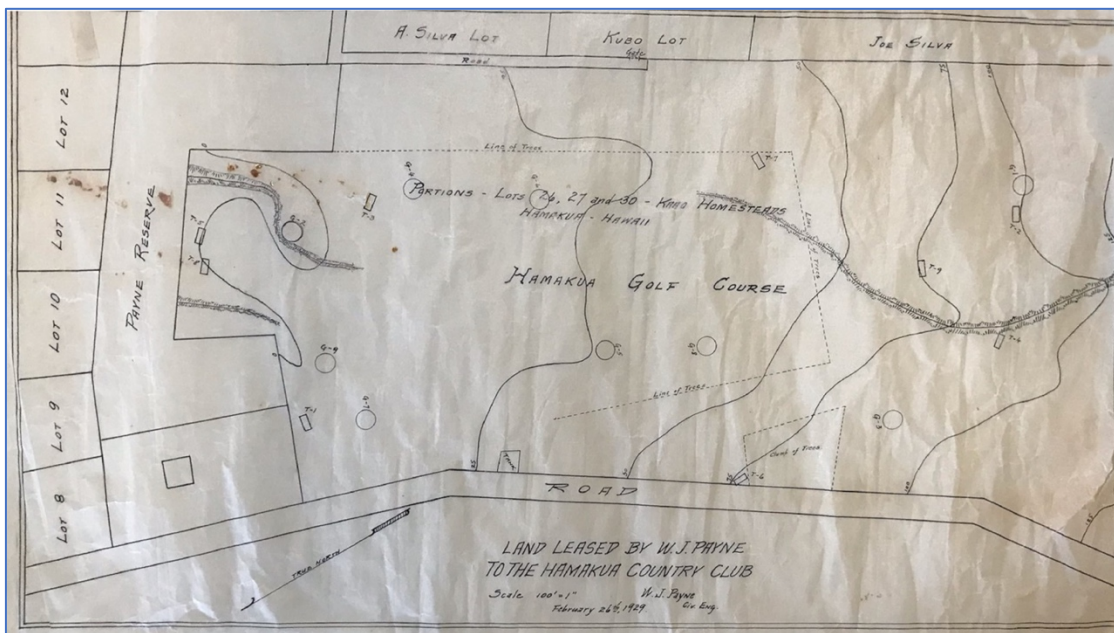
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bookkeeper for Pa'āuhau Plantation, as secretary-treasurer. Unfortunately, members were not listed. Three committees were also formed: Handicap and Tournaments, Membership, and Grounds. Committee members included a Honoka'a bank manager, a businessman, and employees from nearby plantations in Pa'āuhau and Pa'auilo including a manager, chemist, two bookkeepers, a sugar boiler, plantation doctor, overseer, and a storekeeper.



**HĀMĀKUA COUNTRY CLUB**

The Original Course Configuration 1929 by William Payne. The first Clubhouse was located on the lower left of this map.

The Honoka'a Golf Club opened up the facility to a wider membership and allowed visitors to play the links. This permitted international travelers who stayed at the Rickard Hotel and mingled with social club members to be invited to play golf. Throughout the 1920s amateur golfers from O'ahu and around Hawai'i Island played in tournaments at HGC, including O'ahu Country Club's Francis I'i Brown (four-time winner of the Hawaiian Amateur [Mānoa] Cup), Roy Blackshear (heir of the Shipman family of Puna, Vice President of Hilo Drug Company, and member of Hilo Country Club), Vic Robson (former HGC caddy and one of the designers of the first Volcano course), and William Notley (descendant of the Notley and Lindsey families, longtime Kūka'iau residents).

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### **The Hāmākua Country Club, Ltd.**

The Hāmākua Country Club was incorporated on August 1, 1928, and became a private/public course. There were five signatories including Francis R. H. Fraser, Frank M. Anderson, David K. Crabb, C. T. Daishi, and James Gibson and forty-seven stockholders. The corporation was capitalized at \$7,000, with 70 shares having a par value of \$100. There were nine articles of incorporation. The first and second renamed the Honoka'a Golf Club as the Hāmākua Country Club, and identified Honoka'a as the place of business. Article three stated the purpose of the corporation as being:

*“to own, operate and control a golf club and appurtenances thereto; to provide amusement by membership; to own, lease suitable lands, and or construct buildings for Clubhouse or other use and to do any and all things convenient, necessary and useful in the carrying on of the business as herein indicated.”*

Articles four through five addressed capital; set at \$7,000 raised through the subscription of 70 shares of stock at \$100 par value, though the capital could be raised to, but not exceed, \$10,000 at a later date. The articles also established the offices of president and vice-president, secretary and treasurer, as well as a board consisting of five to seven stockholders. Articles six through nine identified the entity's name (the Hāmākua Country Club), length of incorporation of the business (50 years) the liability of the corporation and the stockholders, its power to buy, sell, or mortgage property, increase stock, compensate board members, write bylaws, remove officers, and change management as needed. The group of forty-two subscribers is indicative of the ethnic diversity of the sport on the Hāmākua Coast and in Honoka'a at that time. They included Native Hawaiians as well Chinese, Japanese, Germans, British and Scots. There were sixteen from Honoka'a, fourteen from Pa'āuhau, six from Pau'uilo, four from Haina, four from Kukuihaele, and one each from Kalōpā and 'O'ōkala. Ethnic composition favored Scots, but stockholders from Honoka'a represented a spectrum of diversity of businesses or property owners along Māmane Street. They included: M. S. Botelho (Botelho Building), Alfred Awong (Awong Store), F. R. H. Fraser, and E. T. Daishi (manager and clerk of Bank of Hawai'i), J. Igarashi (Igarashi Garage), B. Ikeuchi (Ikeuchi Hardware), B. U. Kuramitsu (Kuramitsu Garage), V. Morita (Honoka'a Hotel Club), William J. Rickard (Rickard Hotel), S. Yamato (Yamato Store and Garage), I. Hamasaki (Honoka'a Soda Works), J. Pritchard (Hāmākua Telephone and Telegraph Co.), S. Higashi (Honoka'a post office), Drs. T. H. Tamura and J. Carter

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(physicians), G. Silva (dentist), K. Matsunami (bookkeeper for the HSCo store), and R. Wassman (Superintendent for the telephone company). Without exception, the Scottish and English individuals were members of management, engineers, *luna* (overseers), bookkeepers, clerks, chemists, timekeepers and storekeepers primarily from Pa'auhau Plantation. Others were from Honoka'a Sugar Co., O'okala Sugar Co., and Hāmākua Mill Co.

Affidavit signatories included Francis "Frank" R. H. Fraser who notarized the documents. He was born in Inverness, Scotland in 1888 and moved to Honoka'a after serving in the Army at Schofield Barracks during World War I. He married Honoka'a resident Jean Pritchard on December 6, 1919. Jean was the daughter of Joseph Pritchard, an electrical engineer, who in 1889 started the Hāmākua Telephone Company, Hawai'i Island's second phone service, with Honoka'a founders William Rickard, George Hardy and Joseph R. Mills. When the First Bank of Hilo (precursor to the Bank of Hawai'i) opened its branch in Honoka'a, Fraser became the head cashier, then manager when the Bank of Hawai'i took over the branch in 1926; he remained a member of Hamakua Country Club through the 1930s. During WWII Fraser became a figure of hope for many Japanese businessmen and farmers who were not U.S. citizens. Under the federal government's Office of Alien Property Custodian, their land and other assets could be seized because of their status as non-citizens for "aiding and abetting the enemy." Fraser helped these Honoka'a residents then by personally buying their properties, often for only \$1, and holding them until a relative or child who was a U.S. citizen could repurchase the holdings. He died on December 21, 1946, at the age of 58 and is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, O'ahu. The Bank of Hawai'i building in Honoka'a is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Francis "Frank" Moir Anderson was President of the corporation. Anderson was born in Kincardineshire, Scotland in 1883. He moved to Hawai'i in 1904 where he became head bookkeeper for Onomea Sugar Co. under his uncle, the plantation manager John Moir. He married Lillian Fentiman on October 2, 1909, and became manager of Pa'āuhau Plantation in 1917. He founded the Honoka'a Social Club, as well as the Hāmākua Civic Club, and was the first president of both. He and Lillian were supporters of social clubs, and along with son Frank Jr. were members of the golf course. He died at the Kula Sanatorium in Kula, Maui on March 3, 1969, at the age of 86. However, the location of his grave site is not known.

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David K. Crabb, the Secretary of the corporation, was born in Anstruther, Fife (also known as the Kingdom of Golf), Scotland in 1897, twenty minutes from the famous St. Andrews golf course. He came to Hawai'i in 1919 to work as a *luna* at the Pa'āuhau Plantation and married Australian May Ethel Bowman in Honolulu on May 21, 1924. He was head bookkeeper, then office manager, then the accountant for C. Brewer Co. for Pa'āuhau Plantation. He and May were supporters of the Pa'āuhau Social Club, the Hāmākua Women's Club, to name a few, and members of the golf course, along with son David. In 1949 the Hāmākua Country Club hosted the David K. Crabb Vice President trophy tourney. He died on May 6, 1983, in Kane'ohe, O'ahu, at the age of 85 and is inurned in Hawaiian Memorial Park cemetery in Hilo.

James Gibson, Treasurer of the corporation, was born on June 18, 1896, in Huntley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He came to Hawai'i in 1920 and became a bookkeeper, plantation store manager and postmaster for the Pa'āuhau Plantation before leaving in 1936 to become the assistant manager and secretary treasurer for the Moses Stationary Co. in Hilo. The Moses Stationary Company had a retail store in Honoka'a which sold golf equipment and clothing, and in 1924, the company sponsored the First Hawai'i Annual Golf Championship called the Moses Cup at the Honoka'a Golf Club. Besides his membership in the Hāmākua Country Club he was active in the Rotary Club, the Boy Scouts organization and the Hilo Yacht Club. He died on April 16, 1946, in Hilo and is buried in Lund, White Pine, Nevada.

There is no information on Japanese signatory D. T. Daishi. An Edward T. Daishi was a clerk at the Bank of Hawai'i working for F. R. H. Fraser in the 1930s and was a subscriber of the initial stock offering, but no connection between the two Daichi's could be established.

In 1929 the club built a small 24' x 16' Clubhouse and two storage sheds at the *makai* end of the golf course, likely accessed from Plumeria Street along the narrow strips of land sold by Mary Castillo to William Payne in 1939. Throughout the 1930s the Hāmākua Country Club served the community by sponsoring amateur tournaments for men and Women, couples, twosomes and foursomes, league play for members against other clubs in 9-hole, 18-hole, 36-hole to 72-hole competitions. In fact, newspaper reports suggest that Hāmākua's golfers needed little excuse to hold tournaments. Winners won a gamut of prizes based on scores and handicaps; medals, silver trophies from the Moses Stationary Co., Kitchenware, living room accent pieces, golf equipment and balls, turkeys, and even gag gifts.

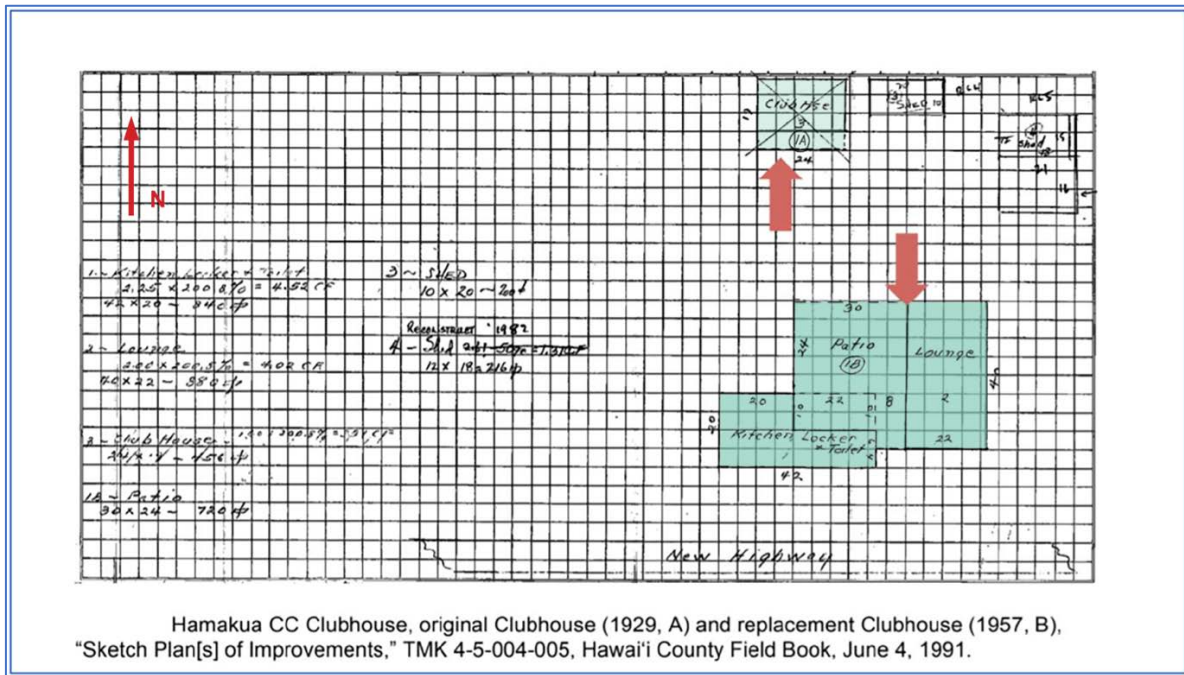


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Site plan of buildings at Hamakua Country Club including the former Clubhouse constructed in 1929. The site plan does not account for distance. The up-arrow shows the old Clubhouse location on the far *makai* portion of the links and the down-arrow shows the new Clubhouse on the *mauka* side.

