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Notice that this 1984 photo shows that there is no window in the parapet.



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This is a ca. 1987 photo of Māmane Street showing the Honoka'a Garage.

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Ca. 1995 Honoka‘a Marketplace including a new parapet window (which is not historic, but the aperture is repairable) was added for better interior lighting. The side doors and a central window were modified to form a single central set of double doors and two side windows.



**PHOTOGRAPH: CAROL STEPHENSON**

This 2015 photograph, keeping with the historic character of the building, shows that the former left and right service station bays have been modified and are now large plate glass windows.

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**Criterion A– Commerce–Business History at the Honoka‘a Garage**

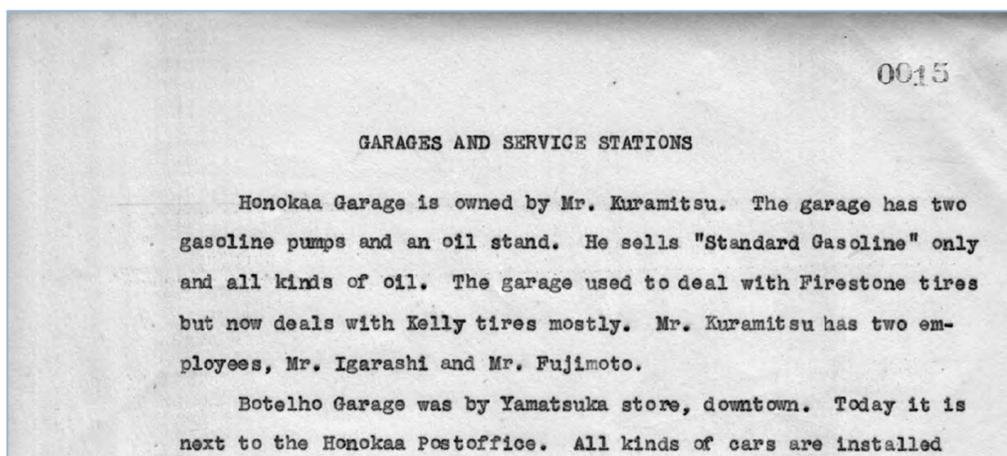


1912 Hāmākua, S. Kohala Telephone and Telegraph Co. telephone book advertisement. (p. 23)

According to historical business directories, the Botelho business in its original location dates from around 1912. M.S. Botelho built and moved into his new “uptown” building and garage in 1927.

The “downtown” garage became the Honoka‘a Garage, and Ukichi Kuramitsu was the proprietor. Kurimitsu had held the lease since 1917, but he was able to purchase the property in 1934 before the expiration of the lease.

In 1933, John Reineke’s students at Honoka‘a Intermediate School produced a comprehensive study of Honoka‘a Town. This manuscript is a snapshot of business activities in the town, and especially shows the importance of the automobile and the services provided to automobile owners, as well as to transport businesses.



1933 Honoka‘a Intermediate School student survey of Honoka‘a Town (p. 16). The Botelho business had moved “uptown” to its new location in 1927.

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**GARAGES**

No.	Name of Business	Name of Owner	Date Est.	Number & Nationality of Patrons	Number of Employees
21.	Honokaa Garage	B. Kuramitsu		All	1 family, 2 hired
14.	Botelho Garage	Botelho		All	3 family, 1 hired
8.	Yamato Garage	Yamato		All	2 family, 1 hired
25.	"Auto Repairing"	A Filipino	1934	No patronage yet	?

**SERVICE STATIONS**

21.	Honokaa Garage	B. Kuramitsu		All	Same as garage
14.	Botelho Garage			All	1 hired, also in garage
8.	Yamato Garage			All	Same as garage
5.	Hamakua Shokwai	K. Inokoji		All	Same as store
24.	Awong Bros.			All	1 hired, same as store
31.	Andrade Store	Mrs. J. Andrade	1931	All	1 hired, same as store

(All these garages and service stations serve passersby and Hamakua District in general.)

(Data by Tetsuo Nagao.)

Tetsuo Nagao, the student author in the Han-Botelho study from Honoka'a Intermediate School 1933 (p.16) shows the then-current number of garages and service stations in Honoka'a.

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Supply  
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P. O. Corner  
**PHONE 5980**  
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**LEWERS  
&  
COOKE  
LTD.**

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Cement  
Brick  
TerraCotta  
Cor. Iron  
Tanks**

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554 ISLAND OF HAWAII.

