

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.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: M.S. Botelho Building and Garage

Other names/site number: Botelho Building; TMK: (3) 4-5-06: 014

Name of related multiple property listing: Historical and Architectural Resources of Honoka'a Town, Papa'anui Ahupua'a, Hāmākua District, Hawai'i Island, Hawai'i

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

2. Location

Street & number: 45-3490 Māmane Street

City or town: Honoka'a State: Hawai'i County: Hawai'i

Not For Publication: Vicinity: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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| <p>_____ Signature of certifying official/Title:</p> | <p>_____ Date</p> |
| <p>_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p> | |

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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:

Public – Local

Public – State

Public – Federal

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Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------|
| 1 | 2 | buildings |
| (M.S Botelho Building and Garage) | (1) noncontributing in-fill game building and 2) noncontributing residence) (see pages 8-10) | sites |
| _____ | _____ | structures |
| _____ | _____ | objects |
| 1 | 2 | Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register—First Bank of Hilo, Ltd. on separate nomination (in progress)

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty stores

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: Plantation

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Foundation: post and pier; Walls: wood; Roof: (totan) corrugated metal

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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.)

Summary Paragraph

Honoka'a Directional Terms:

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

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

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

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

The Botelho Building is a two-story commercial building and a single-story attached garage, which sits on a 45,807 square-foot, sloping lot on the *makai* side of Māmane Street in Honoka'a. The building is located on a street lined with commercial buildings and contributes to the retail-office character of the town's downtown core. It is a two-story building with shiplap siding with a single-story garage wing to its left (Waipi'o) side. The building follows a rectangular, approximately 50' x 80', plan, and sits on a post and pier foundation. The façade is characterized by a *totan* (corrugated metal) pent roofed awning, which runs the length of the façade between the first and second stories, and extends to include the garage wing. The building terminates with a stepped false front with a chevron at its apex. A centered lunette with wood slat ventilators adorns the false front. Behind the false front is a front-facing, *totan* gable roof. The building is in good condition and retains its integrity of location, design, materials, setting, craftsmanship, feeling and association.

Narrative Description

The Botelho Building's façade runs parallel to Māmane Street and is separated from the street by a concrete sidewalk. The sidewalk is sheltered by a *totan* shed roof awning which extends the length of the building and its attached garage. The awning is supported along its outer edge by six square, paneled, modified Doric columns. The columns rise from square, concrete block bases. The underside of the awning over the sidewalk has a tongue and groove ceiling and four pendant, flat, radial wave reflector lights hang from the ceiling.

The building is three bays wide, with the center bay being larger than the two flanking bays. Each bay contains a storefront on the first story. The second story features five, equally spaced, 4 x 4 double hung sash windows.

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The center bay has a centered, recessed double-door entry. The doors have a single panel below and a long single-pane window above. To each side of the doorway is a canted two-pane fixed window. Above the doors and the canted windows are wood slat transoms. The entryway is flanked on either side by a display window with eight lites and a four-pane transom above. The interior of this retail space remains very much intact with its wood floors, a five-panel door to the adjoining Waipi'o-side store, and masonite ceiling and walls. The walls have a four-foot high tongue and groove wainscot. Two square, paneled, Doric columns, similar to those supporting the sidewalk canopy, are in the middle of the room and help support the second floor. Two pairs of 2 x 2 double hung sash windows are in the *makai* wall.

The bay to the right (Hilo side) of the center bay has one display window, and to its right is a single hinged door, which accesses a retail space. This retail space also remains intact with its wood floor, and beaded tongue and groove ceiling and walls, as well as a five-panel door, which leads into the Hilo-side passageway. The door retains its original knob and hardware, and has a wire mesh transom above. A pair of 2 x 2 double hung sash windows are in the Hilo-side wall, and the 2" x 4" framing is evident around the windows and used for the two interior girts.

The bay to the left (Waipi'o-side) of the center bay has a non-historic storefront. It is comprised of a single hinged door with a nine-pane window, flanked on either side by a pair of single-pane display windows. Wood slat transoms are above each of these five elements. Each transom is surmounted by a single-pane, fixed window. This store retains its tongue and groove walls and masonite ceiling. A pair of glass doors at the rear of the store open onto a non-historic rear addition.

To the left (Waipi'o) side of the building is a single-story, approximately 40' x 70' garage. It has a gabled, corrugated metal roof with a shiplap parapet across the front. A pair of large wood sliding doors access the space, which is now a retail space. The doors are made of tongue and groove boards in a diagonal pattern. A more recent, shed roofed addition runs off the Waipi'o side of the garage, and a historic gable roofed addition is off the rear. The garage retains its original wide-plank wood floor and walls, as well as the rear section's king post trusses.

The front awning wraps around the Hilo side of the building and extends *makai*, sheltering a wood walkway.

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BERNI RUIS COLLECTION

This 1970s photo shows the Hilo side of the Botelho Building with its wrap-around *lānai* and pedestrian awning.

Above the awning, the second story on the Hilo side of the building is sheathed with composition shingles and features five pairs of 2 x 2 double hung sash windows. The walkway has a railing with 2" x 2" balusters along its outer side. A hinged door on the Hilo side of the building opens on a small passageway which services the front retail space, as well as a rear beauty shop. The beauty shop is entered through a five-panel door which retains its original porcelain door knob and hardware. The beauty shop has its original wood floors, and beaded tongue and groove ceiling and walls. Two pair of 2 x 2 double hung sash windows are in its Hilo-side wall, and a 1 x 1 double hung sash window is in its *makai* wall. Its 2" x 4" structural members are evident.

The Hilo-side walkway leads to a straight run stairway which runs up the rear of the building to the second floor. A similar, parallel set of dog-leg wood stairs runs down to ground level at the

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rear of the building. The steps going up are sheltered by the building's overhanging eave, and those going down by a *totan* flat roof supported by 4" x 4' posts. At the head of the ascending stairs is a projecting, cantilevered, enclosed landing. The landing has tongue and groove walls and a shed roof. A 2 x 2 double hung sash window is in its *makai* wall and a five-panel door opens on the stairs. The intersection of the two stairs and the walkway is covered by two, telescoping, *totan* gable roofs.

The rear of the building has a tongue and groove wall. A coping runs across the rear at the eave line, giving the gable end a pedimented appearance. A semi-circular vent with wood slats is centered in the pediment. On the second story, two pair of 2 x 2 double hung sash windows are to the Hilo side of the stairway's upper landing, and five 2 x 2 double hung sash windows are to its Waipi'o side. On the first story there are, from left to right, a 1 x 1 double hung sash window and two pairs of 2 x 2 double hung sash windows. A non-historic, single-story, shed-roofed, tongue and groove addition projects from the rear on the Waipi'o side of the building. The back of the building complex is completed by an original front-facing, gable-roofed, board and batten extension to the rear of the garage. It features six-pane sliding windows in its Waipi'o side and *makai* rear elevations. At the rear the building is elevated approximately 4'-6' above the ground.

On the Waipi'o side of the building, is a small single-story enclosure. It is from the same historic period of the automotive garage operation, and is currently used as an office.

Returning to the Māmane Street front façade, to the immediate right of the Garage, is a set of double doors with a paneled bottom and a long window of two panes above. This doorway opens on a straight run, wood stairway with twenty-four treads that leads to the second floor.