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TERRITORY OF HAWAII                     )  
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT               ) SS.

Personally appeared before me F. M. ANDERSON, D. K.  
CRABB, and C. T. DAISHI, all of the District of Hamakua in the  
County and Territory of Hawaii, who being first severally sworn, depose and  
say:

That they are the President, Secretary, and Treasurer respec-  
tively of the HAMAKUA COUNTRY CLUB, LIMITED, under the Articles of Associ-  
ation hereto attached;

That the number of shares of said corporation is SEVENTY (70)  
of the par value of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) each. That more than  
three-fourths of said shares of stock have been subscribed, and that more  
than ten per cent of the capital stock has been paid in, in cash, to-wit:  
the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$825.00);

That the amount of the Capital Stock of this Corporation is  
SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,000.00) and the names of the subscribers thereto,  
their respective places of residence and the number of shares subscribed  
by each of them is as follows:

Affidavit for Incorporation of Hāmākua Country Club, Articles of Association, Hāmākua Country  
Club, Ltd. August 21, 1928.

In 1933, Honoka'a High School students, under the direction of teacher John Reineke,  
inventoried and interviewed all the Honoka'a townspeople including gathering information  
about the golf course.



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### HONOKAA GOLF CLUB

The Honokaa Golf Club was organized in 1930. There are about 35 playing members. The members are divided into three groups. First, the regular members who have a stock and pay \$2.00 monthly. Second, the transit members who do not have stock, but pay only the quarterly fee. The quarterly fee is \$6.00. Third, the associate members who have stock, but do not pay the monthly fees, and who do not play golf. They have another group called the "green fee." The green fee are outsiders. For example, salesmen that come around Honokaa and in their spare time want to play golf. These people have to pay \$1.00 to play, if it is before 4:30. They are charged fifty cents if it is after 4:30.

The women members take turns in having tea every month.

They have inter-club tournaments. The Honokaa Golf Club sometimes invites outside clubs to play against it. And in turn they are invited by other clubs. The winner of the tournament is sometimes rewarded with golf balls.

--Tetsuo Nagao  
Minoru Kurata

HONOKA'A HERITAGE CENTER

Honoka'a High School students interviewed and wrote about their town's businesses and activities in a document that is valuable today, in 2023. (Golf was organized originally in 1921.)

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## **Hāmākua Country Club During World War II**

World War II severely curtailed Hawaii Island golf. There were equipment shortages when the government on May 31, 1942, halted the manufacture of golf clubs and balls. Gas rationing limited travel. The military initially curtailed organized sports, including golf, as men went off to war. Between 1942 and 1945 golf was played only in Hilo, as smaller, round robin tours ceased using multiple golf courses. At the war progressed, servicemen were encouraged to participate in these tournaments and were able to travel to other islands to play instead of playing the small Hawai'i Island courses. Local Honoka'a residents focused their energies into the war effort, with many activities run by members of HCC. Organizations such as the Hāmākua Civic Club, Honoka'a Lion's Club, Honoka'a Women's Club, Rotary and others sponsored war bond sales, collected for the Red Cross and other causes, and sponsored or hosted social activities to support the USO (United Service Organizations). Young men were enlisting, while older men served on civil defense boards or in other capacities for the government. Few people had time to golf, but when they did it was in small groups where many shared equipment. HCC was likely closed between 1942 and 1945 as no games were reported in newspapers and the club sponsored no events to directly aid the war effort, with the exception of a single Red Cross drive in 1943. There is no information on the course being used for other purposes such as military training or large mechanized equipment storage. In May 1945 the government finally lifted the golf ball manufacturing moratorium ending the equipment scarcity. By mid-1945 Volcano and other clubs regularly held games, and on August 2, 1945, HCC and the USO sponsored a tournament at the links for military officers.

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James Silva playing golf at HCC with a military guest ca. post WWII. Note the young person serving as caddy for the group. High schoolers often caddied, and Honoka'a High School had a golf team for a time.

### The Hāmākua Country Club-Post World War II

In an effort to revive interest in community golf, on April 20, 1946, HCC hosted 30 experienced golfers and some beginner golfers from Pāpa'aloa to Waimea. Most of the tournaments during the rest of this decade were limited affairs that featured local golfers from all along the Hāmākua Coast. They competed for trophies donated by local businesses, the plantations, and other HCC golfers, such as the Nakashima, Ujicki and Carter Cups, and the Shell Oil Company Cup. Some of the golfers became so accomplished that HCC was well represented in practically every tournament on the island.

Maurice Miranda, a Honoka'a resident who has played the HCC course since 1963, recalled in an interview in 2022: "When the boys came back from the war, the club relaxed membership criteria and allowed plantation laborers (many of which were now veterans of the war) to play golf and eventually become shareholder members."

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The club applied for a liquor license in 1947 for a bar in the old Clubhouse. The old 1929 Clubhouse was eventually sold and removed from the property to make way for a new Clubhouse, though the sheds remained.

The new Clubhouse, completed in 1956-1957, is an excellent example of 1950's architecture, and the addition of the Lanai evidently was due to a growing membership and daily use by non-members and tourists. HCC hired local contractor Tsutomu (also known as George or "Racehorse") Onomura, and partner George Vierra, doing business as Yam Contractors, to build a Clubhouse at the *mauka* end of the course. Yamane Contractors was an integral part of the Honoka'a community and its growth. Between 1955 and 1960 the company built the Onomura office building, a new fire station, the post office, and the telephone exchange along Māmane Street and added the Waipi'o Bar in the Honoka'a Hotel Club. Tsutomu Onomura operated a garage and gas station on Māmane Street. Along with George Vierra, he also owned the 9.7-acre Vierra subdivision at the Hilo end of town and built several dwellings in and around Honoka'a.

After the new HCC Clubhouse opened, non-golf related social events, like *luau* (feasts), were held in the new building and tournament play accelerated. Club amateur turned pro Dickie Yamamoto dominated the HCC winner's circle during this decade winning many of the big amateur championships held in Hilo. The opening of the municipal course in Hilo expanded the pool of skilled competitors. HCC became affiliated with the Hawai'i Island Golf Association (1958) to participate in amateur tournaments around the islands and at the Territorial level. This continued the club's pre-war efforts that it initiated earlier with the Hilo Japanese Golf Association (1926), Hawaiian Golf Association (1930), and the Chinese Golf Club (1939).

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HCC Pro Dickie Yamamoto and friends on the course receiving awards.



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Hawai'i Trucking tournament award. Photo taken on Hole #9 hole. N.d.

By 1951 the Club's management was becoming further ethnically diverse, although Euro American males with plantation connections still held the major offices. Stockholders elected E. N. Ryan (PPSCo bookkeeper) as vice president, D. K. Crabb (PPSCo office manager) as treasurer, and William J. Rickard (retired Sheriff of Honoka'a as secretary). The board of directors included C. L. Carter (HSCo physician), J. N. Campbell (PPSCo),

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Robert Forbes (manager and harvesting superintendent on Kaiwiki plantation), David E. Larsen ('O'ōkala Plantation manager), Victor Morita (owner of the Honoka'a Club Hotel), Dr. H. Okada (of the Honoka'a Japanese Hospital), Kazuo Matsunami (HSCo bookkeeper and store manager), and Mitsuro "Dickie" Yamamoto (office clerk and later terminal manager for Kawaihae Harbor).

In 1958 HCC was thriving with 69 members and stockholders. Of the 21 stockholders only 4 men represented plantation management: E. Evan, D. Crabb, D. Larsen and E. Ryan. Japanese American small business owners from Honoka'a now dominated the owner and membership categories. The roster identified owners and members as well as female ("lady") members, out-of-district, along with regular, honorary and lifetime members. Ten of the twenty-one stockholders were Japanese American businessmen from Honoka'a along with fifteen of the twenty-seven members. Four of the five out-of-district members were Japanese Americans. Five of the nine lady members were Japanese Americans. The lifetime member was a Japanese American and one of the two honorary members was Japanese American also. This new majority reflected the political and social changes that began in the 1950s when American-educated *Nisei* (second generation Japanese-American) WW II veterans began to occupy positions of power in law, business, and especially government. They and their *Issei* (first generation) fathers, who had increasingly dominated the Honoka'a business community before the war, now had the power to practice economic exclusion that paralleled the plantation era system. One golfer at HCC stated in a twenty-first century email: "The demographic shift occurred when labor unions became a force, WWII happened, and succeeding generations became more educated. The course was now being run by the offspring of the generation of 'common folk' that were [earlier] denied access. As the pendulum shifted, the new Club administrators acted much like their predecessors in fostering the good ole boy mentality."

After World War II, the number of clubs had declined compared to before the war. In the 1960s, there were 3,330 country clubs with 1.7 million members. The number of Hawai'i Island golf courses similarly declined initially with the closing of links such as Kohala and Mountain View. However, on the western side of the island, tourism development reversed this trend once Kona Airport opened started operating in 1949. Laurence Rockefeller opened the first of three courses at Mauna Kea resort in 1967. Conversely, golf on the Hāmākua Coast during the 1960s remained a very "local" east side sport as the long tradition of tournaments played simultaneously in Hilo, Hāmākua and Volcano was maintained.

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The 1967 owners' roster grew from 21 to 73. It was recorded that for the first-time owners could own multiple certificates, instead of the required single certificate per person specified by the original 1926 incorporation papers. Thus Junkichi Igarashi (owner of Igarashi Garage) held a single certificate while others like Walter Naquin (son of former Honoka'a Plantation Company manager Pierre Naquin) held 142. HCC also attracted owners from outside Hāmākua communities, including Honolulu. Out of seventy-three owners, forty-three were Japanese Americans. Unfortunately, there were no membership rosters from later years that could be used to determine the ethnicities of the membership after 1958.

The founding of league associations prompted sanctioned invitationals to move to Hilo Country Club's 18-hole course, but local Honoka'a groups still played against one another at the HCC. They included the Young Buddhist Association (YBA) and International Longshoreman's and Warehouseman's Union (ILWU). According to the current President of HCC Maurice Miranda:

HCC allowed kids to play and many who lived around the golf course accepted the game and became good at it. Honoka'a High had a high school golf team, and several turned professional, and many were accomplished amateur golfers. Alan Texeira [owner of Tex Drive-In] was a pro who won several local tournaments and was a pro at the Waikōloa Kings Golf Course for many years until he passed away (in 2020 at the age of 66). Alan Kaaekuahiwi [who grew up along the 6<sup>th</sup> tee] is still a pro at Mauna Kea/Hāpuna Golf courses and a product of HCC. Hilo Municipal Golf Course and Hāmākua Country Club were the only two golf courses that were accessible to most of the public and kids as Volcano GC was too far away from the population/schools during that era. For many years all the top amateur and professional golfers from the Big Island came from either Hilo or Honoka'a.



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HCC maintains its desirability as a challenging golf course. With its gentle trade winds and moderate climate, the course offers a stiff test of golf when the small greens and lush fairways are factored in. The 9-hole layout has two sets of tees, white for the outward 9, and blue for the inward 9. It measures 4800 yards with a par 66 for men and 74 for Women. There is a shorter par 3 layout with 18 sets of tees and holes ranging from 75 to 150 yards in length. Most prefer to walk the course but golf carts, rental sets and hand trolleys are available. The HCC has benefited from offering only golf which effectively keeps costs down. The club has limited space to expand facilities as it is surrounded by homes and bounded by a major highway and secondary roads on 3 sides. However, the club is at a unique location as the only course between Kohala and Hilo that provides a gathering space for Honoka'a and other Hāmākua Coast communities and an affordable golfing experience, negating a need for expanded leisure facilities.

Currently, country clubs are failing to gain a foothold among a younger demographic for a variety of reasons not limited to their perceived reputations for racial and religious discrimination, exorbitant membership fees, and monthly dues to cover other member amenities such as restaurants, swimming pools, tennis courts, along with dated dress codes and rules about cellphone use. Clubs responded with family-oriented attractions and cheaper junior memberships. But the cost to buy-in is normally a club secret, and monthly dues can be exorbitant. In 2022, the price to join the Wai'alae Country Club in Kahala on O'ahu was \$55,000 to \$67,000 and dues were \$470 monthly.