<p>Holoso James K homesteader Kokoiki p o Hawaii</p> <p>Holl John H launchman r 102 Mamane Hilo</p> <p>" Koko lab Road Dept Hilo</p> <p>" Wm r Kihouana Hilo</p> <p>" Wm A caretkr Liliuokalani Park r 204 Kihouana Hilo</p> <p>Holmes Amolian H hygienist Dept of Public Instruction rms Y W C A Hilo</p> <p>" Everett N (E N Holmes Ltd) r 320 Kaula Hilo</p> <p>" Everett N Jr clk E N Holmes bds 320 Kaula Hilo</p> <p><b>HOLMES E N LTD</b> (Everett N Holmes) Department Store Groceries Dry Goods Mens Furnishings 212 Wai-anuene Hilo Tels 22 and 60</p> <p>Holokahi Mrs Annie opr Hawaii Tel Co r 114 Kakaaua Hilo</p> <p>" John wire chf Hawaii Tel Co r 114 Kakaaua Hilo</p> <p>" Samua troubleman Hawaii Tel Co r Waiakea House Lots Hilo</p> <p>" Wm lab r Waiakea House Lots Hilo</p> <p>Holman Bro Albert tchr St Mary's School r same Hilo</p> <p>Holowaty John farmer (Glenwood " Michael farmer Glenwood</p> <p>Holuaoa Hotel M Nakamura mngr Holuaoa</p> <p>" Japanese Christian Church K Miyasake pastor Holuaoa</p> <p>" Japanese School K Miyasake tchr Holuaoa</p> <p>" Post Office Mrs L S Augst postmaster</p> <p>" School Francis K Akana prin Holuaoa</p> <p>Homa S barber Kailua</p> <p>Homelani Cemetery Kapiolani nr Ponahawai Hilo</p> <p>Homestead Plantation Co Ltd Herbert C Austria mngr Kaunahu p o Hawaii</p> <p>Homma M carp H S Co Halna</p> <p>" T r Waiakea House Lots Hilo</p> <p>Homura K conf Kealakeua</p> <p>Honan Thomas A homesteader Waiakea Hilo</p> <p>Honaunau Japanese School H Kojima prin Honaunau</p> <p>" Post Office Lewis J Macfarlane postmaster</p> <p>" School John Grace Jr prin Honaunau</p> <p>" Store (Capt Cook Coffee Co Ltd) T Ockawa mngr Honaunau</p> <p>Honda H saln H S P Cos Store Hilea p o Naelehu</p> <p>" J auto opr A B C Taxi Stand r Waiakoa Hilo</p> <p>" J foreman Hawaii Cons Ry Pahoa</p> <p>" K auto opr New Auto Stand r rear 705 Kihouana Hilo</p> <p>" Miten barber Kihouana nr Ponahawai Hilo</p> <p>" M clk L Chong Pahala</p> <p>" S Kapoha</p> <p>" S foreman Hawaii Cons Ry Olua p o Honnain View</p> <p>" S Dkr Hawaii Asahi Shubun r Waiakea House Lots Hilo</p> <p>Hong Truck restaurant 205 Keawe Hilo</p> <p>Hongo S massage 205 Puueo Hilo</p> <p>" T r 100 Halli Hilo</p> <p>Hongwanji Advanced Educational Home Rev H Takeda prin 612 Kihouana Hilo</p> <p>" Japanese Church Rev K Suctomi priest Nanouo Hilo</p>	<p>Hongwanji</p> <p>" Mission (Hilo) see Hilo Hongwanji Mission</p> <p>Honobina Soda Works T Sasaki mngr Honobina p o Hakalau</p> <p><b>HONOKAA ART STUDIO</b> (K Mackawa) Photographs a Specialty Honokaa Tel 701 P O Box 102</p> <p><b>HONOKAA CLUB HOUSE</b> (K Moria) First-Class Hotel and Boarding House Rates \$4.50 per Day and Up Honokaa P O Box 102 Tel 31</p> <p>" Drug Store (Autonw Jesus Jr) Honokaa</p> <p><b>HONOKAA GARAGE</b> (J Igarashi B I Kuramitsu) First-Class Auto Repairing by Experienced Mechanics Honokaa Tel Honokaa Garage P O Box 30</p> <p>" Japanese School F Iitayama prin Honokaa</p> <p>" Library (Branch Hilo Library) Mrs Howard N Smith librarian Honokaa</p> <p>" Meat Market J J Andrade mngr Honokaa</p> <p>" Post Office Manuel S Botelho postmaster</p> <p>" School George E Axtelle prin Honokaa</p> <p><b>HONOKAA SODA WORKS</b> (K Hamasaki) Honokaa</p> <p><b>HONOKAA SUGAR CO W P</b> Naquila Mgr Honokaa F A Schaefer &amp; Co Ltd Honolulu Agents</p> <p>" Sugar Co's Store R L Ransom mngr Honokaa</p> <p><b>HONOKAA SUPPLY STORE</b> (Antese Jesus Jr) Drugs Toilet Articles Confectionery Tobacco Ice Cream and Photo Supplies Honokaa</p> <p><b>HONOKAA TAILOR</b> (Ko Duck Wai) Tailor and Clothes Cleaner Honokaa P O Box 287</p> <p>" Theatre (M Harunaga) Honokaa</p> <p>" Union Church Rev Howard N Smith pastor Honokaa</p> <p>" Water Works W C Vanatta supt Honokaa</p> <p>Honokaa Japanese School T Sato prin p o Kailua</p> <p>" Ranch (Frank K Greenwell) p o Kailua</p> <p>" School A S Teixeira prin p o Kailua</p> <p>Honohi Kaoumauma homesteader Puueo p o Mahukoua</p> <p><b>HONOLULU ADVERTISER AND NEWS-PA KUOKOA</b> James B McSwann Mngr 114 Waiianuene Hilo Tel 127</p> <p><b>HONOLULU DAIEYMEN'S ASSOCIATION LTD</b> (Hilo Branch) Fred Lamb Mngr Plopio nr Kamchameha Hilo Tel 412 (See p 519)</p> <p>" Iron Works (Hilo Branch) see Hilo Iron Works</p> <p>Honoumakaui School Harlan Roberts prin Kohala</p> <p>Honouu Drug Store (M Taniguchi) Honouu</p> <p><b>HONOMU JAPANESE BOARDING SCHOOL</b> Rev Shiro Sokabe Principal Honomu Tel 5105 P O Box 10</p> <p><b>HONOMU JAPANESE HONGWANJI EDUCATIONAL HOME</b> Rev C Miyabara Principal Honomu P O Box 2</p> <p>" Park (County of Hawaii) Manuel Tavares in charge Honomu</p> <p>" Post Office Bertha B Hax postmaster Honomu</p> <p>" School Louise Van Wagenen prin Honomu</p>
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**CONSULT THE CLASSIFIED SECTION OF THIS DIRECTORY**