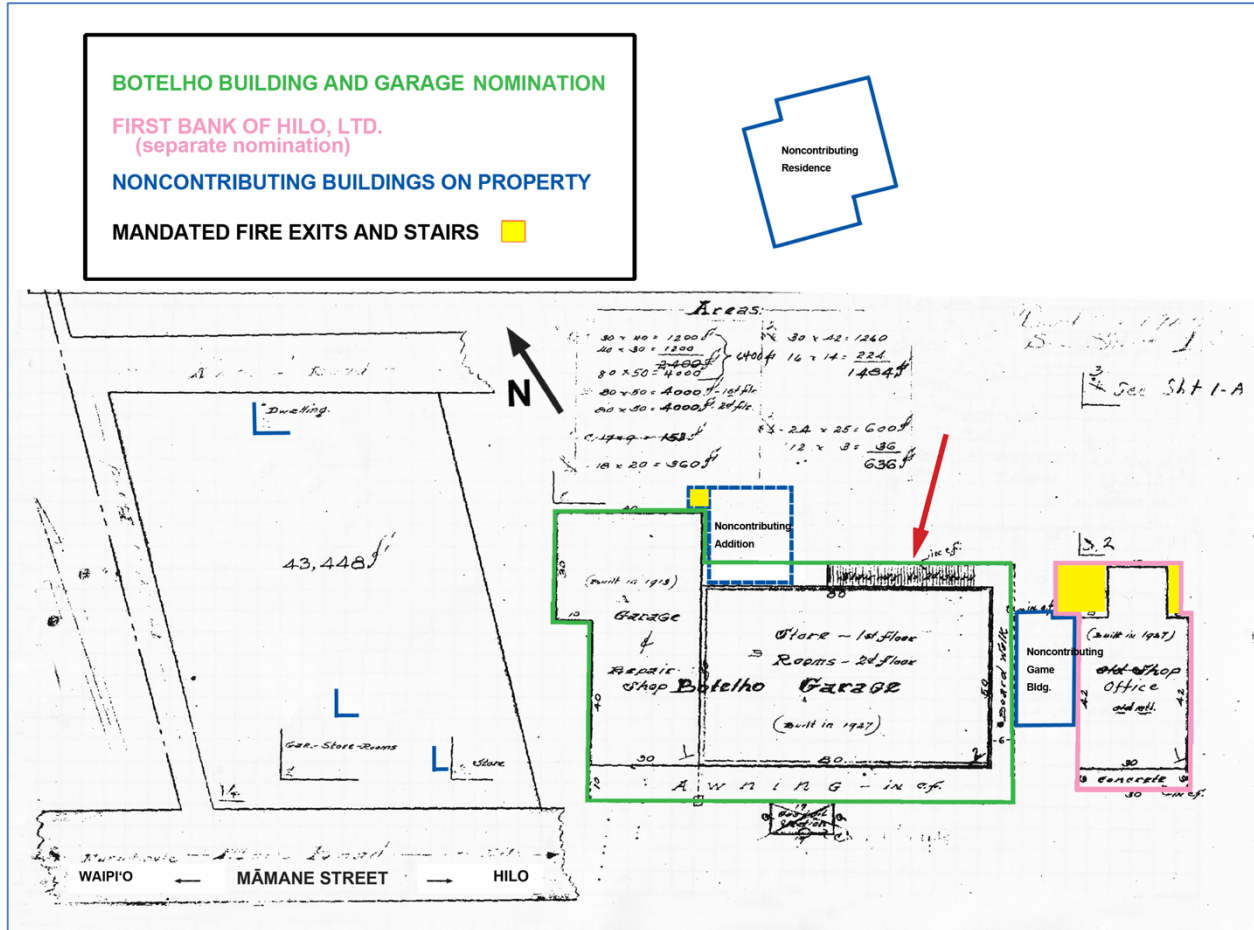
The second floor is occupied by a print shop, although originally it contained a ballroom and four professional offices/apartments. At the head of the internal stairway, to the right, is a hallway running parallel to Māmane Street. The hall retains its wood floor and beaded tongue and groove ceiling and walls. Doors, with either five panels or three panels on the bottom and a window on top, access the former office spaces. A pair of double doors with three panels down and a window up, at the Hilo end of the hallway, provides access to the former ballroom, now print shop. The original wood floor and beaded tongue and groove ceiling and walls still remain in the print shop/former ballroom. this room. The rear office adjoining the print shop has been converted into a kitchen/employee break room.

Additional Building Resource on the Botelho Property

Further, the previously listed resource on this property is the First Bank of Hilo, Ltd. (see pink outlined building on page 9). This nomination has been approved by the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Review Board and was nominated for the National Historic Register (June 2, 2017). It is currently under review at the National Park Service.

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REVISED HAWAII COUNTY FIELD BOOK (2016)

This plot plan shows the relation of the nomination for the M.S. Botelho Building and Garage (green) and other structures on this property. The Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Review Board recommended that the First Bank of Hilo, Ltd. (pink) be placed on the Hawai'i State Historic Register with the recommendation that the First Bank of Hilo, Ltd. be nominated for the National Historic Register (June 2, 2017). Additionally, there are two noncontributing structures on the property and one recent *makai* addition to the main building (blue). The fire exits and stairs are not historic but are mandated by the current building code (yellow). (A 2016 Google Map overlay was used to identify these present-day structures on the property.)

(This plot plan is presented here for clarification of noncontributing buildings. Its appearance on page 20 establishes property transfers for this location.)

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Noncontributing Buildings



PHOTOGRAPHS: LEFT: GERALD DE MELLO; RIGHT: LAURA RUBY

Left: The in-fill game building (c. 2015) is a new stand-alone structure, and as such does not add to the historic associations or values for which this property is significant. It possesses no historic integrity.

Right: The *makai* residence (1938) on the property has been significantly remodeled including T1-11 siding, altered window sizes, installed vinyl window frames, and a sliding picture window (on the *mauka* side) that are contemporary. Because of these changes the building no longer has the character of the historic architectural qualities and historic associations at the time of its original construction.

The noncontributing in-fill game-building structure (c.2015) on this property was not present during the period of significance, does not relate to the documented significance of the property, and does not possess historic integrity. The noncontributing residence, due to alterations, disturbances, additions, or other changes, no longer possesses historic integrity even though it was initially built in 1938.

The M.S. Botelho Building and Garage

The M.S. Botelho Building and Garage retains its historic integrity. The *makai* non-historic addition, off the rear, cannot be seen from the street, and is small in comparison to the mass of the building. Although the Waipi'o-side retail storefront has been altered, it is not the focal point of the façade, assuming a secondary role to the central bay. The alteration was handled in a manner which was sympathetic to the historic design, while being readily recognizable as not original. The M.S. Botelho Building and Garage has an incredible amount of original fabric both on the interior as well as exterior of the structure.

The M.S. Botelho Building and Garage has historic integrity in terms of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association; and is typical of buildings constructed in a rural community on the island of Hawai'i during the early twentieth century.

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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.)

COMMERCE
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1927-1966

Significant Dates

1927 (building constructed)
1943-1945 (Camp Tarawa soldier influx)

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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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.)

M.S. Botelho Building and Garage is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places on the local level under Criteria A (Events/History) and C (Architecture).

M. S. Botelho Building and Garage (TMK: (3) 4-5-016: 014) is significant at the local level under National Register Criteria A (Events/History) in the area of Commerce. This narrative emerges from the Multiple Property Submission in which the development of the town and the transportation infrastructure are directly related to the acquisition of the M.S. Botelho Building and Garage property and the building of this structure in that location.