HCC remains an affordable option for Hawai'i Island golfers. HCC is inclusive maintaining the social contract it has with residents and visitors. There are no restrictions to amenities, no dress code, or conditions on cellphone use. Anyone interested in becoming a stockholder must be a member for one year before they can apply, and the stock is still \$100 per share. Bi-annual membership dues of \$450 for stockholders and \$500 for members is reasonable and the public may purchase memberships. Non-members and visitors pay only \$25 on an honor system, and visiting enthusiasts, residents, members, and owners can play as many rounds as desired between sunrise and sunset at that price. After 100 years HCC, once labelled in the 1970s by golfers as "the most beautiful course in the world" is still tied into the social warp and weft of Honoka'a and the Hāmākua Coast communities. According to Maurice Miranda:

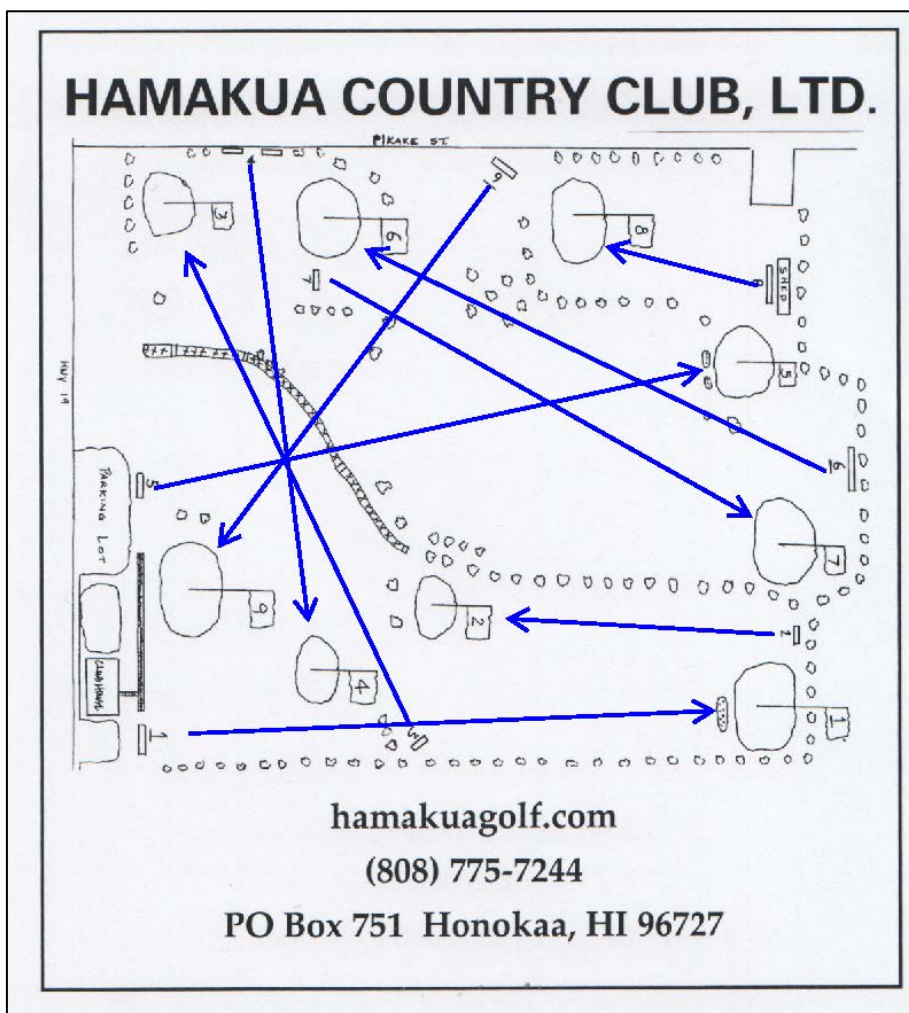
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We hold a monthly "ACE Tournament" on the par three course. Everyone puts in money to the jackpot, and it's used to pay for lunch, prizes for the lowest scores and closest to the pin on all the holes. Other organizations hold fundraising golf tournaments at the club. Most recently a senior men's softball team and the local vocational center for the handicapped held fundraising golf tournaments. We plan to bring back the Club Championship in 2023.



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Hāmākua Country Club play pattern for 9-holes. Golfers must be courteous and also watchout for balls flying across other golfer's playing.

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HCC 2022 scorecard, showing the Hāmākua Country Club logo and sponsors.

## Property History

On November 16, 1920, Agnes Kalanikapi Kamakawiwoole (spelled Kamakawiwole on some historic documents) Payne purchased a 52.248-acre Land Patent Grant #7668 in the Ka‘ao Homesteads *mauka* of Government Road. Born at Wailuku, Maui on December 30, 1883, she was the granddaughter of Charles M. and sister of Charles L. Kamakawiwoole, both *kahu* (pastors) of the Kalemela Native Hawaiian Church, also known as the Kamakawiwoole Church, in Pa‘āuhau.’

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PHOTOGRAPH: LAURA RUBY

Kamakawiwoole or Kalemela Church, the home church of Agnes Payne's family.

Husband William John Edward Payne (he later dropped Edward) was born in Devon, Plymouth, England on October 18, 1884. In 1898 he and his mother Emma immigrated to Hawai'i to join his father John, who worked as a *luna* for the Honoka'a Sugar Co. On November 9, 1907, Agnes married William in Honoka'a. The couple had seven children over the course of their marriage. She worked as a school teacher for 28 years at Honoka'a school and at Ha'aheo school after moving to South Hilo. In 1907 William began working for the Honoka'a Sugar Co. as a contractor and by 1910 was a surveyor with the Hawaiian Irrigation Company (established in 1905 to build the Upper and Lower Hāmākua Ditches"). Both were civic minded; William coached the Honoka'a baseball team and Agnes lead the Honoka'a YWCA. Sometime in 1921, the couple gave the Honoka'a Social Club (HSC) permission to use a 18.6 acre parcel within Grant 7668 free of charge to build a golf course. The couple moved to South Hilo in 1930 where William owned a surveying business.

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Agnes died of a stroke in 1934 at the age of 50 while walking home from work. That same year William became the head engineer for the Conservation Work Administration. Through the 1930s he held government positions and worked on a variety of political committees until 1940 when he was elected to the Legislature as the Republican Representative of the First District. After leaving the legislature in 1950 he lead the Bureau of Buildings, then worked as a meat inspector. Sometime between 1940 and 1950 William married Anne Kaaua Ogawa Mehau who was 24 years his junior. He retired as the Hawai'i county surveyor and died at Puakō Beach on November 14, 1974, at the age of ninety.



William J.E. Payne



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Agnes K. Payne

### Land Grant 7668

Agnes K. Payne purchased the 52.248-acre Grant 7668 for \$3,237 under a Special Homestead Agreement from the Commissioner of Public Lands of the Territory of Hawai'i. Under Part IV, Section 17 of the Land Act of 1895, the Commissioner of Lands had the authority to sell lots on terms to be arranged at the discretion of the Governor. However, this cash freehold system was perceived by the public as having no practical advantage over a Right-of-Purchase lease. Thus, a substitute—the Special Homestead Agreement—was essentially a freehold agreement without the required residency on the land. All of the different types of agreements carried certain provisions for divestiture of homestead property by the owner. Agnes's agreement stated that the grant, or lots within that grant, could only be inherited or conveyed without cost to a third party.

The grant was one of the largest in the Ka'ao Homesteads comprising Lots 8, 26, 27 and 30. Lot 8 measured 58,730 square feet, Lot 26 was 19.80 acres, Lot 27 was 15.60 acres and Lot



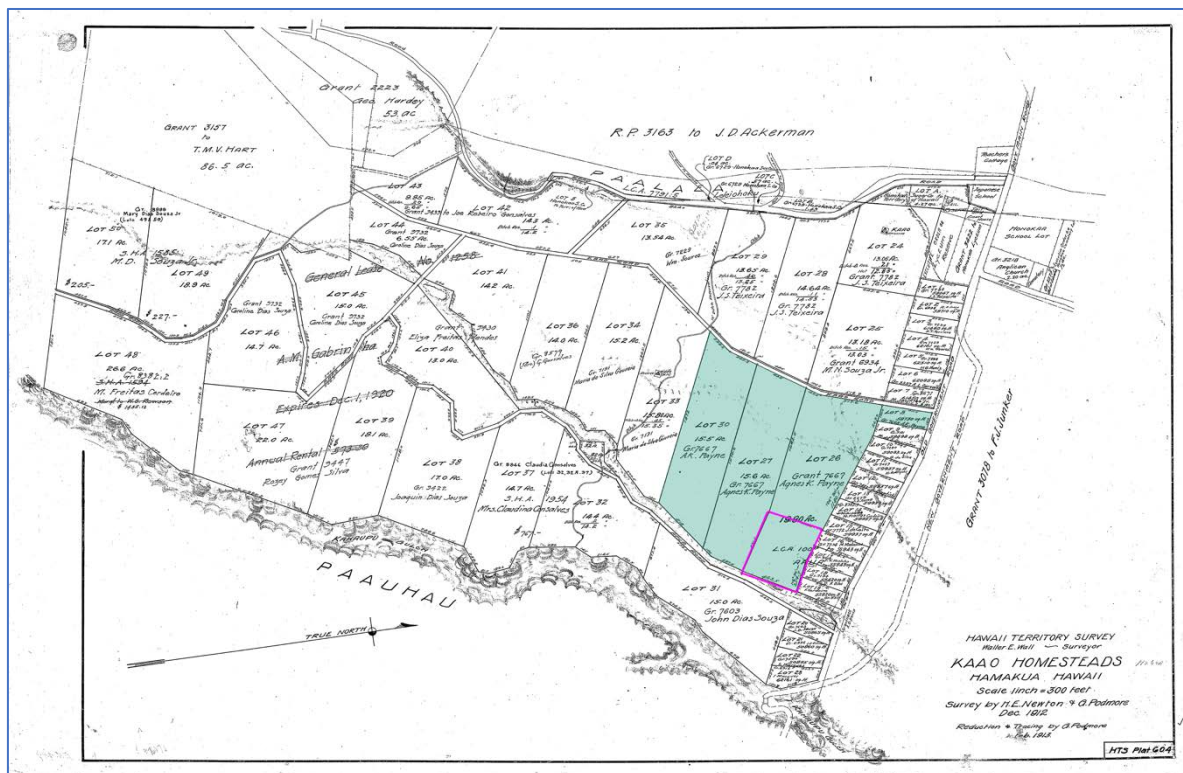
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30 was 15.50 acres. Rectilinear Lot 8 is one in a row of lots that borders Government Road. The *makai* property line of Lot 8 borders Government Road, and the *mauka* boundary is the property line for Lot 26. Lot 26 shares a *mauka* boundary with Lot 27, and Lot 27 shares a *mauka* boundary with Lot 30. The lot terminated at the *mauka* boundary of Grant 7191 to M. De Silva Gouveia. A 9.5-acre Land Commission Award (LCA) 100B granted to Apua on November 11, 1857, lay within Lot 26 sharing the *mauka* border with Lots 16, 17, 18, and 19. ”



HAWAII STATE SURVEY OFFICE REGISTERED MAP 2548 WIDE 1912

1912 Hawaii State Survey Office Registered Map 2548 WIDE map with Ka'ao Homesteads showing Payne (The 7668 Grant) consolidations in green. Outline in pink is the original Apua LCA 100 B.

On January 21, 1921, Agnes mortgaged her farm and all its contents plus 50.9 acres of the grant to the First Bank of Hilo (FBOH) for \$4,000 at 7% interest to be paid quarterly. On December 1, 1922, FBOH became Bank of Hawai'i (BOH) and all of FBOH's assets, real estate, deposits, mortgages and financial instruments, including her mortgage, were transferred to the new entity. On January 23, 1926 Agnes sold the grant to F.R.H. Fraser



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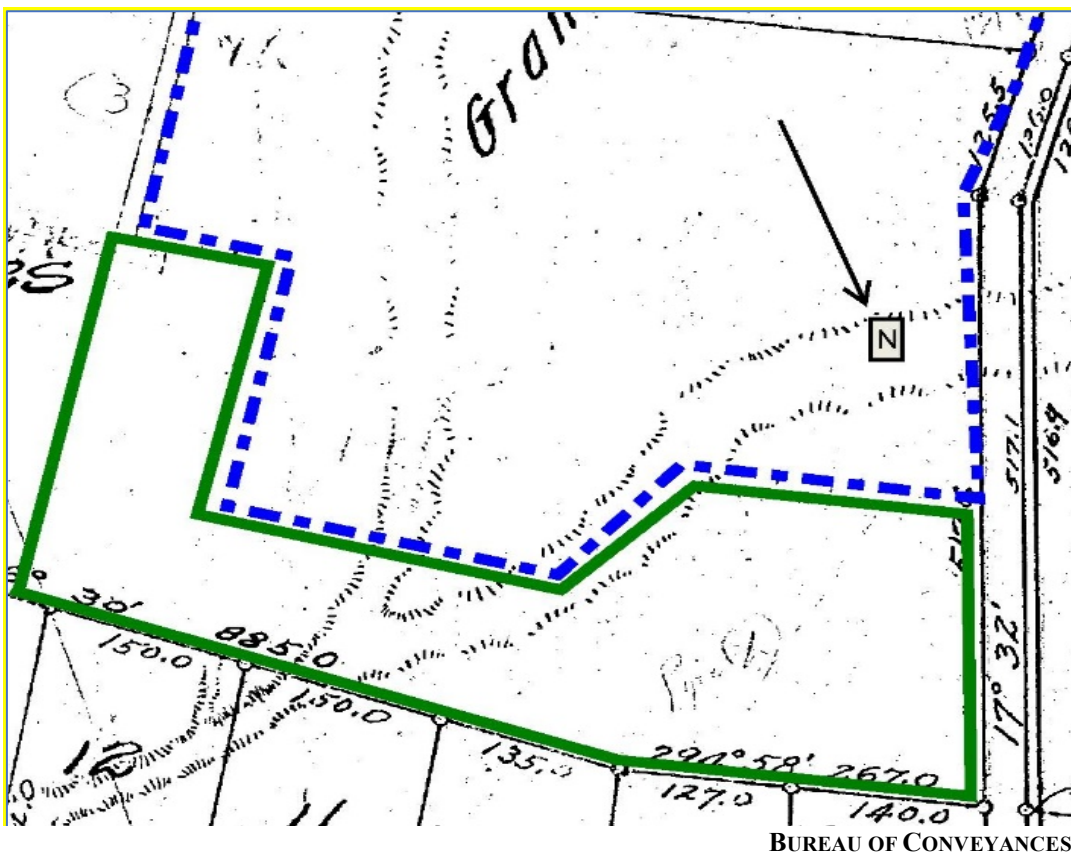
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for \$500. Fraser sold it back to William the same day for the same amount, which allowed Agnes to remove herself as the titleholder, thereby circumventing the conditions of her original homestead agreement. The new deed listed William as the primary title holder with Agnes then owning one-half interest as a tenant in common. On March 16, 1930, the couple conveyed the golf course lot for \$3,700 to the Hāmākua Country Club (HCC).