The 1917 *Honolulu, Hawai'i, City Directory U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989* (p. 554) lists the Honoka'a Garage in "Automobile Livery" with Kuramitsu in partnership with J. Igarashi.

In 1913 and 1914 Kuramitsu was listed as living in Honoka'a, but the name is misspelled "Kuremetsu" (*U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989* 1913, p. 1136; 1914, p. 1080). Two years later he was living in Honoka'a and owned the Honoka'a Livery Service (*U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, 1917, p. 1228) (*U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, 1917, p. 1229). From 1918 to 1920, the directory listed him as proprietor of the Honoka'a Garage (*U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, 1918, p. 948; 1919, p. 966; 1920, p. 1024).

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<p><b>International Indemnity Co. AUTOMOBILE</b> <b>Stanton Wyatt, Gen'l Agent INSURANCE</b></p> <p>ISLAND OF HAWAII. 981</p> <p>Holowaty Nicholas, farmer Olaa. Holstein Henry L, representative and lawyer, p o Kohala. Holt Wm M, luna Hilo S Co, r Amaulu, p o Hilo. Holualoa Post Office, Luther S Aungst postmaster. Holualoa School, Benjamin L Kamakau prin, Holualoa. Homelani Cemetery, Ponahawai nr Kapiolani, Hilo. Homestead Plantation Co Ltd, Herbert C Austin mngr, Kaau- huhu, p o Hawi. Homma H, carp H S Co, Honokaa. Homma S, chauffeur, r Waiakea House Lots, Hilo. Homura K, conf Kealakekua. Honanui Kalai, emp Hilo I Wks, r Bishop, Hilo. Honaunau Post Office, Louis J Macfarlane postmaster. Honaunau School, Lot K Kauwe prin, Honaunau. Honda J, chauffeur A B C Taxi Stand, r 223 Kilauea, Hilo. Honda K, chauffeur, r rear 765 Kilauea, Hilo. Honda S, gen store Kapoho. Honda S, lab, r rear 524 Kilauea, Hilo. Hong M C, luna H M &amp; P Co, Hawi. Hongenji Japanese Church, Rev K Suetomi priest, Manano, Hilo. Hongo T, conf 318 Kamehameha, Hilo. Hongwanji Advanced Educational Home, Rev B Takeda prin, 612 Kilauea, Hilo. Hongwanji Mission (Hilo), see Hilo Hongwanji Mission. Honma S, barber Kailua. <b>HONOKAA BAKERY, S Kunitomo Propr, Fresh Bread,</b> Pies and Cakes Honokaa. <b>HONOKAA CLUB HOUSE, K Morita Propr, First-Class</b> Hotel and Boarding House, Rates \$4.00 per Day and Up Honokaa. P O Box 42. Tel Morita. <b>HONOKAA GARAGE, B U Kuramitsu Propr, Automobile</b> Repairing and Supplies Honokaa. <b>HONOKAA JAPANESE HOSPITAL (Dr K Tofukuji),</b> Honokaa. Honokaa Japanese School, F Hirayama prin, Honokaa. Honokaa Post Office, Andrew O Henderson postmaster. Honokaa School, Louise D Van Wagenen prin, Honokaa. <b>HONOKAA SODA WORKS, T Moriki Propr, Honokaa.</b> Honokaa Sugar Co, W P Naquin mngr, Honokaa; F A Schae- fer &amp; Co Ltd Honolulu agts. Honokaa Sugar Co's Store, C G Christiansen supt, Honokaa. <b>HONOKAA TAILOR (Ko Duck Wha), Tailor and Clothes</b> Cleaner Honokaa, P O Box 43. Honokohau Ranch (Frank R Greenwell), livestock Honoko- hau, p o Kailua. Honokohau School, Helen Bertelmann prin, p o Kailua.</p> <p><b>DURANT-IRVINE CO., Ltd.</b> Electro Plating Oxy. Acetylene Welding</p> <p><b>45 N. King. St. Tel. 1962</b></p>	<p><b>A Food For Horses, Mules, Milch Cows and Poultry</b></p> <p><b>Algaroba Feed</b></p> <p>Efficient Substitute for Oats, Rolled Barley and other Animal Feed also a Substitute for all Poultry Feed.</p> <p>A Local Product Delivered to all Parts of the City</p> <p>MANUFACTURED BY <b>Union Feed Co., Ltd.</b> Ring up Tel. 3468</p>	<p><b>WHAT'S YOUR LINE?</b></p> <p><b>IF Your Card Were Here Everybody WOULD KNOW</b></p>
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The 1920 *Husted's, F.M. Classified Business Directory of Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands*. (p. 981) lists Kuramitsu as proprietor of the Honoka'a Garage specializing in auto repairing and supplies.