The Hilo Railway had reached nearby Pa'auilo in 1913, and many citizens hoped that the reorganized Hawai'i Consolidated Railway would be extended to Honoka'a's uptown. Manuel S. Botelho made an investment here, buying this property in uptown in 1920-21 and constructing the building in 1927. This is a significant reflection of the commercial development of Honoka'a as an important, early twentieth-century trade center for the local (sugar) plantation workers, cattle ranchers, coffee growers, and store owners as an illustration of the efforts of first generation immigrants and their second-generation descendants to make a place for themselves in the local island economy.

The M.S. Botelho Building and Garage is significant at the local level under Criterion C (Architecture) in the area of Other-Plantation classification, as a good example of a Territorial Era commercial building constructed in a rural community on the island of Hawai'i during the early years of the twentieth century. It is typical of its period in its use of materials, method of construction, craftsmanship, and design.

Justification of the Period of Significance

The period of significance began with the construction of the M.S. Botelho Building and Garage, the largest building in Honoka'a Town. From that time, up to 1966 (and continuing on into the present) the building and garage has served many commercial purposes especially during the World War II years, as the hub of the town's military recruitment center, the USO headquarters, and the dance hall for off-duty relaxation for servicemen. Its Territorial Period plantation-style building adapted easily to its many occupants, and today retains all the major characteristics of the original building's architecture.

The M.S. Botelho Building and Garage meets the Registration Requirements set forth in the Historical and Architectural Resources of Honoka'a Town, Papa'anui Ahupua'a, Hāmākua District, Hawai'i Island, Hawai'i Multiple Property Submission; and the Property Type is OTHER: Plantation Vernacular.

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

Background History

Historical Events

Three factors influenced the initial village location of Honoka'a, a crossroads in the 1880s through the end of the 19th century: (1) the landing at Haina, one of the few areas along the shore with direct access to the sea, fostered the development of a sugar mill (and employment) immediately downslope of what became Honoka'a; (2) the establishment of the first wagon road (i.e. Government Road) that crossed the Hāmākua District, built *mauka* of the coast to lessen construction difficulties, concentrated overland travel within a narrow corridor; (3) and also, the purchase of a grant and location of a residence by William Rickard, who managed Honoka'a Sugar Company (the most successful of the early sugar plantations in Hāmākua), focused activity along a specific section of that wagon road.

Honoka'a is a town where the opportunities for the present and future are incubated in its historic past. While homesteading, ranching, coffee, and macadamia nuts were important to the area economy, the town's history is most directly associated with the establishment of Hawai'i's sugar industry. The impetus for the development of Honoka'a Town rested with the influx of early immigrant workers (1860-1900) brought in as laborers on the sugar plantations after the expiration of their labor contracts.

Other entrepreneurial immigrants not bound by plantation labor contracts arrived. There were successive waves of immigrants from Europe and New England, China, Portugal (Madeira and the Azores), Japan, Korea, Philippines, and other countries gave individuals the opportunity to seek new employment opportunities. Small, independent stores outside the plantation economy hegemony developed as the norm in rural areas throughout the Hawaiian Islands of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Popular myth has it that these "mom and pop" entrepreneurs had acquired such skills working in stores run by the plantations themselves. However, many entrepreneurs who founded these small companies often came to Hawai'i with mercantile experience gained in the old country. Establishment of a business by an entrepreneur required capital. First Bank of Hilo, Ltd. (1910, chartered in 1901), People's Bank (chartered in 1916), and Bank of Hawai'i (1922) were established in Honoka'a. Banks were life-lines needed to grow a town. They collected money bring capital in to town, and then lent it out. If a community were to grow beyond a certain level money needed to be collected for investment and to build businesses. It is likely that Judge Botelho acquired the capital to construct his building—the largest building in town—from one of these banks.

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Another factor was the economic and population growth that occurred as Hāmākua plantations consolidated and expanded, creating greater cane yields from massive infrastructure projects such as the Upper (1907) and Lower (1910) Hāmākua (Irrigation) Ditches and requiring additional labor to function. Changes in plantation technologies, including the introduction and use of trucks, ended the isolation of most plantation workers at their work sites. The new concentration of plantation housing into larger camps brought economies of scale, which facilitated improved standards of living and provided a place where different ethnic groups could socialize. The desire of plantation employees for further goods and services unavailable within the plantation hegemony led those potential customers to towns such as Honoka'a.

Still another factor was the potential arrival of the Hilo Railway into Honoka'a which on focused land speculation and building construction on the uptown Hilo-side of town. Apparently Judge Manuel S. Botelho thought it best to buy a large property fronting on Government Road/Māmane Street with the *makai* rear of the property immediate to the proposed railroad terminus.

Unfortunately, financial strains caused by high construction costs through the rough topography of Hāmākua bankrupted the rail company and the line never reached beyond Pa'auilo, seven miles away. But the continued expansion of public services in Honoka'a, including courts, a library, and schools on the Hilo-side of town, was a distinct economic advantage for the town's economy over those of other villages nearby, and brought educated workers to the town.

A series of government road building projects in the 1920s led to the development of more direct routes between Honoka'a and Waimea. Peripheral communities such as Kukuihaele further north were by-passed. Where Lehua Street crossed Māmane Street and Pakalana Street met Māmane became major intersections in Honoka'a. Development of Honoka'a then focused between these two points.

Transportation

With the coming of motor vehicles many Honoka'a businesses utilized the services of drivers (Kuwaye, Kitagawa, and Okubo), Andrade's bus, and transit companies, (Nagao, Kuwaye Brothers, and Coastline). All these businesses needed service stations and each became life-long clients of a particular service station. Vehicles needed dispensaries of gas and oil for the long haul between Honoka'a and the port towns of Hilo and Kawaihae. Motor vehicle repair services linked fuel and repairs in businesses.

Judge Botelho invested in a Ford dealership in Hawai'i Island's second largest town. And he housed it in the same property as his gas and repair facilities. In the late twenties and early thirties, the civil service employees working at the Hilo uptown end of town, as well as the burgeoning class of "Mom and Pop" store owners could afford to purchase an automobile from a dealership in town.

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In 1933 there were six service stations listed in the 1933 social survey and study of Honoka'a Town by Mary Han, Vivian Botelho, and students of John Reineke's class at Honoka'a Intermediate School. Three of the service stations had repair garages. The Botelho Garage was one that offered both services.