The golf course acreage increased between 1930 through 2003 through sales and acquisition of lands at the northern and southern ends of the property. On January 7, 1939, William sold 4.379 acres shaped like an irregular “U” known as the “Payne Reserve” adjoining the *makai* end of the course for \$1,700 to Mary Castillo. After this sale Payne no longer owned any portion of the grant.



The Payne Reserve (in green), and the dashed blue line is the boundary of HCC.

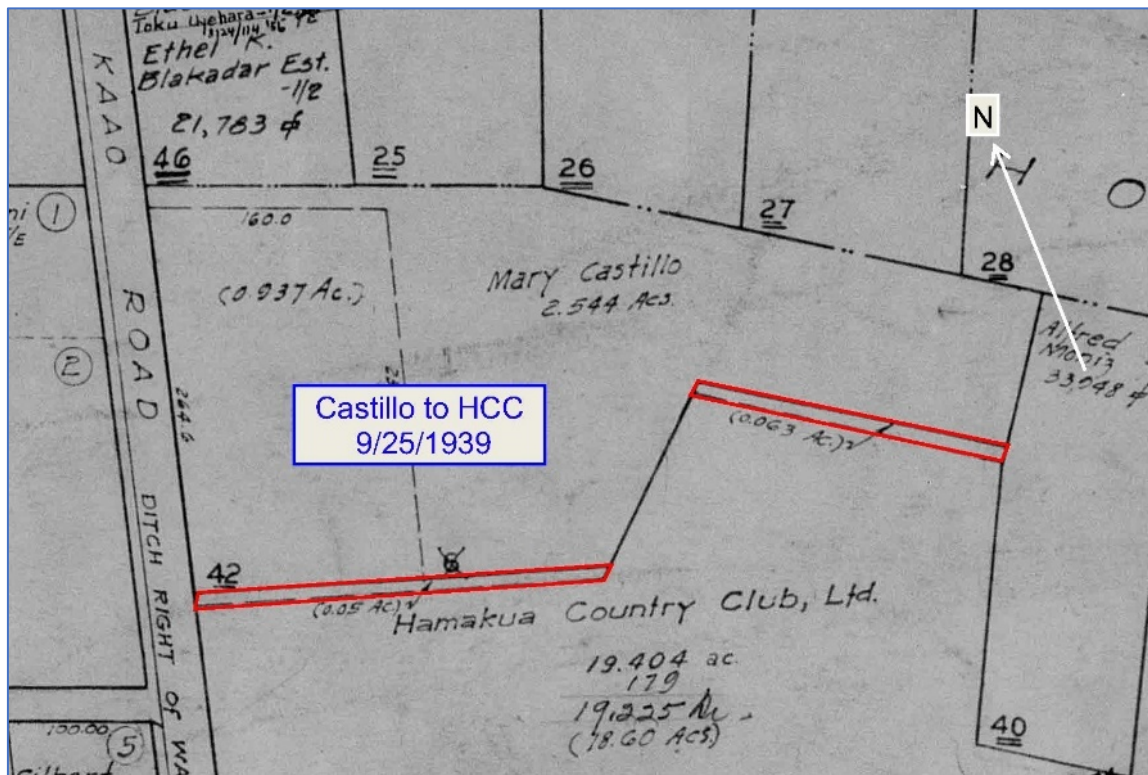
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Mary Castillo sold two strips of land adjacent to the course to the HCC on September 25, 1939, for \$50, increasing the golf course lot to 18.713 acres.



BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES

Castillo Land sold to Hamakua Country Club (acreage figures on this exhibit include land purchases previously completed).

On February 28, 1955, the Territory of Hawaii quitclaimed Remnant 5-A for \$426. The narrow 0.691 acre was a former right of way for Māmalahoa Highway. It lay between the *mauka* edge of the golf course and the current roadway and extends Waipio-Hilo from the intersection of Plumeria Street and the highway to the club entrance. Roughly rectangular in shape with an irregular boundary, it was a portion of Grant 7161 to Maria De Silva Gouveia purchased from Daniel and Rose Correia by the Territory for \$2,449 on October 5, 1953. This purchase increased the golf course to 19.404 acres.

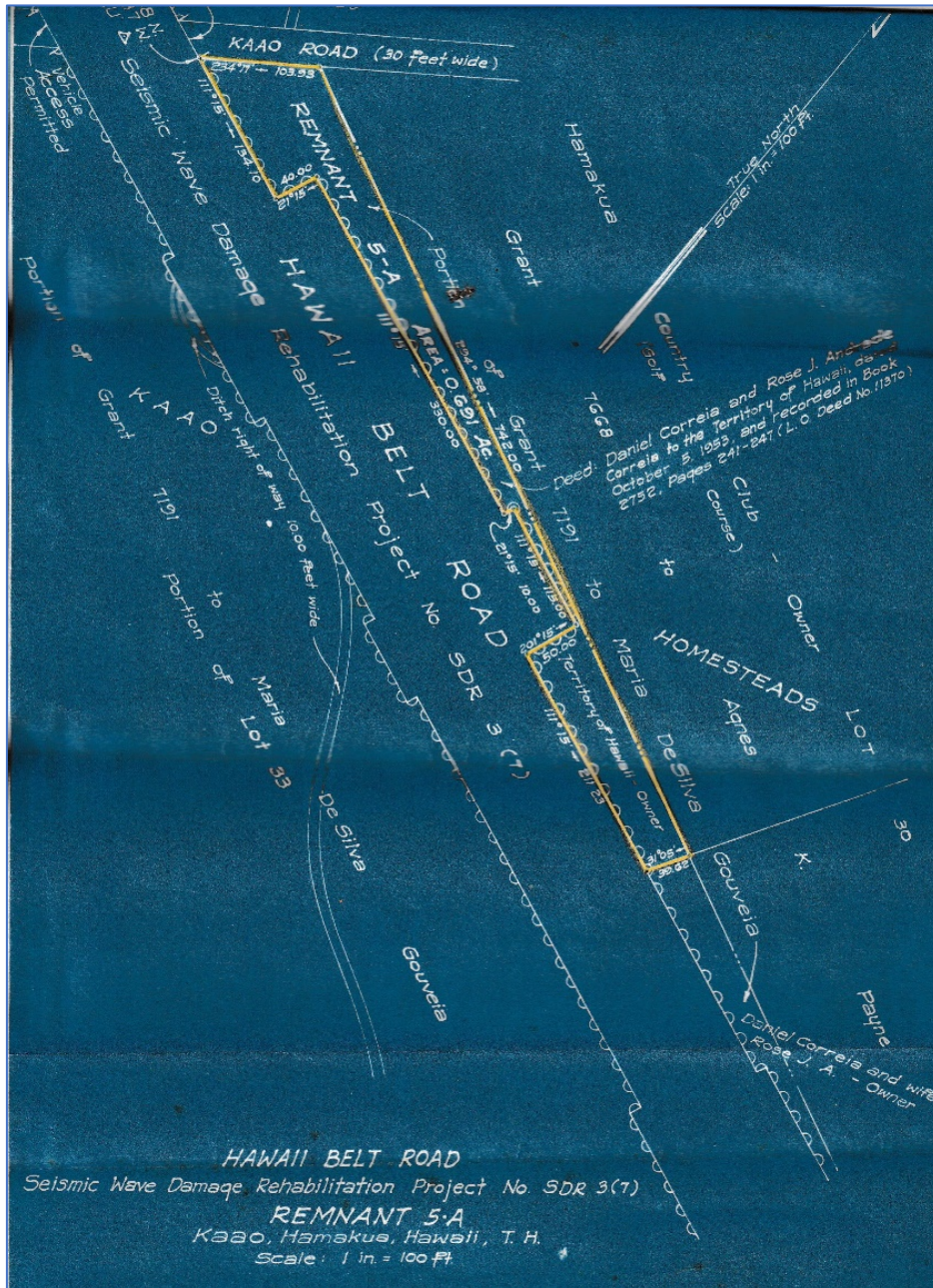


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SEISMIC WAVE DAMAGE REHABILITATION PROJECT NO. SDR 3 (7) "REMNANT 5-A"

"Remnant 5-A"

On October 29, 1956, HCC granted an easement of 15,872 square feet to George De Silva and Daniel Correia. De Silva wished to subdivide his lot on the *makai* side of Māmalahoa





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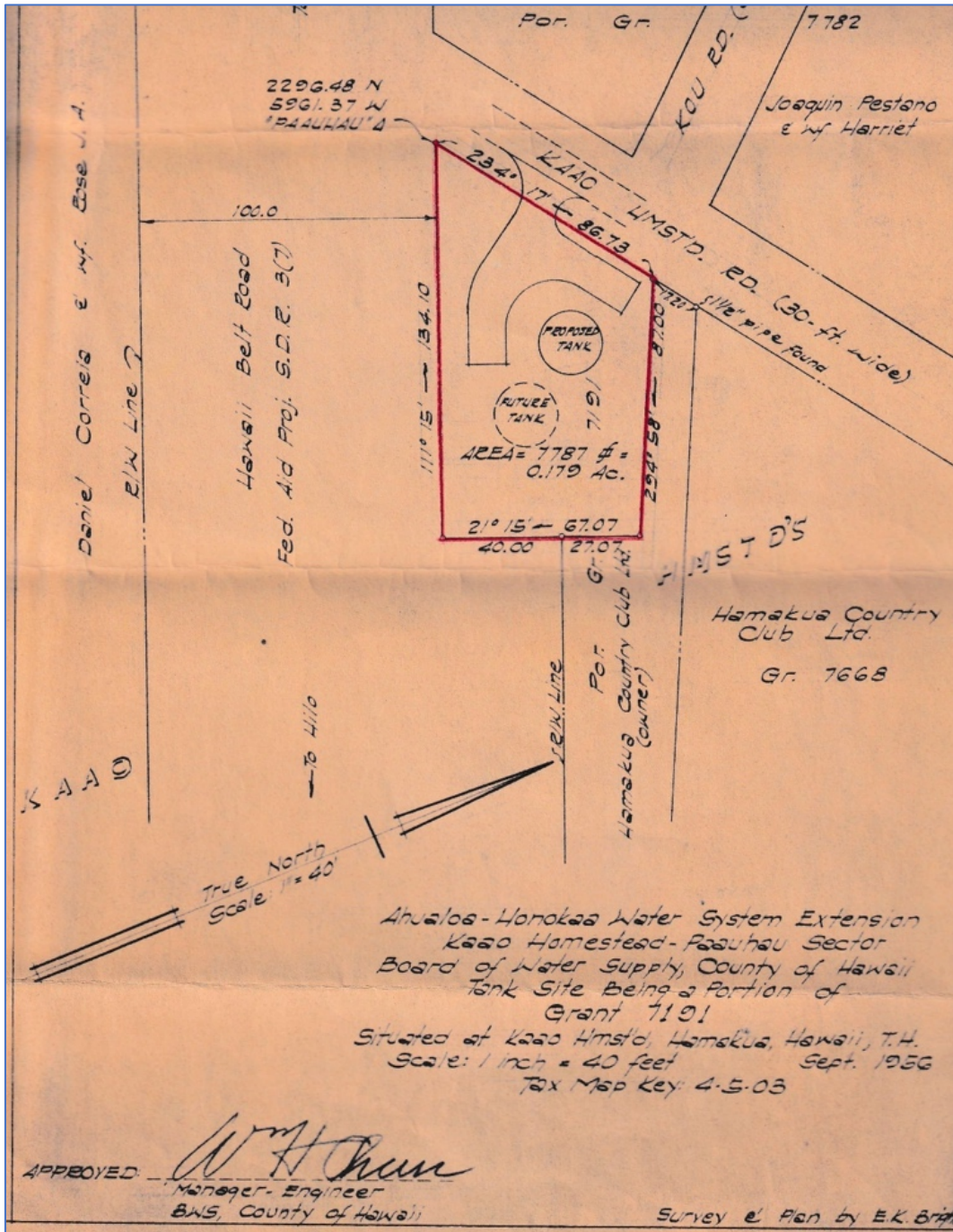
On December 21, 1956, HCC assigned the use of a 0.178-acre lot to the County of Hawai'i Water Board to install a water tank and pipeline as part of the Āhualoa-Honoka'a Water System Extension. The 0.178-acre trapezoid lot had been separated from the west end of Remnant 5-A. Now TMK:4-5-004: 078, it is located on the *makai*-Hilo side of the intersection of Plumeria Street and Māmalahoa Highway. On November 27, 1985, the County informed HCC that it "has not been using the subject steel tank and tank site for several years" and offered to end the assignment and return the parcel, to which HCC's President Jitsuo Kotake agreed.. There is no discussion between the parties about who was responsible for returning the site to its original condition. On December 10, 1985, Kotake wrote to the Department of Water Supply requesting that the county remove the tank and infrastructure, which the department did over the next two years. On June 22, 1987, the Water Commission of the County of Hawai'i quitclaimed to HCC. On May 28, 2003, HCC sold the lot for \$65,000 to the Vera Walker Revocable Trust. On September 22, 2009, the deed was transferred to descendant Dena Ramirez. The sale reduced the golf course to its current size of 19.225 acres.