The 1921 city directory lists him as "foreman" for the Honoka'a Auto Company (*U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, 1921, p. 1076*). Kuramitsu was listed for the first time in 1923 as B.U. Kuramitsu proprietor of the Honoka'a Garage (*U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, 1922, p. 1164*).

In 1926 and 1928 he was listed just as Honoka'a Garage (*U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, 1926, p. 614; 1928, p. 636*). 1928 p. 636), and then there were no further listings.

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There was a gap in business directory listings, but the Bureau of Conveyances recorded that Kuramitsu continued running the Honoka'a Garage on the leased Lot B property in until 1934 when he was able to purchase the property. In 1938, the Kuramitsu enterprise continued to advertise (*Polk-Husted Directory Company. Directory of Honolulu and the Territory of Hawai'i.*

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and 68474

**HONOKAA GARAGE (B U Kuramitsu)**  
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White 324 PO Box 260

- High and Grammar School H L Lars-  
guard prin Honokaa
- Hongwanji Mission Giko Tsuge priest  
Honokaa
- Japanese School Seikan Higa prin Ho-  
nokaa
- Library (Hilo Library) Honokaa
- Park Honokaa
- Post Office B B Hay postmaster
- HONOKAA SUGAR CO W P Naquin Mgr**  
Haina F A Schaefer & Co Ltd Hono-  
lulu Agents
- Sugar Co's Hospital Haina
- Sugar Co's Store T B Blacakadar mgr  
gen store Haina
- HONOKAA SUPPLY STORE (A n t o n e**  
Jesus Jr) Drugs Confectionery Photo  
Supplies Honokaa PO Box A57
- Union Church Rev T D Preston pastor  
Honokaa
- Water Works Honokaa
- Honokahau Japanese School Holualoa
- Ranch (F R Greenwell) po Kailua
- School A S Teixeira prin po Holualoa
- Honolulu Dental Supply Co (br) H S E  
Chang mgr 116 Kamehameha av Hilo
- Iron Works Co (Hilo Branch) see Hilo
- Technical School (registration office)  
26 Waianuenue Hilo
- HONOLULU CHRISTIAN B O A R D I N G**  
**SCHOOL** Sakabe Prin  
Honolulu Tel 14 Blue 19 PO Box 155
- Gakuen Jogen Saito prin Honolulu
- Mormon Church D B Kalani in chg Ho-  
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- Park Honomu
- Post Office B B Hay postmaster
- School R L Roberts prin Honomu
- Sugar Co J F Ramsay mgr Honomu
- Sugar Co's Store B B Hay mgr gen  
store Honomu
- Theatre (H Tanimoto) Honomu
- Honzaki Fred M sismn TWACo h372 Pio-  
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- Mildred S Mrs tchr DPI h372 Piopio  
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- Hookahi David lab Kai Malino
- Hookano Cozy Waimea po Kamuela
- Jos formn Brewer & Co Hilo
- Margt K emp White Star Lndy r332  
Kukuau Hilo
- Japanese School K S Sakamoto prin  
Hookena
- Post Office L P Lincoln postmaster
- School Sanna Kanda prin Hookena
- Hoolulu Park Waiakea Hilo
- Hoomana Ke Akua Ola (Ke Ola Mau Loa  
Church) Waimea po Kamuela
- Naauao Church 554 Manono av Hilo
- Hoomanawanui Hiram farmer Kainaliu  
po Kealakekua
- Hoopai Jacob E Funaluu po Naalehu
- Hooper Chas E Kealakekua
- Wm J farmer Kealakekua
- Hoopii Anna Mrs tchr DPI h326a Waian-  
nueue Hilo
- Hanao lab Moaula po Pahala