Property History

In 1858, the Commissioners for Quiet Title awarded Olepau, Kaiaokioki, and Paakiki the 225-acre Royal Patent (R.P.) Grant 2465 abutting Royal Patent Grant 9971: Apana 5 on the Hilo side, on the *makai* side of Government Road/Māmane Street for \$25 (*Bureau of Conveyances*, Grant Book #5, p. 59). This Royal Patent Grant 2465 property in Papa'anui Ahupua'a initially passed from Kamehameha IV to Olepau et al, and then to daughter Aulike Paakiki, and to Alice Spencer. In 1920 this property became the Spencer Tract. Also in 1920, Alice and Samuel Spencer sold lots 1-4 and 13-16 to Manuel S. Botelho. Later this property passed through family hands from Mary Botelho (wife), to Mary and Thelma Olival (daughter), to the Olival Estate and Botelho Properties, Inc. today. (see pages 143-144, Addendum B)

Several land divisions occurred as the three grantees (Olepau, Kaiaokioki, and Paakiki) divided, sold and leased parcels within the grant to large landowners such as Samuel Parker of Parker Ranch, and the burgeoning Honoka'a Sugar Company. In 1895, Olepau sold 190 acres in R.P. 2465 for \$1 to her daughter J. Aulike Paakiki (*Bureau of Conveyances*, Liber 154, p. 188). Years later, Paakiki believed she had sold her lifetime interest in the 190 acres to Alice Spencer (*Bureau of Conveyances*, Liber 326, p. 290) for \$500. In 1912, the sale resulted in a lawsuit when Paakiki realized that, Alice, Samuel Spencer's wife, had taken the land rather than the \$500 buying her life interest. In her lawsuit before the Supreme Court of the Kingdom, Paakiki claimed that the land sale was illegal due to a conflict of interest. Spencer was notary for Hāmākua at the time of the sale, and could not notarize any land deals involving himself, thus he used his wife to buy the land in his place. She also claimed that because her English was poor she did not understand the transaction. In 1912, Paakiki died during the lawsuit, and her appointed executor dropped the suit. Nine acres of this purchase, which abut the Government Road and extend *makai* became part of the second addition to the Spencer Tract subdivision. It was added to the adjacent first section of the tract in R.P. Grant 9971: Apana 5 from William Pitt Leleiohoku completing the Spencer Tract. In 1910, Alice Spencer mortgaged a quarter-acre along the Government Road including what became the Botelho parcel to the First Trust Company of Hilo, Ltd. for \$500 (*Bureau of Conveyances*, Liber 409, p. 468). In 1917, the First Trust Company of Hilo, Ltd. sold Lot 1 to the Maile Lodge No. 4 of the Knights of Pythias (of which M.S. Botelho was a member) for \$600 (*Bureau of Conveyances*, Liber 485, p. 9).

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William Savidge
Notary Public, First Judicial Circuit,
Territory of Hawaii.

Entered of record this 15th day of February A.D. 1910, at 3:19 O'clock P.
M., and compared. *Wm. M. M.* Registrar of Conveyances.

Mrs. J. A. Paakiki
to
Alice K. Spencer
Deed.
Stamped \$9.

E ike auanei na kamae a pau ma keia Palapala Kuai, owau o Mrs.
J. Aulike Paakiki, no Waihee, Apana o Kohala Hema, Mokupuni a Teri-
tore o Hawaii, no ka loa pono ana mai ma ko'u lima na dala maikai he
Ekohe Tausani, (\$3000.00) mai ia Alice Kehaulani Spencer, eia oia
wahi hookahi no, a o keia ka hoike o ka loa pono ana mai o na mau
dala nei, nolaila, ma keia, ke hana nei au, kuai, haawi a hoolilo loa
aku nei au no Alice Kehaulani Spencer i oleloia i ko'u kuleana a pau
iloko o kela apana aina a waiho la ma Papaanui, Hamakua, Hawaii, i
keia ma na inoa o Olepau, Kalaokiki ame Papaiki, Palapala Sila Nui
Helu 2465, nona ka huina i koe ma ko'u inoa he hookahi hameri ame
iwakalua eka, (120 acres) e koe ana no'u he eia eka, a oia no hoi
na eka aina a hoopuni ana i kahii i kanuia ai o ko'u makahine i ka-
mua maluna o ka aina i oleloia, a o keia no ka apana aina i hoolilo-
lana ia e a'u me ka Hui Mahiko o Honokaa, no 12 makahiki mai ka la
4 mai o December 1901.

E lilo no Alice Kehaulani Spencer i oleloia, koma mau hoolilina,
luna hooponopono waiwai a waiho ka apana aina i oleloia no ka
manawa pau ole.

I hoike no ka oiaio o keia ka kamae nei au i ko'u inoa i keia
la 12 o February A.D. 1910.

Kemaka, Mrs. J. A. Paakiki
Frank J. Pinno
Territory of Hawaii, Island of Hawaii, County of Hawaii, was personally
appeared before me on this 12th day of February A.D. 1910,
Mrs. J. Aulike Paakiki, well known to me to be the person described
in and who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged to me
that she executed the same as her free act and deed.

d. Mahuke Spencer
Notary Public, Third Jud. Circuit.

Entered of record this 15th day of February, A.D. 1910, at 3:26 O'clock P.
M., and compared. *Wm. M. M.* Registrar of Conveyances.

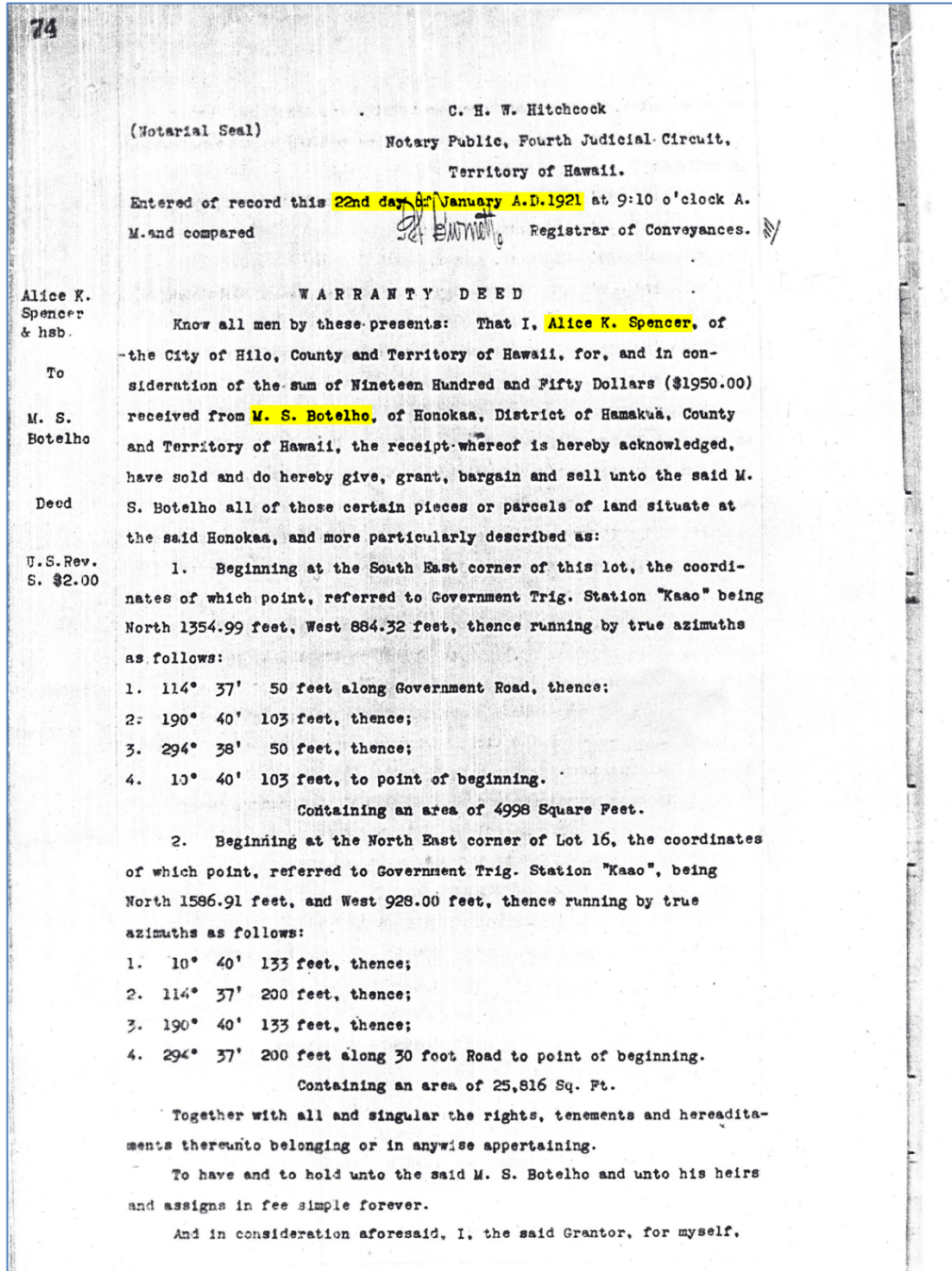
1910 deed from Mrs. A.J. Paakiki to Alice Spencer for land in Papa'anui Ahupua'a.