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BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTY OF HAWAII, SEPTEMBER, 1956

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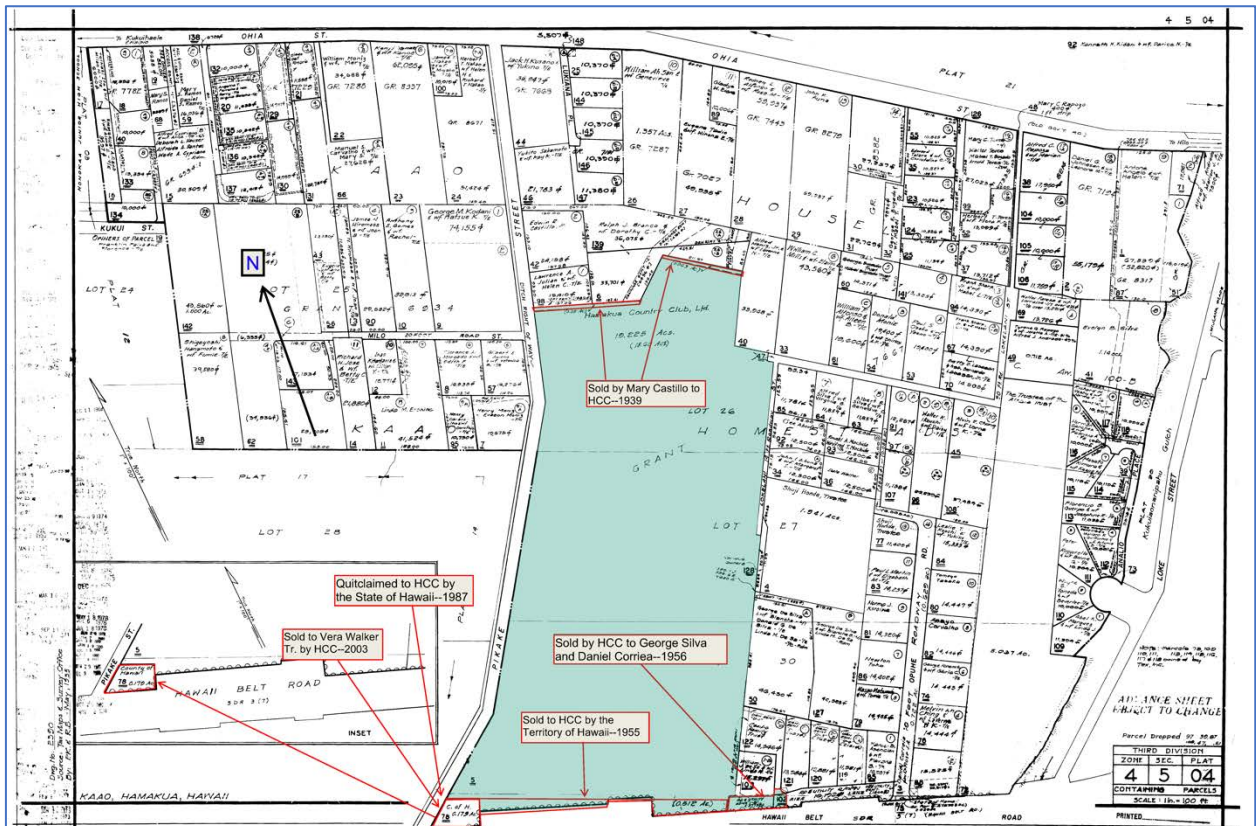


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Current plat map of TMK 45004005 with all land transfers noted

## Conclusion

The Property retains all seven aspects of historic integrity: (1) Location. The Course has remained in its original location. (2) Setting. The Course and Clubhouse have retained their configuration from 1957. (3) Design. The historic form, plan, spacing, structure and style of the property are intact. (4) Materials. The building's composition, including foundations, tongue and groove or sheet metal walls and *totan* roofs have been replaced where necessary in kind. This is true also of the vast majority of windows. (5) Workmanship. The owners have employed skilled carpenters specializing in buildings constructed during the period of significance. (6) Feeling. The buildings would be recognized by members from the 1950s in terms of original design, materials, workmanship and setting. (7) Association. The property reflects the evolution of integration of different ethnic groups into local associations and recreational facilities.

## Criteria A (History and Events)

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The history of Honoka'a town is one of merging people of diverse backgrounds into a common heritage and identity. The history of Hāmākua Country Club itself illustrates how this is reflected in social activities: as sugar, ranching and other industries matured, recreation opportunities on the Big Island expanded from the original managerial class to include other economic and ethnic groups. What once had been an all-*haole* (Euro American) society reserve (which included clearly limited roles for the women) evolved into a mostly Japanese American club and later into a mixed group of golf enthusiasts. Today the Club welcomes all comers.

### Criteria C (Architecture)

While it is true that the original layouts for the golf course were established by two individuals without any landscape experience, civil engineer William Payne's improvements made in 1929 have been mostly retained. Payne's design of 9 holes reflects what the community could maintain; his designated cross pattern of play limits the potential number of players, reflects the steep topography and makes completing the course more challenging. The Clubhouse's size illustrates the expansion of membership over the years; its use of wooden walls, open beam ceilings, louvered or large windows, open lanai, hipped and shed *totan* roof reflect an evolution from 1920s Plantation Era building designs into 1950s' ideas that bring the outside into the interior of the structure.

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested  
☐ previously listed in the National Register  
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register  
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark  
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office  
☐ Other State agency  
☐ Federal agency  
☒ Local government  
☐ University  
☐ Other  
Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property** 19.23 acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

### Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- |              |            |
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| 1. Latitude: | Longitude: |
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| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

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**Or**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐☒

NAD 1927

or

NAD 1983

Starting at the southwest corner of the property and proceeding clockwise:

- |              |                     |                        |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Zone: 5Q  | Easting: 242588.96E | Northing: 2221153.57N  |
| 2. Zone: 5Q  | Easting: 242661.15E | Northing: 2221208.57N  |
| 3. Zone: 5Q  | Easting: 242793.57E | Northing: 2221400.98N  |
| 4. Zone: 5Q  | Easting: 242815.20E | Northing: 242121468.02 |
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| 6. Zone: 5Q  | Easting: 242928.39E | Northing: 2221447.19N  |
| 7. Zone: 5Q  | Easting: 242991.87E | Northing: 2221475.67N  |
| 8. Zone: 5Q  | Easting: 242933.49E | Northing: 2221386.06N  |
| 9. Zone: 5Q  | Easting: 242968.49E | Northing: 2221361.50N  |
| 10. Zone: 5Q | Easting: 242795.70E | Northing: 2221070.86N  |
| 11. Zone: 5Q | Easting: 242715.14E | Northing: 2221100.88N  |
| 12. Zone: 5Q | Easting: 242719.62E | Northing: 2221111.42N  |
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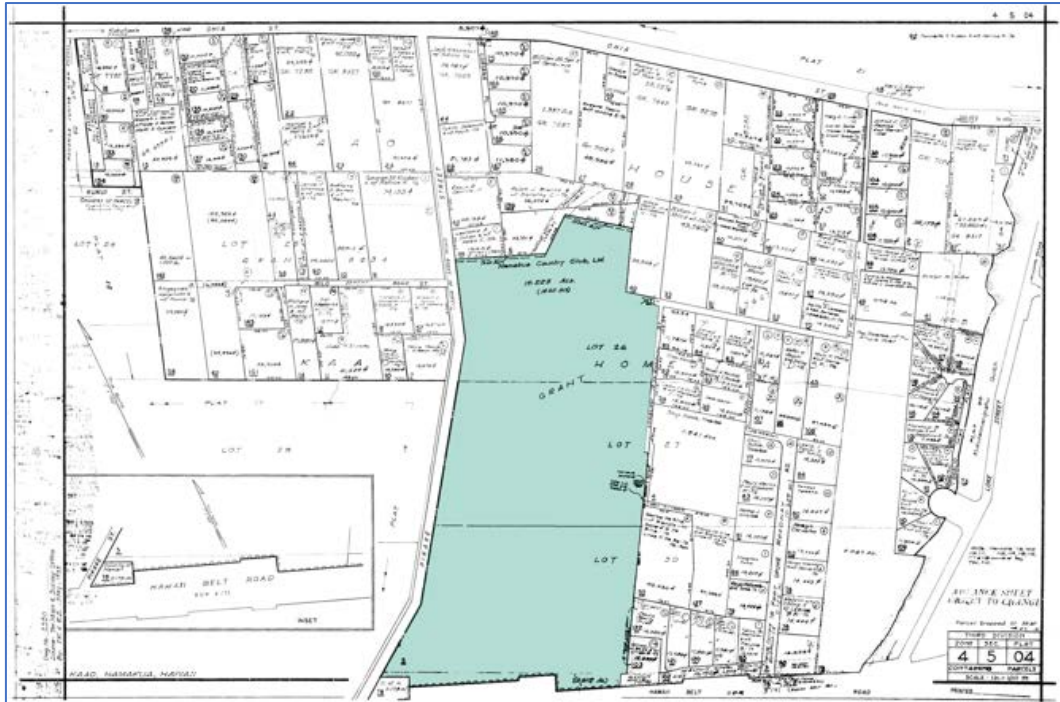
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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)



The Tax Map Key 4-5-004:005 is used by both the State and Country of Hawai'i to designate this individual parcel for tax and zoning purposes.

From the Southwest corner of the property:

Points 1 to 2	255 feet NE
Points 2 to 3	821 feet NE
Points 3 to 4	256 feet SE
Points 4 to 5	277 feet NE
Points 5 to 6	140 feet SE
Points 6 to 7	206 feet SW
Points 7 to 8	105 feet SE
Points 8 to 9	1170 feet SW
Points 9-10	210 feet NW
Points 10 to 11	50 feet NE
Points 11 to 12	47 feet NE
Points 12 to 13	445 feet NW
Points 13 to 14	42 feet NE
Points 14 to 1	95 feet NW



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**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

### Hāmākua Country Club Map Table

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3	1983	Honoka'a USGS Quadrangle Map cropped.
4	2014	Honoka'a street map demarking the Hāmākua Country Club location.
		<b>Historic Maps</b>
5	Ca. 1880s	Historic Hawai'i State Survey Office map of the ahupua'a in Hāmākua. nd. Ka'ao Ahupua'a marked in green.
6	1904	WIDE Honoka'a and Coast Dove (partial) map with Ka'ao 1 and 2 Ahupua'a in green.
7	1983	1-o20155a4 USGS Honoka'a Quagrange with Ka'ao Ahupua'a marked in green. The associated Ka'ao Homesteads in blue-violet.
8	1932	Whole Honoka'a Town map showing the Ka'ao Homesteads in green and the Ka'ao trig point in pink.
9	1935	TMK plat map—current plat map of TMK 45004005 with all land transfers noted
10	2022	Honoka'a Town Brochure map.

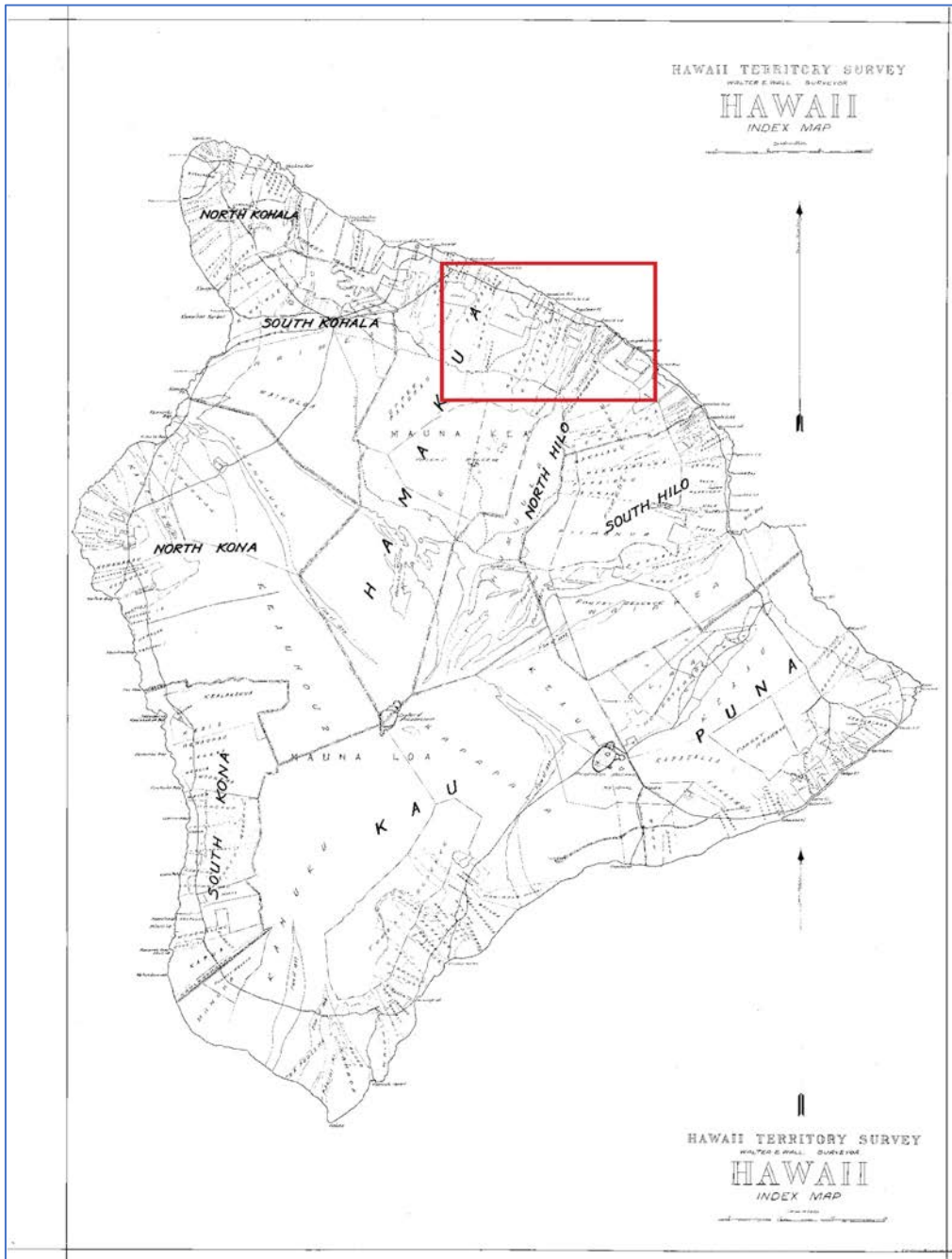
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2. 1983 USGS Honoka'a Quad Honoka'a Quad showing Honoka'a Town on the Hāmākua Coast of the Island of Hawai'i.