- John lab h296 Todd av Hilo
- Kele lab Olua
- Hoopiaina Anna Mrs cook Puumale  
Home Hilo
- Hoopio John painter County Eng Hilo
- HOOSEKIDO WATCH STORE (Yoshiro**  
Hiraoka) Watch Repairer and Jewel-  
er 243 Kamehameha av Hilo PO Box  
195
- HOP KEE, Chong Chow Mgr Sanitary Poi**  
Shop 26 Lihuiwai Hilo PO Box 145
- HOP WO RESTAURANT (Chun Kong)**  
Chinese Hawaiian and American  
Meats 310 Keawe Hilo
- Heffe Carl mech h182 Kilauaea av Hilo
- Fred C mech h15 Lei Hilo
- Wilhelmina (wid H M) h2469 Kilauaea  
av Hilo
- Wm cowboy Kapapala po Pahala
- Hopper Kenneth L clk HawnaCO Pahala
- Leroy A asst chemist LSCO Papaaloo
- Hora Ichitaro h648 Hinano rd Hilo
- Stanley S carrier PO r648 Hinano rd  
Hilo
- Hori Kikue sten P K Inskip r62 Liliuoka-  
lani Hilo
- Noboru printer Hawaii Asahi Shinbun  
r62 Liliuokalani Hilo
- Sakujiro clk Hilo Library h31 Kou lane  
Hilo
- Sawanori printer Hawaii Asahi Shin-  
bun r62 Liliuokalani Hilo
- Thos S emp Hilo Photo Supply Hilo
- Tokuchi mgr Hawaii Asahi Shinbun  
h62 Liliuokalani Hilo
- Yoe Mrs confr 31 Haili h62 Liliuokalani  
Hilo
- Yoshio bakery Kohala
- Horibata Chokichi h76 Liholihilo Hilo
- Keiya seamn r76 Liholihilo Hilo
- Hori Yasu Mrs h134a Wainaku Hilo
- Horikawa Sue clk Hata Shoten r171 Ku-  
kuau Hilo
- Horikoshi Hanako barber 1404 Kameha-  
meha av Hilo
- Horio Robt S lab Road Dept r Kaunama  
rd Hilo
- Tokuchi bkpr Hilo Motors h opp 79  
Hoku Hilo
- Horita Dick K with M Nakahara Paaulo
- Fujio lab Brewer & Co Hilo
- G formn Mana Rock & Sand Co Hilo
- Masaichi luna PSPCo Paaulau
- T mason HSCo Haina
- Tsuison lab Road Dept Hilo
- Horiuchi Tomotaka gen store 72 Kapiolani  
Hilo
- Umesaku hd bksmith Waiakea M11  
Co Hilo
- Horkia Nicholas lab HawaiiConsRy r124  
Kalaniana'ole av Hilo
- Horner Ear supervising prin DPI (East  
Hawaii) h50 Ululani Hilo
- Marian A Mrs tchr DPI h50 Ululani Hilo
- Horning J H r316 Kinooile Hilo
- Hose Edw Kai Malino
- Henry Hookena
- Hoshida Eno Mrs emp Hilo Brewery Hilo
- Geo Y sismn HELCo h524 Kilauaea av  
Hilo
- Matsuo massage 78 Piopio Hilo
- Takeo sismn S Miyamoto Cash and  
Carry r78 Piopio Hilo
- Tone Mrs midwife 78 Piopio Hilo
- Yotaro h78 Piopio Hilo
- Hooshide Jas Y clk Kaiwiki Sugar Cos  
Store Ooakala
- Shoichi poultry 1939 Kinooile Hilo
- Yasutaro h341a Piopio Hilo
- Yoshiaki clk Fujimoto Trading Co  
r1239 Kinooile Hilo
- Hoshino Mae tchr DPI Kukuhaele
- Magotaru restaurant Honaunau
- Hossack Alex T agrist HawnaCO Pahala
- HOTEL RICKARD Mrs Nellie Walker**  
Mgr Honokaa Toll 2 Blue 312 PO Box  
C (See adv)
- Hotz Lloyd G sismn SOCo Kailua
- Howard Frank clk OSCo Papaikou
- Jack A jr br mgr White Sewing Ma-  
chine Agency h2045 Kalaniana'ole av  
Hilo
- Julia (wid Frank) Papaikou

**HOTEL RICKARD**

MRS. NELLIE WALKER, Mgr.

Modern Conveniences—Moderate Rates—Golf Course

P. O. BOX C                      HONOKAA, HAWAII                      TOLL 2 BLUE 312

1938-1939 Polk-Husted Directory Co.'s Island of Hawaii Directory. (p. 672)

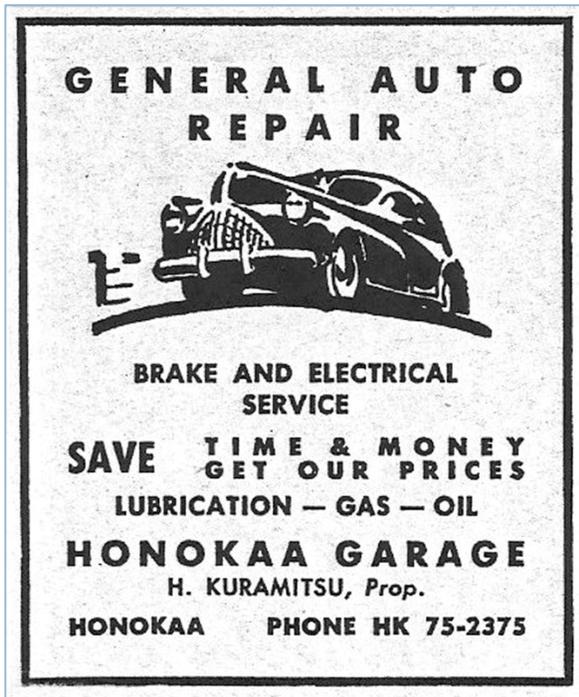
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HAWAII STATE ARCHIVES

In this May 1955 advertisement in the *Island of Hawai'i Hawaiian Telephone Co. Directory*, the first initial is mistakenly printed as "H."