M.S. Botelho Building and Garage

Name of Property

Hawai'i, Hawai'i

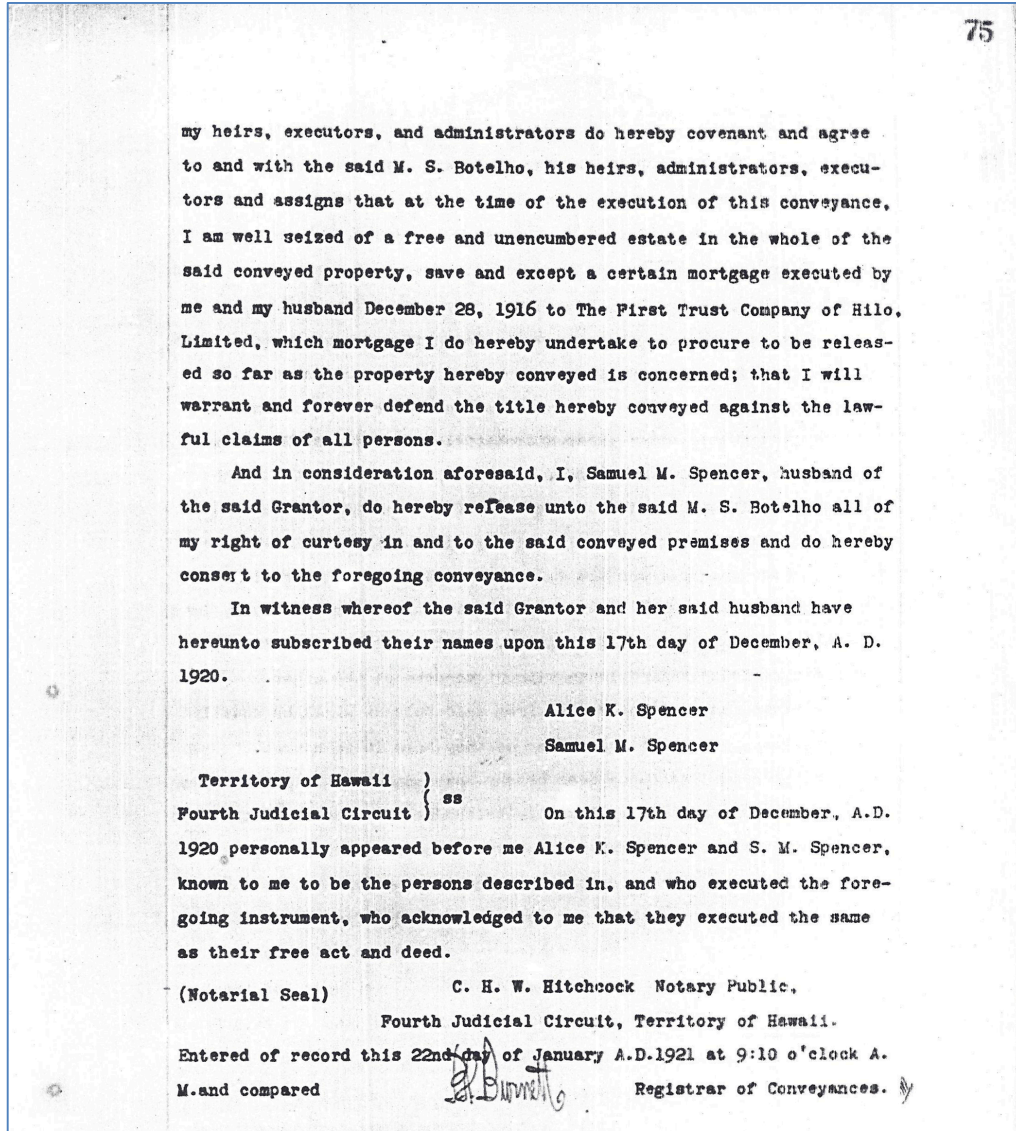
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1921 deed from Alice K. Spencer to M.S. Botelho (second page continued below)

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The Botelho Building occupies 8 contiguous Spencer subdivision lots that were consolidated into TMK: 4-5-6: 14. They are Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, each measuring 4998 sq. ft. and Lots 13, 14, 15 (Lots 14 and 15 were combined into single Lot 15) and 16, each measuring 6454 sq. ft. In 1920, Alice and Samuel Spencer sold Lots 2 and 3 totaling 9996 sq. ft. to M.S. Botelho for \$1,000 (*Bureau of Conveyances*, Liber 585, p. 72-73). The same day Botelho purchased Lot 4 and Lots 13 through 16 from the Spencers for \$1,950 (*Bureau of Conveyances*, Liber 585, p. 74-75). In 1921, the Maile Lodge No. 4 of the Knights of Pythias sold Lot 1 to M.S. Botelho for \$600 (*Bureau of Conveyances*, 558, p. 351).