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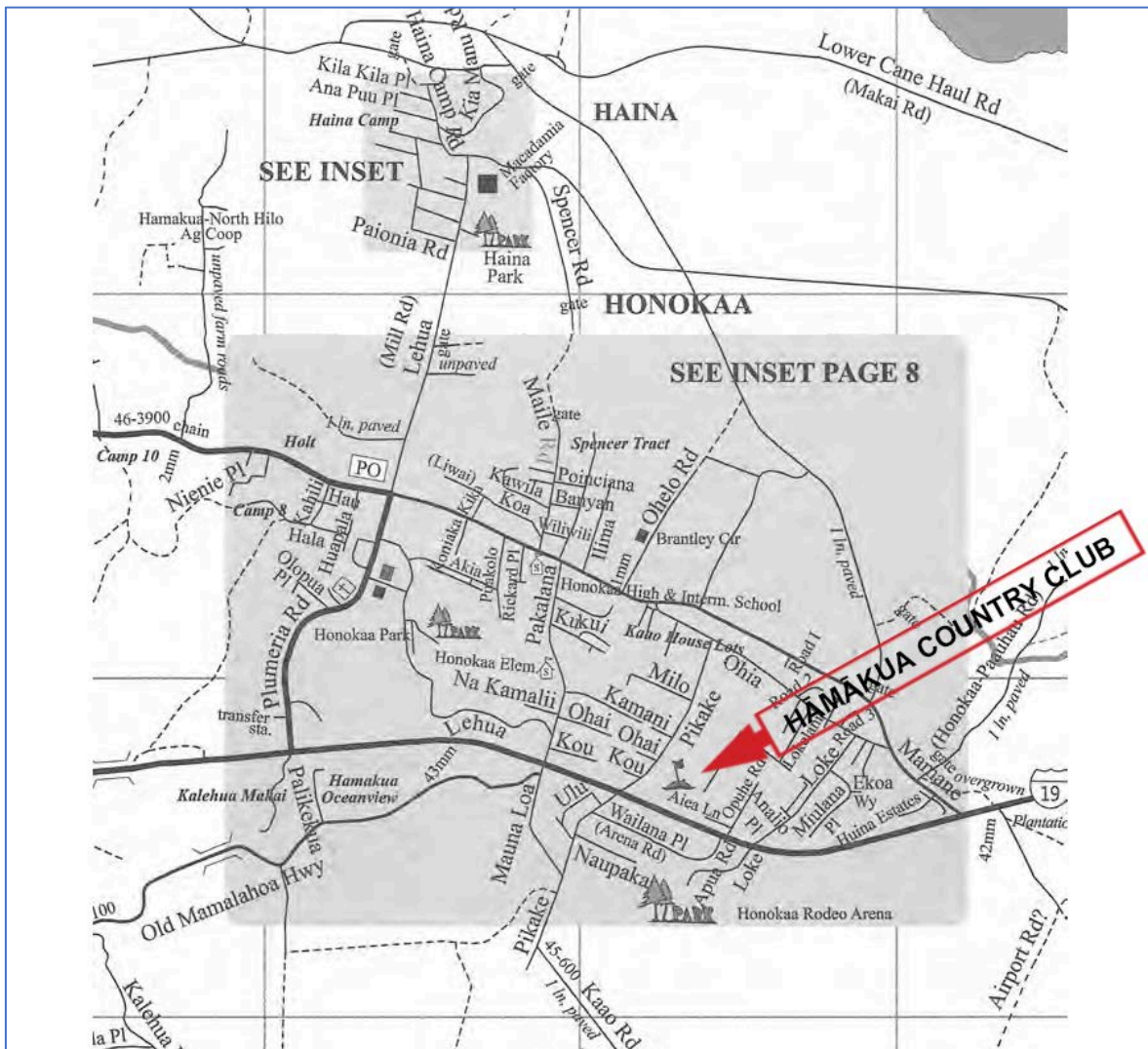
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4. 2014 Honoka'a street map demarking the Hāmākua Country Club location.



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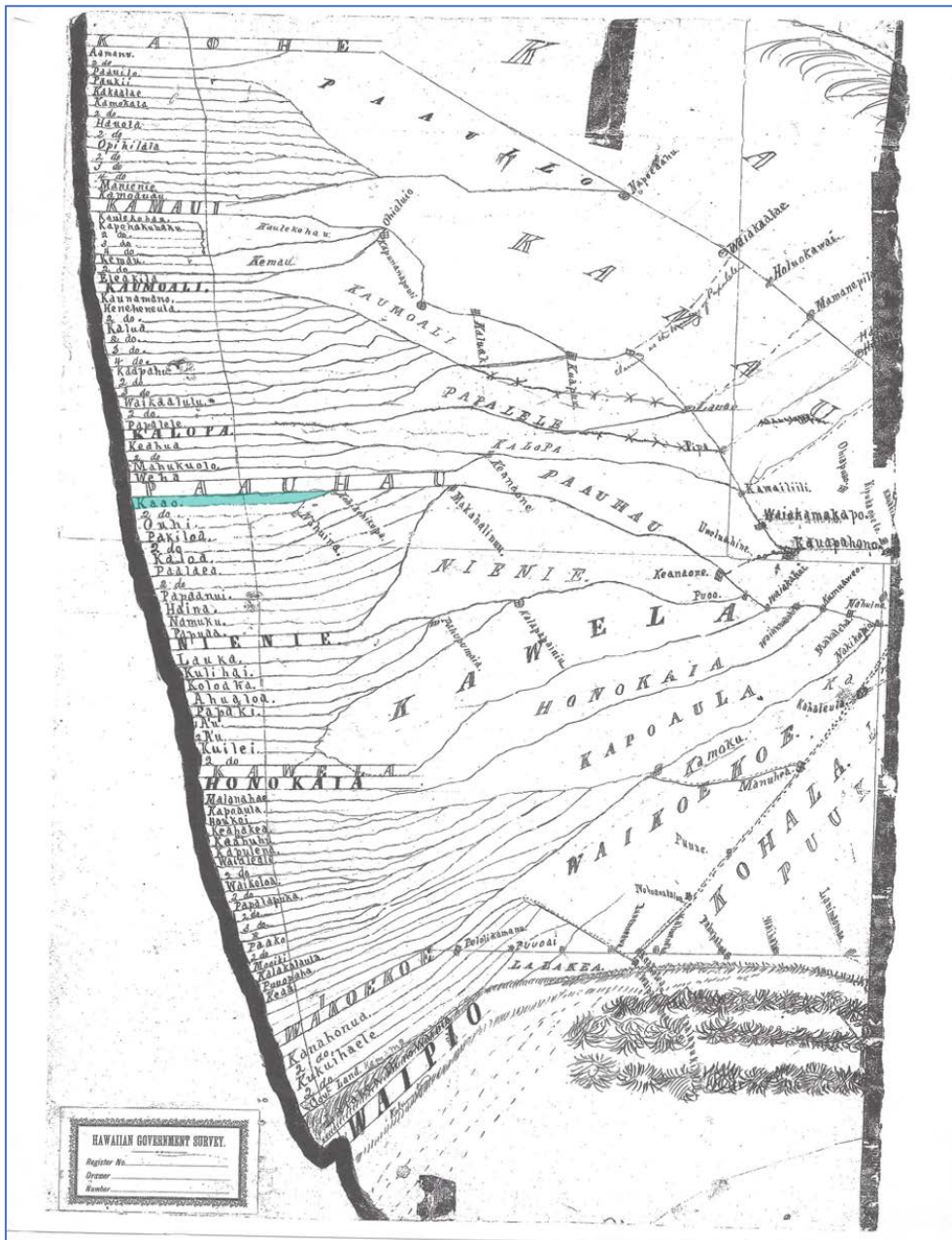
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## Historic Maps

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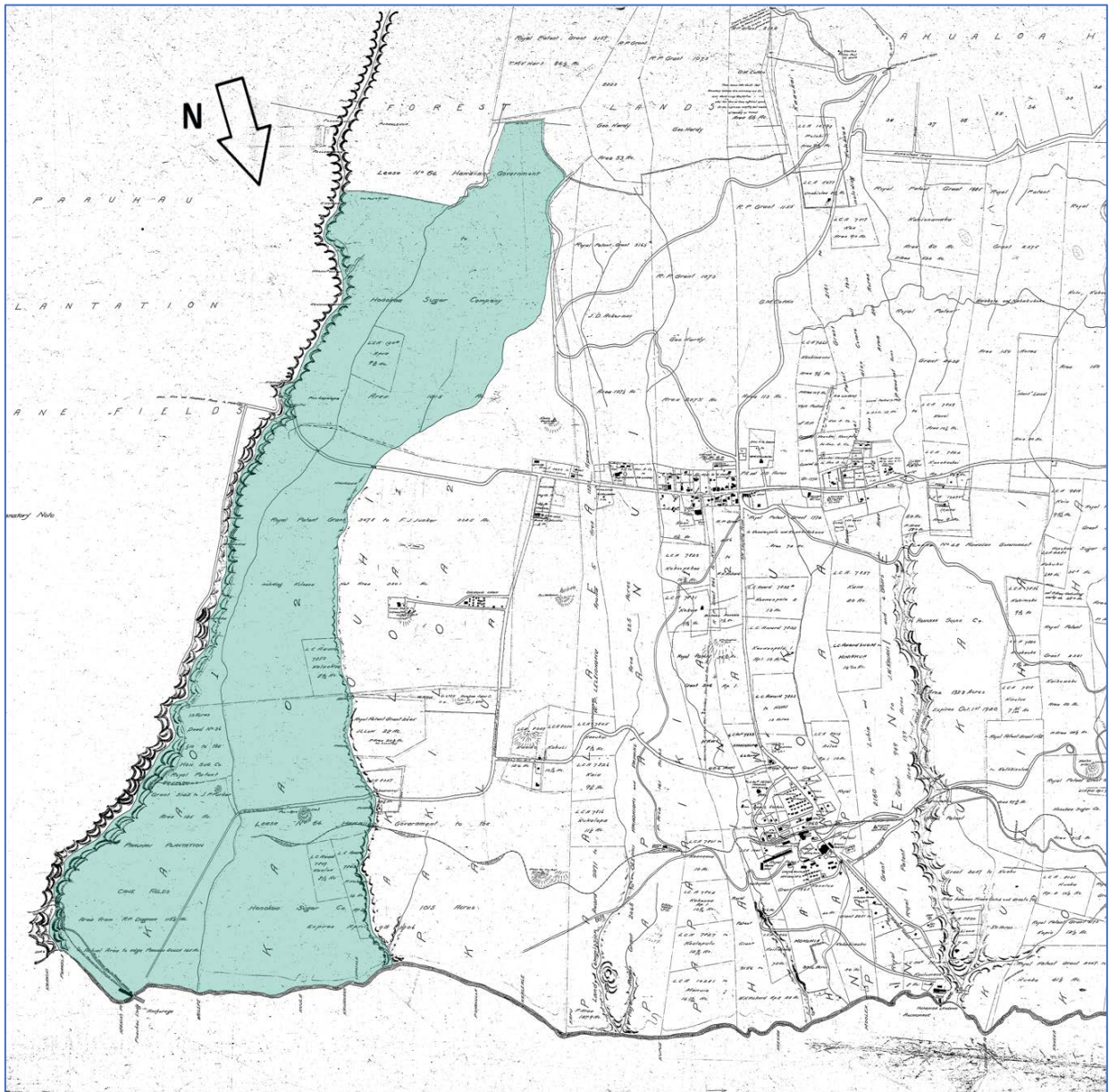




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6. 1904 WIDE Honoka‘a and Coast Dove (partial) map with Ka‘ao 1 and 2 Ahupua‘a in green.