Franklin Paiva, proprietor of the Honoka'a Garage from 1974 to 1994, recounted that patrons were loyal to the garage and service station and that he had over 300 regular customers. (Interview, 2016) The same might also have been said for Kurimitsu's tenure in the Honoka'a Garage.

### Criterion C—Historical Garage and Service Station Architectural Context

The Honoka'a Garage is a good example of a 1920's service station building in rural Hawai'i. Fortunately, the building was set back enough that there was room for the pump "island" and wooden canopy to be erected without demolishing any of the existing building. (see p 19) It is a transition design in that its pumps were curbside; however, it incorporates the use of a canopy. The building behind the canopy is sufficiently large to accommodate retail activities, and mechanical repair and lubrication activities. With its frame construction and false-front it reflects the sensitivities of having the service station blend in with its surrounding neighborhood. As such it is also architecturally significant as a good example of a wood commercial building erected in Hawaii during the 1920s, contributing to the historic character of Honokaa's commercial core.

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Outside of areas with fire safety ordinances, wood was the most common material used to construct commercial buildings in Hawai‘i in the late nineteenth century and the first four decades of the twentieth century. Honolulu passed fire district ordinances commencing in 1888, and Hilo in 1913. As a result, the preponderance of wood commercial buildings is found in Hawai‘i’s small towns and pre-date World War II. The wood buildings were usually one to two stories in height and often sat on concrete foundations. A number featured false fronts and often Italianate-inspired cornices with modillion shaped brackets capping the buildings. Some of these buildings were constructed primarily with vertical tongue and groove walls, although some of the earlier examples have shiplap siding. Frequently, pent-roofed awnings sheltered the sidewalks in front of the buildings, and in the case of the Honoka‘a Garage a prominent semi-hexagonal canopy. The façades contained doors to each bay in the building and display windows. These openings were often arranged in a symmetric manner. Most of the display windows were single pane from 1910 onward. buildings. If one architectural feature predominates in all the Honoka‘a Town commercial buildings along Māmane Street, it is the use of *totan* as a roofing material.

The Honoka‘a Garage, with its façade’s single pane display windows (of a later date) but is appropriate to the Territorial period or plantation style commercial building garages. (see list p. 29) It had open drive-in bays for servicing automobiles. and centered store entry, as well as its false front incorporates elements typical of the wood commercial buildings of its period. It is a good example of the form as applied to a service station.

Very few service stations from the pre-World War II period remain standing on the Neighbor Islands. The only ones which readily come to mind are two in Hanapēpē on the island of Kaua‘i, a small masonry station in Pā‘ia on Maui, and a wood frame office and canopy building in Hilo, although the latter may no longer be extant. The service station at 3771 Hanapēpē Road in Hanapēpē is vacant, but like the Honoka‘a Garage, has a hexagonal canopy and a curbside service island, with a false front, retail store behind.

**Honoka‘a Garage Personage**

**Ukichi Kuramitsu (1891-1970)**

Ukichi Kuramitsu (son of Manzo) was born in Yamaguchi-ken Japan in 1891. Kuramitsu was 19-years-old when he departed from Kobe, Japan on November 11, 1906 on the *S.S. Shibata Maru*.



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As early as 1913, U. Kuramitsu was a self-employed driver of an automobile livery service transporting passengers in the Hāmākua area.

**Associated Garage, Ltd.**  
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Office Furniture and Supplies

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Address **R. L. POLK & Co.,**  
Chicago or Detroit

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\* ANTI-CORROSION COMPOUNDS.  
DEARBORN CHEMICAL CO, 42 S Queen. (See bottom edge and p 5.)

**APIARISTS.**  
Garden Island Honey Co Ltd, Stangenwald bldg.  
Harada Mekichi, McCully tract nr King.  
Ida S, Pearl City.  
Obama, 18th av nr Hon School for Boys.  
Perry Wm, Waianae.  
Rewcastle Thomas, 741 Kinau.  
Robertson Hugh, Waianae.  
Smith E C, Pearl City.  
Standard Honey Co Ltd, 8 Brewer bldg.  
Suzuki S, 1356 Kamohaweha IV rd.  
Tado, Waipahu.  
Tanigawa S, Doamond Head av nr car line.  
Yamane U, 2295 N King.

**HAWAII.**  
Keokea Honey Co, Kealakekua.

**KAUAI.**  
Garden Island Honey Co, Waimea.  
Kauai Honey Co, Lihue.

**ARCHITECTS.**  
Emory & Webb, 925 Fort.  
Fukunura S K, 208 McCandless bldg.  
Gill Thomas, 6 Waity bldg.  
Holmberg John, 160 S Hotel.  
Kerr H L, 312314 McCandless bldg.  
Newcomb E A P, Royal Hawaiian Hotel.  
PHILLIPS W O, 611 Stangenwald bldg. (See p 614.)  
Reynolds Arthur, 511 Stangenwald bldg.  
Ripley & Davis, 401 Boston bldg.  
Walker C D, Parker lane nr King.  
YOUNG J L, 12 Campbell blk.