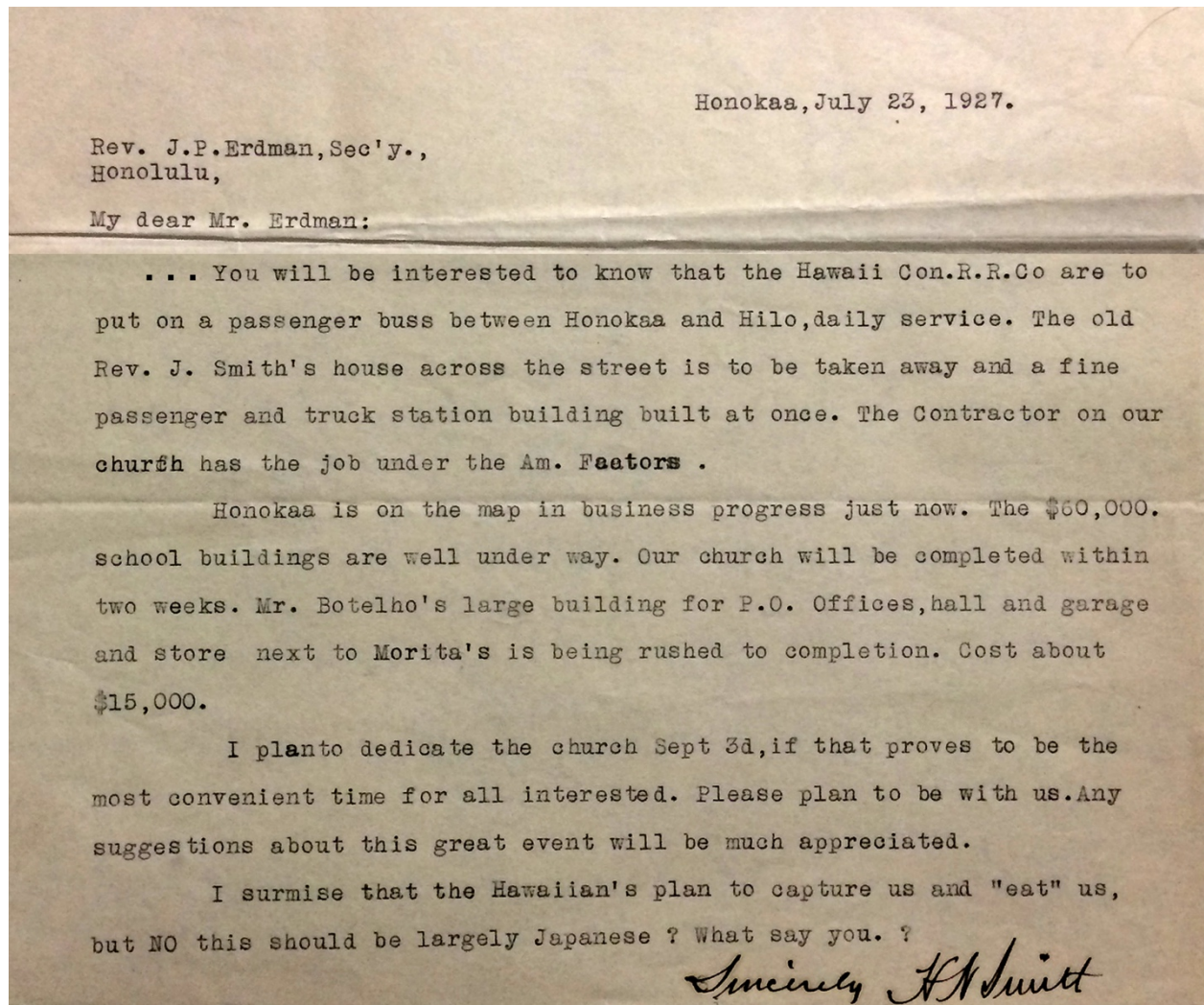
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The 1920 and 1921 land purchases from Spencer preceded moving the First Bank of Hilo, Ltd./Old Bank of Hawai'i building to the uptown location. In 1927 Botelho built the largest building in town in anticipation of railroad coming to Honoka'a.

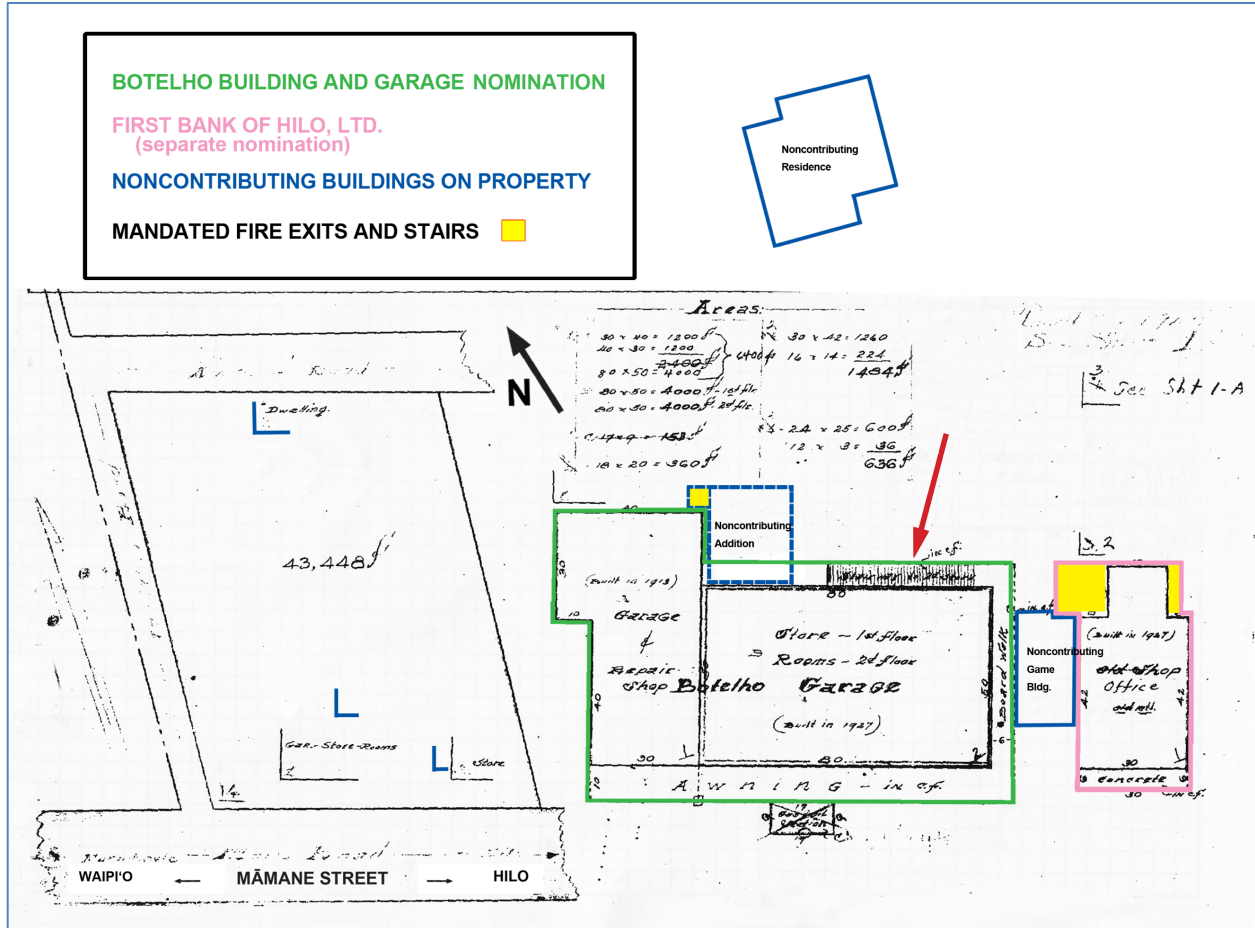


HAWAI'I MISSION CHILDREN'S SOCIETY LIBRARY

July 23, 1927 letter from Reverend Howard Smith denoting the major developments in the town community including the new Botelho Building and Garage.

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REVISED HAWAII COUNTY FIELD BOOK (2016)

This plot plan is for the nomination of the Botelho Building and Garage structure (green). The Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Review Board approved that the First Bank of Hilo, Ltd. (pink) be placed on the Hawai'i State Historic Register with the recommendation that the First Bank of Hilo, Ltd. be nominated for the National Historic Register (June 2, 2017). Additionally, there are two noncontributing structures on the property and one recent *makai* addition to the main building (blue)—see pages 9-10 for additional information. The fire exits and stairs are not historic but are mandated by the current county building code (yellow). (A 2016 Google Map overlay was used to clarify these present-day structures on the property.)

M.S. Botelho Building and Garage History

Over the years there have been very few changes to the external building. Painting and asphalt shingles and lumber for structural improvements have been added to the building over time.