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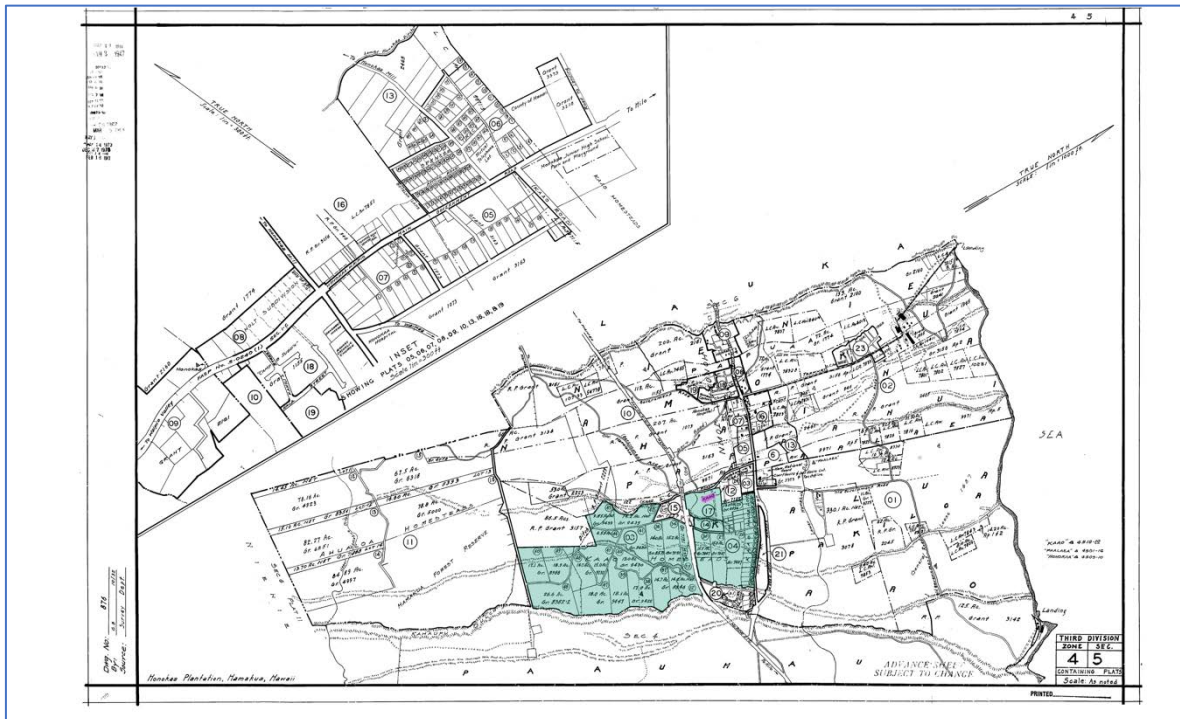
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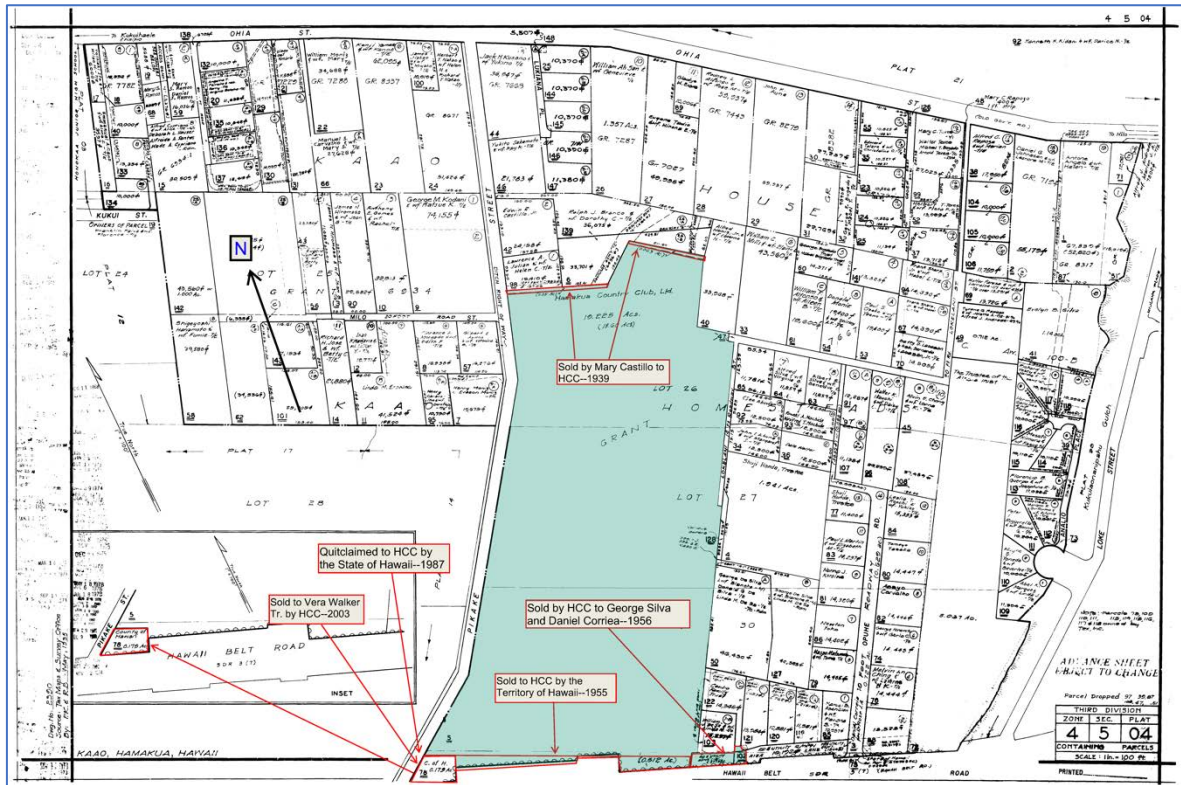
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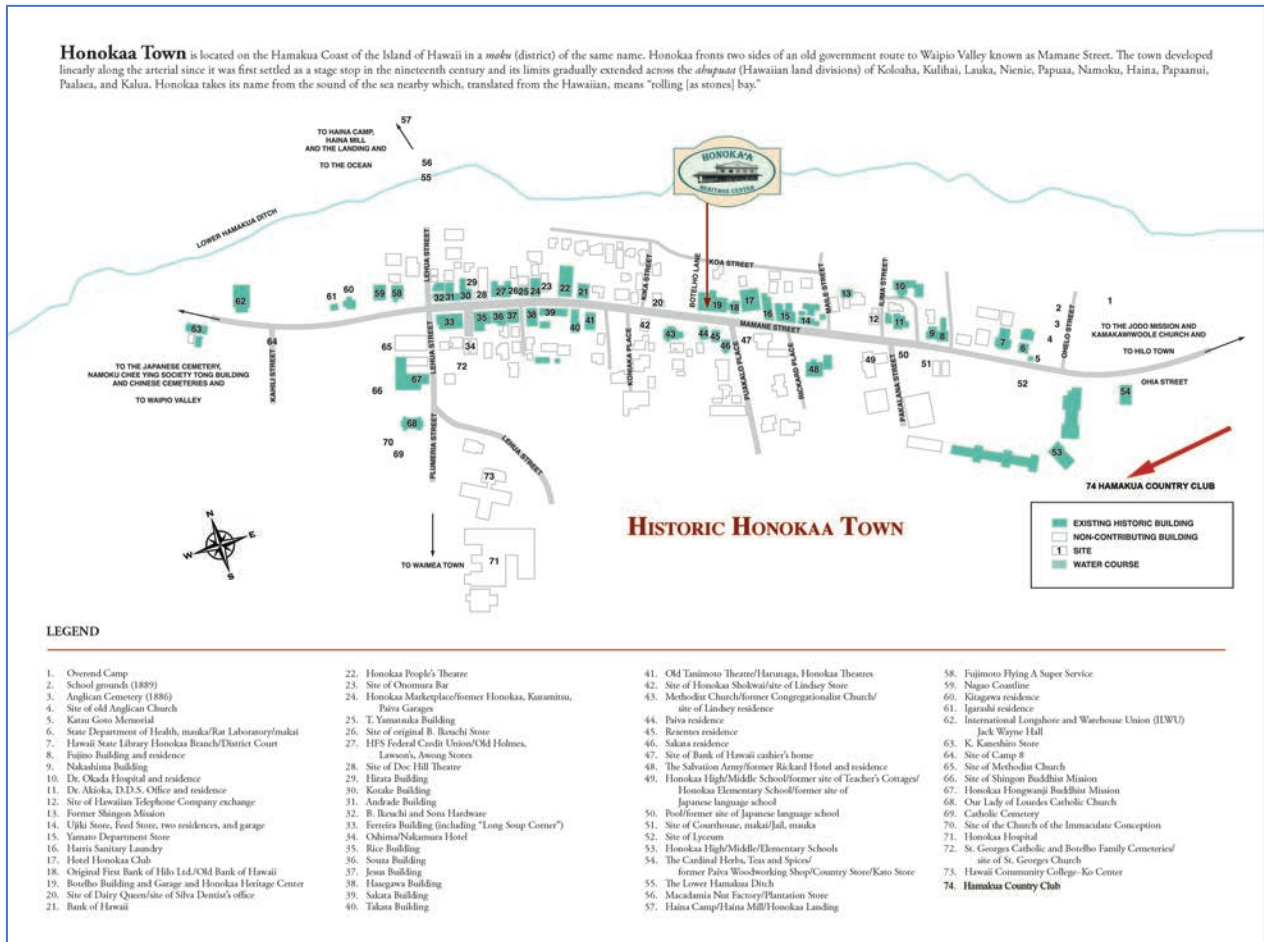


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## 10. 2022 Honokaa Town Brochure map.



- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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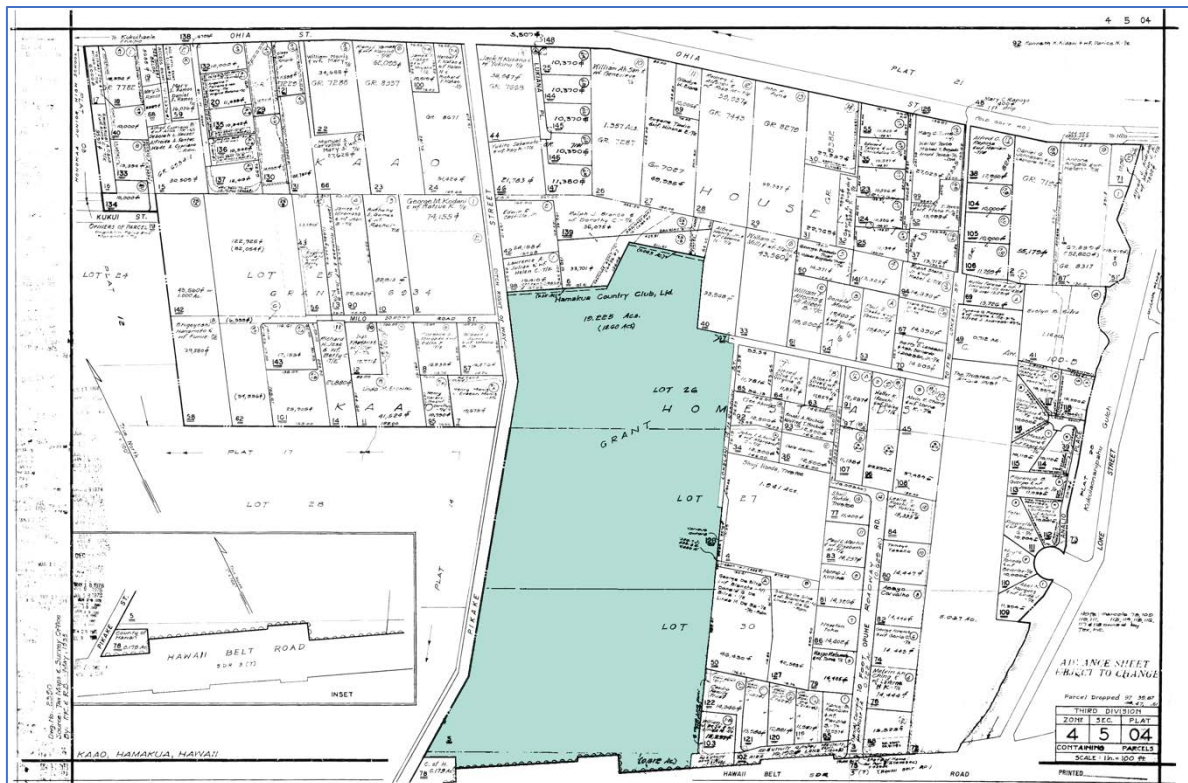
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## Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Figure 1. 1935 TMK plat map showing the current Hāmākua Country Club property in green.





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Figure 2. Aerial view of the Hāmākua Country Club Golf Course and HCC Clubhouse (arrow).



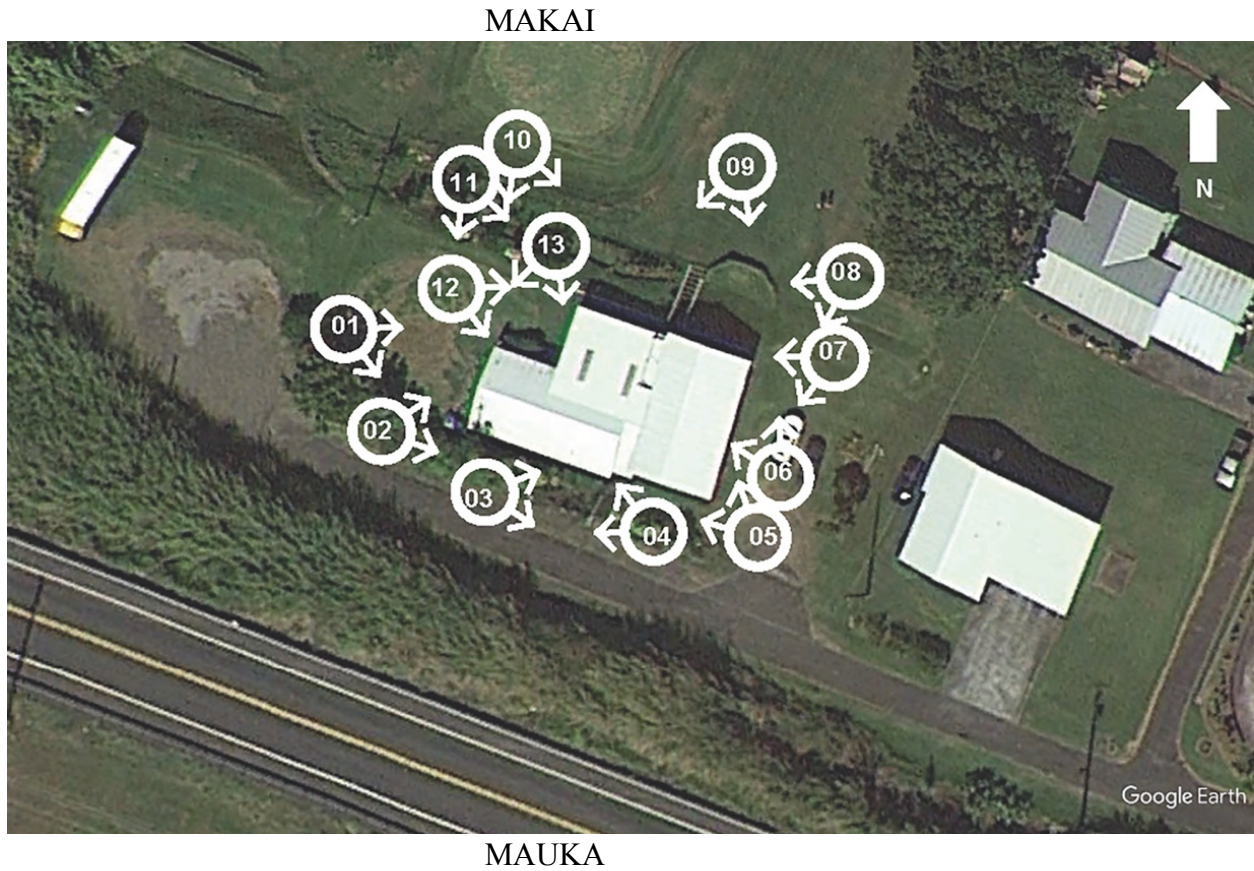
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Figure 3. Aerial view of the HCC Clubhouse and Exterior Photo Key.