**MAUI.**  
Dowdle S R, Paia.

**ARTISTS.**  
Barron Charles, Kukui lane.  
Hitchcock D H, 84 S King.  
Kawamura G, Dwight lane nr King.  
Stift Carl, Beretania bet Punchbowl and Miller.  
Wilder J A, 2263 Kalua rd.

**HAWAII.**  
Sawada S, Hilo.

**ARTISTS' SUPPLIES.**  
Arts and Crafts Shop Ltd Ye, 1120 Fort  
Gurry's Ltd, 1066 Fort.  
Honolulu Photo Supply Co, 1059 Fort.

**ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.**  
See Lawyers.

**AUCTIONEERS.**  
City Auction Co, 1184 Fort.  
Jakins G V, 76 S Beretania.  
MORGAN Jas P CO LTD, 125-131 Merchant. (See backbone and p 26.)  
Realty Auction Co Ltd, 916-920 Fort.  
Steven O A, Fort cor Queen.

**HAWAII.**  
Gray R S, Hilo.

\* AUTO OILS—(Non-Carbonizing).  
DEARBORN CHEMICAL CO, 42 S Queen. (See bottom edge and p 5.)

**AUTOMOBILE LIVERY.**  
AUTO LIVERY CO LTD, Hotel cor Union. (See line back cover.)  
Behn C J H, Alakea cor Hotel.  
Bryant Henry, Heeta.  
City Auto Stand, Chaplain cor Fort.  
Fuginaka, Haleiwa.  
Fukuda, Aiea.  
Harrah J M, Young Hotel Automobile Stand.  
Honolulu Automobile Stand, Alakea cor Hotel.  
Kawakami S, Wahiawa.  
Lazarus Eleazer, Oahu Automobile Stand  
Murata T, Waipahu.  
Nita, Waipahu.  
NUUANUBROHA AUTO STAND, Nuuanu above Beretania. (See p 576.)  
Oahu Automobile Stand, Bishop makai King.  
Royal Hawaiian Garage Ltd, 239 S Hotel.  
Shiraki, Waimanalo.  
Tukane, Waimanalo.  
Uchida Auto Stand, South cor Hustace.  
Young Hotel Automobile Stand, Bishop cor Hotel.

**HAWAII.**  
Ah Chong W, Hawi.  
Conant J N, Kealakekua.  
Hamane H, Pahoa.  
Hawi Garage, Hawi.  
Hilo Auto Stand, Hilo.  
Ichikawa, Kohala.  
Kawai H, Hilo and Pahoa.  
Keokea Auto Stand, Kealakekua.  
Kohala Auto Bus and Touring Service, Hawi.  
Kohala Club and Transportation Co Ltd, Kohala.  
Karemetan, Honokaa.  
Leslie J H K, Kealakekua.  
Lucas R A, Hilo.  
Matsumaga K, Naalehu.  
Mori T, Holualoa.  
Nakamoto S, Pahoa.  
Nakamura, Holualoa.  
Okimoto, Kealakekua.  
Ota T, Holualoa.  
Shimokata, Hawi.  
Tong Fat, Hawi.

**VOLCANO STABLES & TRANSPORTATION CO LTD, Hilo.** (See pp 45 and 786.)

**SHIPPING AND COMMISSION MERCHANT** **J. A. GILMAN**  
828 FORT ST. TELEPHONE 1150

The 1913 *Honolulu, Hawai'i, City Directory U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*. The "Auto Livery" listing misspelled Kuramitsu's name. (p.1136) The same listing was repeated in 1914. But in 1916 Kuramitsu is listed as proprietor, Honoka'a Garage. The 1917 directory still lists him as running an auto livery service. All future directory listings record Kuramitsu as proprietor of the Honoka'a Garage.

In 1917 he was the manager and then proprietor of the Honoka'a Garage. In some business directories, he is listed as "Foreman" for the Honoka'a Auto Company but he is clearly established as proprietor of the Honoka'a Garage by 1923.

Honoka'a Garage

Name of Property . . . . .

Hawai'i, Hawai'i

County and State

REGISTRATION CARD No. 288

1 Name in full Ukichi Kuramitsu 26

2 Home address Honokaa Hawaii

3 Date of birth January 19 1891

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Alien

5 Where was your birth? Suwamurajamaguchiken Japan

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? Japan

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Garage

8 By whom employed? myself

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Wife

10 Married or single (which)? Married Race (specify which) Japanese

11 What military service have you had? Rank None, branch None, years None, Nation or State None

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? None

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Ukichi Kuramitsu  
(Signature of registrant)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 4618

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Medium Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Medium

2 Color of eyes? Brown Color of hair? Black Bald? No

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? No

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Richard S. J. Richard  
(Signature of Registrar)

Precinct 23rd

City or County Hawaii

State Hawaii July 3/1917  
(Date of registration)

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Kuramitsu's 1917 Draft Registration Card (World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, Draft Card 288, Hilo Draft Board)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920  
POPULATION—HAWAII

COUNTY Hawaii  
ISLAND Hawaii  
DISTRICT Hanalei

NAME OF CITY, TOWN, OR VILLAGE Honokaa Village

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 17 DAY of January, 1920. Earl R. Siddings ENUMERATOR 1376

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189	Ukichi Kuramitsu	Head	M	J	Al	High Sch	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Garage Manager	
190	Yoko Kuramitsu	Wife	F	J	Al	High Sch	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	None	
191	Shigeo Kuramitsu	Son	M	J	Al	High Sch	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	None	
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Honoka‘a Garage

Name of Property . . . . .