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UJIKI COLLECTION

The M.S. Botelho Building and Garage built in 1927 with the porte cochere protruding from the building. The Goodrich and Shell signs perpendicular to the Government Road/ Māmane Street were designed to attract passing vehicular traffic. This photo also shows the former First Bank of Hilo, Ltd./Bank of Hawai'i, Ltd. wood-framed building (on the right) in its current location on the Botelho property. (n.d., but after 1927)

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BERNI RUIS COLLECTION

This photo shows asphalt-shingle and shiplap siding. It appears that there is a renovation or remodeling in progress as evidenced by the stack of new lumber. (Ca. 1970)

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YAMATO COLLECTION; NORTH HAWAI'I EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER

1970s photo with the 1927 “uptown” M.S. Botelho Building and Garage fully clad in shiplap siding.

Botelho Building, Automobile Dealership, and Garage Business History

The M.S. Botelho’s Garage was first recorded on the 1914 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map in its downtown location.

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This Sanborn Fire Insurance map shows the 1912 (or 1910) original location of M.S. Botelho's Garage—with "wood floor, no power, no heat, no lights." The portion of the building closest to the street shows that Hardware and Auto Supplies were sold there. (After Botelho built his new "uptown" building and garage in 1927, the "downtown" garage became the Honoka'a Garage owned by Ukichi Kuramitsu, and later Alfred and then Franklin Paiva. Today, it is the Honoka'a Marketplace.)

In 1933 Mary Han and Vivian Botelho and students of John Reineke's class at Honoka'a Intermediate School made a thorough social survey and study of Honoka'a Town and the surrounding Hāmākua District. In the excerpt below (p. 85), they link the older Botelho Garage downtown to the newer 1927 Botelho Building and Garage. The Honoka'a Post Office was located on the Hilo-side of the building. (p. 15 and p. 85)

M.S. Botelho Building and Garage

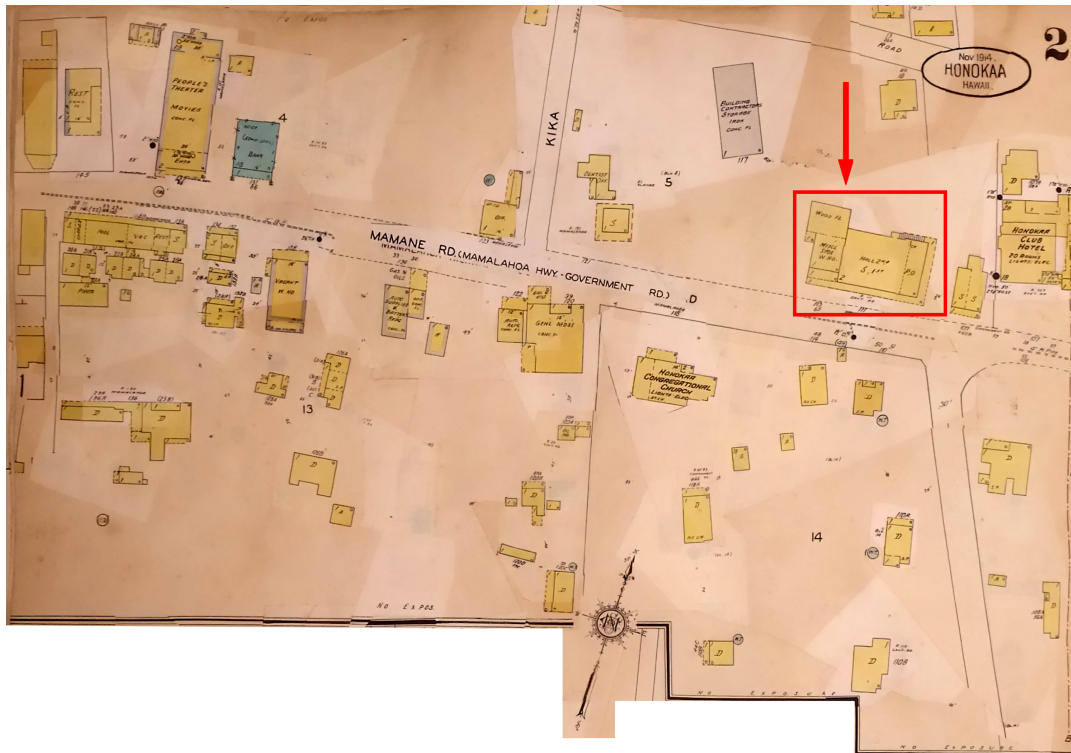
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Botelho Garage was by Yamatsuka store, downtown. Today it is next to the Honokaa Postoffice. All kinds of cars are installed at the garage. Mr. Botelho used to sell Standard Gasoline, but today Shell Gasoline is being sold. He used to sell Goodrich tires, but today the Pennsylvania tires are being sold. Mr. Botelho has one of his sons and two hired men working.

Further on filling the road, stand filling station, garage, and a store. This is owned by Mr. Botelho. On the right side of the store is the post office of Honokaa, Kaloa, Ahualoa, and Keapahu.



1914 Sanborn Fire Insurance map with 1955 updates (note the tracing paper overlays) showing the “uptown” M.S. Botelho property demarked in red.

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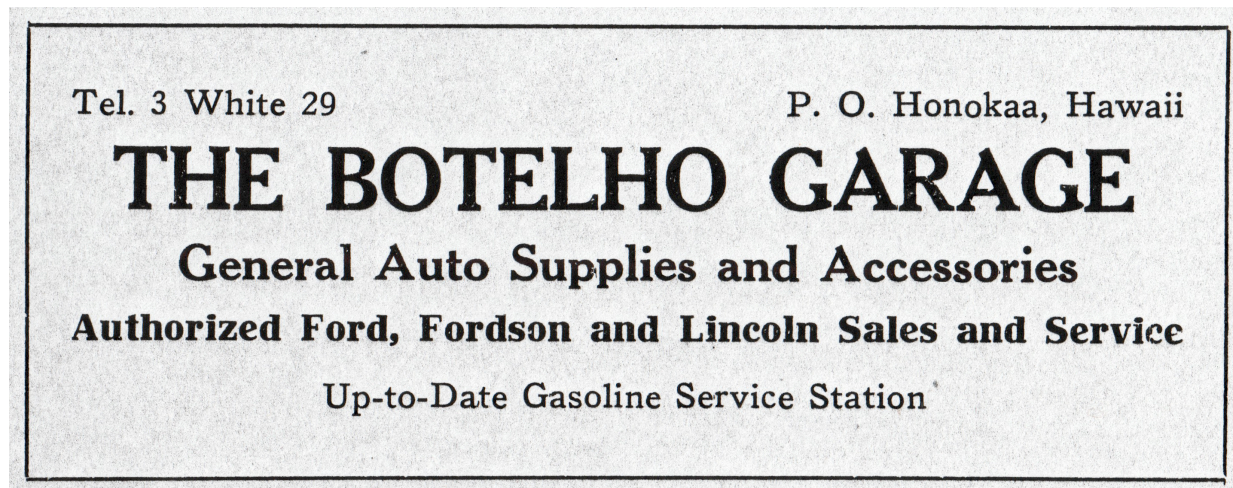
Historical Events in the M.S. Botelho Building and Garage

The earliest listing for the Botelho Honoka'a Garage is in 1910-1912.



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

Other Directory listings are found in the *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, 1917, (p. 1229) including the 1913 listing of Botelho as District Magistrate in the *Polk Husted Directory*, (p. 65). A 1917 directory listed the Botelho Garage under auto repairing (p. 876 and p. 1229).