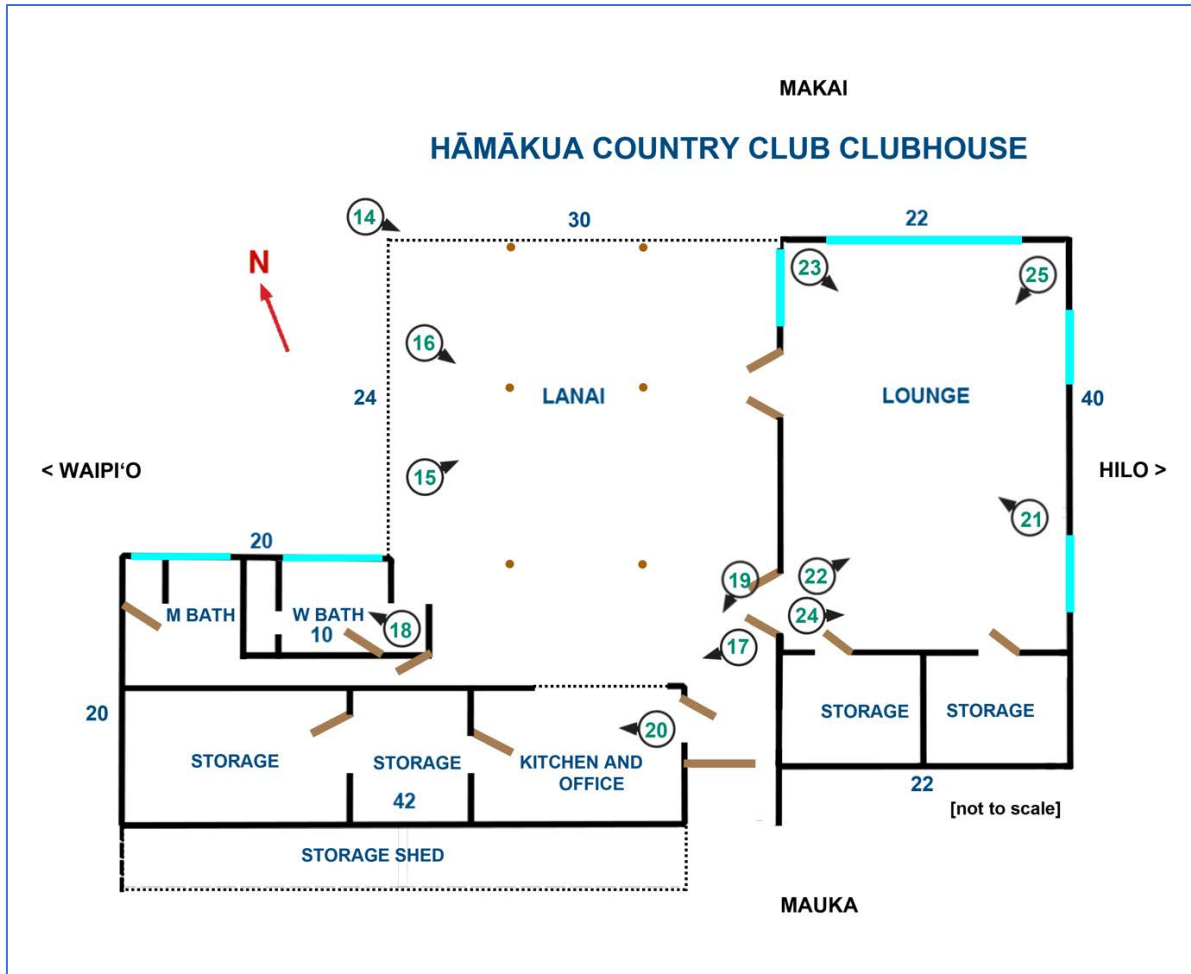
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Figure 4. Plan view of the Hāmākua Country Club Clubhouse.



### Photo Log

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City or Vicinity: Honoka'a

County: Hawai'i

State: Hawai'i

Photographers: Stanley Solamilo 1-13 and Laura Ruby 14-25

Date Photographed: 2022

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photos: 1 through 25

Location of Original Digital Files: Ross W. Stephenson, PhD

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Job # Historic and Architectural Resources of Honoka'a

Photo #1 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0001) Waipi'o  
(northwest) Façade of the Hāmākua Country Club Clubhouse.

Camera facing east-southeast.

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Photo #2 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0002) Oblique view of Waipi'o (northwest) Façade and Mauka (southwest) Façade of the HCC Clubhouse.

Camera facing east.

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Photo #3 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0003) Oblique view of Mauka (southwest) Façade of the HCC Clubhouse.

Camera facing east-northeast.

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Photo #4 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0004) View of golf cart parking at side of Mauka (southwest) Façade of the HCC Clubhouse.

Camera facing west-northwest.

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Photo #5 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0006) Oblique view of Mauka (southwest) and Hilo (southeast) Façades of the HCC Clubhouse.

Camera facing north-northwest.

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Photo #6 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0007) Oblique view of Hilo (southeast) and Makai (northeast) Façades of the HCC Clubhouse.

Camera facing west.

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Photo #7 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0008) Oblique view of Hilo (southeast) and Makai (northeast) Façades of the HCC Clubhouse.

Camera facing west-southwest.

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Photo #8 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0009) Makai  
(northeast) Façade and side Lanai of the HCC Clubhouse.

Camera facing south-southwest.

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Photo # 9(HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0010)  
Oblique view of Makai (northeast) Façade and side Lanai of the HCC  
Clubhouse.

Camera facing south-southeast.

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Photo #10 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0011) Oblique view of Waipi'o (northwest) Façade of the HCC Clubhouse.

Camera facing south-southeast.

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Photo #11 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0012) View of  
Waipi'o (northwest) Façade of the HCC Clubhouse Lanai.

Camera facing east-southeast.

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Photo #12 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0013) View of Makai (northeast) Façade of the HCC Clubhouse Women's and Men's Toilets.

Camera facing south

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Photo #14 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0014) Lanai in foreground and Lounge in background.

Camera facing southeast

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Photo #15 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0015) HCC Lanai with  
'ōhi'a posts.

Camera facing east.

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Photo #16 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0016) HCC open Lanai.

Camera facing southeast.

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Photo #17 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0017) Office counter and pass-through window. Men's and Women's Bathrooms in background.

Camera facing west-southwest.

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Photo #18 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0018) Women's Bathroom.

Camera facing north-northwest.

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Photo #19 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0019) Entryway on left and Kitchen door to right.

Camera facing southwest.

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Photo #20 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0020) Kitchen with Office counter out of view to right.

Camera facing west.

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Photo #21 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0021) HCC Lounge.

Camera facing north-northwest.  
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Photo #22 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_ Hāmākua Country Club 0022) HCC Lounge.

Camera facing east.  
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Photo #23 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0023) HCC Lounge.

Camera facing southeast.

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Photo #24 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0024) HCC Lounge.

Camera facing east.  
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Photo #25 (HI\_Hawai'i County\_Honoka'aMPS\_Hāmākua Country Club 0025) HCC Lounge.

Camera facing south-southwest.  
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## ADDENDUM A

### Property Transfers



DATE	LIBER	TRANSACTION	COST	AREA	DESCRIPTION
1/6/1920	Bk 32 p29	Homestead Land	\$3,237	52.248	<b>Commissioners of Public Lands to Agnes K. Payne:</b> Purchased grant 7668 within government owned Ka'ao House lots comprising Lots 8, 26, 27 and 30.
1/21/1921	579/409	Chattel Mortgage	\$4,000	50.9 ac.	<b>First Bank of Hilo to Agnes K. et al:</b> She mortgaged the land, improvements, crops, livestock, poultry, machinery, tools, implements, carts, wagons and harness.
1/23/1926	805/259	Deed	\$500	50.9 ac .	<b>Agnes K. and William Payne to F.R.F. Fraser:</b> This was a private sale.
1/23/1926	805/260	Deed	\$500	50.9 ac	<b>F.R.F. Fraser to William J. Payne and Agnes K.</b> Fraser sold the property back in order to put William on as primary owner.
2/1929	_____	Unrecorded Lease	Unknown	18.6 ac.	<b>From Agnes K. and William J. Payne to the Hāmākua Country Club, Ltd.:</b> Portions of Lots 26, 27 and 30 for the golf course.
3/16/1930	1050/329	Deed	\$3,700	18.6 ac.	<b>From Agnes K. and William J. Payne to the Hāmākua Country Club Ltd.:</b> Portions of Lots 26, 27 and 30 for the golf course. This required permission from the Land Commission.

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4/7/1930	1056/356	Partial Release of Mortgage	\$1	18.60 ac	<b><i>From the Bank of Hawai'i to Agnes K. and William J. Payne:</i></b> A release of the lien on 18.6 acres of the 50.9 ac. because the Payne's wished to officially transfer the acreage to the Hāmākua Country Club. The \$2000 loan was continued on the rest of the property.
9/25/1939	1527/181	Deed	\$50	0.05 and 0.063 ac.	<b><i>From Mary Castillo to the Hāmākua Country Club:</i></b> Strips of land extending E/W on the <i>mauka</i> side of her lot abutting the golf course's northern property line. This brought the total acreage of the golf course to 18.713.
2/28/1955	2932/168	Quitclaim	\$460	0.691 ac.	<b><i>From the Territory of Hawai'i, Commissioner of Public Lands to the Hāmākua Country Club:</i></b> The .0691 ac. parcel known as "Remnant 5-A" adjacent to the <i>mauka</i> boundary of the golf course. Held by the Territory for the Seismic Wave Damage Rehabilitation Project No STR 3 (7). The addition of this parcel brought the total acreage of the course to 19.404.
10/29/1956	3182/158	Grant of Easement	\$1	15,872 sf. [roadway]	<b><i>From the Hamakua Country Club to George De Silva and Daniel Correia:</i></b> This allowed

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					De Silva to subdivide his property by assuring access down the road to construction equipment and to the new parcel.
12/21/1956	3220/427	Deed	\$1	0.179 ac.	<b><i>From the Hāmākua Country Club to the County of Hawaii Water Board:</i></b> Portion of "Remnant A" at the corner of Māmalahoa Highway and Plumeria Street. Parcel was the former location of a Board of Water Supply water tank.
6/22/1987	20922/506	Quitclaim Deed	\$10	0.179 ac.	<b><i>From the Water Commission of the County of Hawai'i to the Hāmākua Country Club:</i></b> Return of the water tank parcel.
5/28/2003	Doc # 03-104599	Deed	\$65,000	0.179 ac	<b><i>From the Hāmākua Country Club to the Vera Walker Revocable Trust:</i></b>
9/22/2009	Doc # 09-145067	Transfer of Deed	\$0	0.179 ac	<b><i>From the Vera Walker Revocable Trust to Dena Ramirez:</i></b> the current owner.

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## ADDENDUM B

### Timeline

- 1920 – (November 16) Agnes Kalanikapi Kamakawiwoole Payne in Honoka'a purchased 52.248 acres of Land Patent Grant #7668 in the Ka'ao Homesteads.
- c. 1921 – The Paynes gave the Honoka'a Social Club (HSC) permission to use a 18.6-acre parcel within Grant 7668.
- 1920s – The first nine-hole course was built.
- 1923 – The Honoka'a Golf Course opened in February of this year.
- 1926–70 – Hāmākua European American residents gave \$100 to build the course which they constructed themselves. Men were the only shareholders.
- 1928 – (August 1) The Hāmākua Country Club (HCC) was incorporated and became a private/public course.
- 1930 – (March 16) The Paynes conveyed the golf course lot for \$3,700 to the Hāmākua Country Club (HCC).<sup>1</sup>
- 1930 – The first Asian American was permitted to become a shareholder.
- 1941-45 – Most golf activities suspended during World War II. Golf equipment was not manufactured at that time.
- 1956-57 – The new Clubhouse, completed.

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PRIVATE  
PROPERTY

**HAMAKUA  
COUNTRY  
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EXPLORER













































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**SANITIZE HANDS!**  
All customers are requested  
to sanitize hands  
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**To Pay:**  
• Donations  
• Reservations  
• Memberships  
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**GOLF CLOSED  
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Use Pickle St

**NO SMOKING**  
Within The Club

**RULES**

CLUB Tuesday  
10/10/22 Waikiki Avenue - in session until 10:00 PM  
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