Mika Kotake’s best friend and a housekeeper for Frank Fraser, the Bank of Hawai‘i’s Honoka‘a Branch manager (Janet Murakami, personal communications, January 13, 2016). Robert Kageyama was a Honoka‘a *Nisei* (his brother Richard had been Janet’s classmate) and had graduated in 1933 from the University of Hawai‘i (*Ka Palapala Yearbook*, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI: 1932, p. 67). Through correspondence Shizue finally wrote a letter of consent and accepted the marriage proposal.

Buddhist Commitment and the Honoka‘a Hongwanji Mission

On the outskirts of Honoka‘a Town located on the *mauka* side of the Waipi‘o Road lies the Japanese cemetery. In 1941, Kuramitsu created a monument “In Memory of Unknown Pioneers—erected by Ukichi Kuramitsu, July 28, 1941.”



PHOTOGRAPHS: LAURA RUBY

The Japanese Cemetery monument reads, *sangai banrei*, in Buddhism, “All the Reincarnating Souls.” The *Swastika/svasstika* in Sanskrit symbolizes good fortune or well-being. The monument also has inscribed in English, “In Memory of Unknown Pioneers—erected by Ukichi Kuramitsu, July 28, 1941.” Ironically, this was erected a few months prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and other Hawaii locations.

Honoka'a Garage

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Honoka'a Hongwanji Mission Kyodan President Kuramitsu

Honoka‘a Garage

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Hawai‘i, Hawai‘i

County and State

The Honoka‘a Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Commemoration Booklet illustrates Kuramitsu’s dedicated community service:

“Temple activities were almost at a standstill during Reverend Giko Tsuge’s internment during World War II. Upon his return in December, 1945, the Kyodan (Honoka‘a Hongwanji Buddhist Mission membership) which had been dormant for the duration of the war was revitalized. But it was not until 1946 that the various temple affiliated organizations resumed their activities and restored them to their pre-war status. During this period Ukichi Kuramitsu, founder of the Kuramitsu Garage, was elected the seventh Kyodan president (1948-1952).

“The general reconstruction of the mission became a major issue. In time, the board of directors, officers, and followers of the mission concluded that the deterioration of the temple and the living quarters was beyond repair. Its rundown condition would quite possibly impair not only the sanctity of the temple but also cause disrespect of the Buddhist faith.

“In 1950, a decision was made to build a 40 foot x 80 foot Quonset hut structure, a combination gymnasium-social hall. It was erected within two months. The old temple and residence were replaced by the present building in 1951 and a dedication ceremony was held in June.”  
(Commmoration Honoka‘a Hongwanji Buddhist Temple [1904-2014], p. 22)”

Kuramitsu, as Kyodan president, was instrumental in these major undertakings to revitalize the membership and rebuild the temple structures.

Ukichi Kuramitsu died in 1970 and his wife Nobu died in 1975.

## Conclusion

The Honoka‘a Garage meets the Registration Requirements set forth in the Historical and Architectural Resources of Honoka‘a Town, Haina Ahupua‘a, Hāmākua District, Hawai‘i Island, Hawai‘i Multiple Property Submission.

The Honoka‘a Garage is eligible for the Hawai‘i and National Registers of Historic Places at the Local Level under Criteria A (History/Events) and C (Architecture) due to its significance in the areas of commerce as a Neighbor Island garage and service station and its period architecture.

The Period of Significance begins in 1914, as first shown in the earliest Sanborn map of that year, illustrating both the Japanese theater and auto repair. The Period of Significance continues through to the 50-year mark (1968) as a service station.

The Honoka‘a Garage is significant at the local level under Criterion A (History/Events) as representative of the development of small businesses outside the plantation hegemony. The community benefited from these independent businesses, their policy of "all comers welcomed," and the resulting social integration.

Honoka'a Garage

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Hawai'i, Hawai'i

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The Honokaa Garage is also significant at the local level under Criterion C (Architecture). Its false front, shiplap siding, entry bays, ample protected canopy and stepped parapet, make it a good example of a wood commercial plantation-era building. The Honokaa Garage retains its historical integrity in terms of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

Honoka'a Garage

Name of Property . . . . .

Hawai'i, Hawai'i

County and State

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- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property is a rectangle with the smaller sides to the north and south. Measuring from the northwest corner of the lot, going clockwise, 37.94 feet x 100.00 feet x 42.00 feet x 100 feet to the point of origin.

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

This is the historic tax map parcel that reflects the construction of the building and its period of significance.

Tax Map Key number (3) 4-5-16: 049