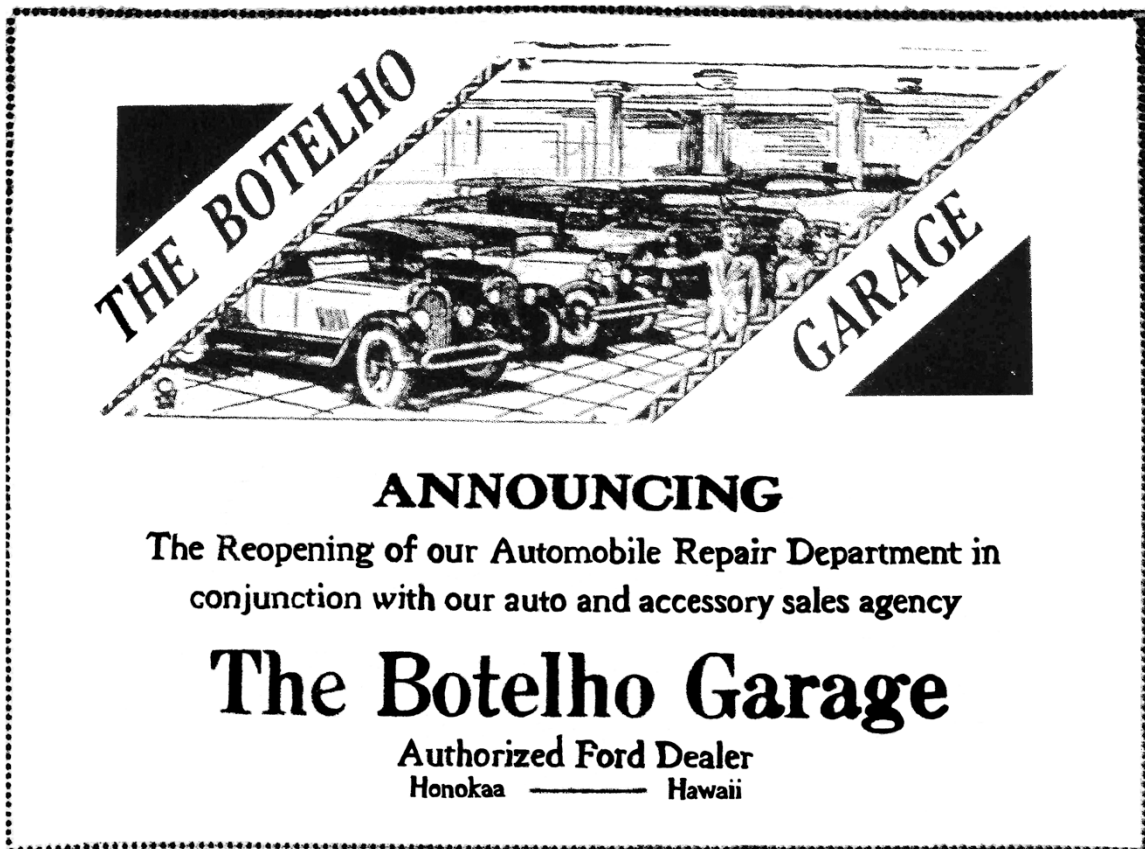


1924 *Polk Husted Co's Directory of Honolulu and the Territory of Hawai'i*, vol. 1924, XXXI
Polk Husted Co publishers.

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In 1926 in advance of the new 1927 M.S. Botelho Building and Garage "Reopening" Botelho paid for a large advertisement showing the full range of services. Bill Botelho, grandson, recounted that the "whole first floor from the Waipi'o-side to the Hilo-side Post Office of the building was devoted to the automobile showroom. The Ford dealership, though, closed before World War II. For many years, horse carriages and automobiles were stored underneath the building. The garage closed in approximately 1953-54, and it was vacant for a long time. (Interview, 2015)



1926 *Hilo Tribune-Herald* advertisement, November 15, 1926. According to Berni Botelho Ruis, granddaughter, Manuel S. Botelho had the first Ford in town. (Interview, 2015)

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Kim Chow
Shoes
 Shoe Repairs
 Neatly and Promptly Done
 1018 NUUANU
 P. O. Box 1578
 Telephone 5613

BOWSER
PUMPS
 AND
TANKS

 Air Driven Pump
 Honolulu Office
 Fort cor Queen
 TELEPHONE
 5934
 V. J. BURGESS
 AGENT

MANY TROPIC BATTERIES
 Are now in their FIFTH Year of Service and still
GOING STRONG
 815 S. KING ST. PHONE 68442

570 ISLAND OF HAWAII

Blackadar Thomas B mngr Pac Sugar Mill Store Kukulhaele
 Blackshear Roy C v-pres Hilo Drug Co Ltd r 310 Kaula Hilo
 Bo Young Language School (Korean) Rev Young Kiu Rble prin 410 Kilauea Hilo
 Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry L W Bryan asst exec officer Kilauea 2 miles Hilo
BOARD OF HEALTH Clifford Charlock Chief Sanitary Inspector J S Caceres Dep Dist Sanitary Inspector S A Smith Dep Chief Sanitary Inspector Office 10 Kekaulike Hilo Tel 16
 " of Supervisors see County Board of Supervisors
 Bohenberg Emma dressmkr 313 Lehua Hilo
 " Emma (wid John) r 313 Lehua Hilo
 " Rebecca C prin Waiakea-kai School r 313 Lehua
 Bond Benjamin D Kapaau p o Kohala
 " Kenneth D agrist H M & P Co Hawi
 Bonde Simon overseer Olaa Sugar Co Olaa
 Boo On Tong Young Cho Choy mngr drugs 20 Furneaux lane Hilo
 Boothe R Irene tchr Hakalau School Hakalau
 Borden Daniel B bkpr Bank of Hawaii r 1045 Kinoole Hilo
 Borges John lab r Pihonua rd Hilo
 " Pauline lab Hilo Gas Co Hilo
 Borghouts Rev Father Aloysius H supt Father Louis Boys Home 326 Wai-annuene Hilo
BOSTON STORE "Home of Bargains" (Amiel Bros Proprs) Ladies Mens and Childrens Apparel Hats Shoes Suit-cases Etc 119 Kamehameha Hilo Tel 479 Box 727 (See adv)

Botelho Wm mach Olaa Sugar Co Olaa Botesta Roman hlpr v H-Y Co r Kamehameha Hilo
 Bous Rev Father Athanasius in chg Catholic Missions Honokaa and Kukulau
 Bow Chong Chan gen store Kapaau p o Kohala
 Bowker Carl L scout exec Boy Scouts of America r Manono Hilo
 " Mrs Vivian K tchr Hilo Union School r Manono Hilo
 Bowman Charles W Jr asst acct First Trust Co r Waiakea Homesteads Hilo
 " Maille tchr Laupahoehoe School Laupahoehoe
 " Thomas clk Honomu Sugar Co Honomu Boy Scout of America R A Goff scout commissioner C L Bowker scout exec 6 Volcano bldg Hilo
 Boyd Mrs Kathleen B tchr Kapapala School Pahaia
 Boyle Allan M chf acct Olaa Sugar Co Olaa
 Boyrie Frank Y machHawn Dredging Co r 14 Ululani Hilo
 " Mrs Jessie N tchr Hilo Union School r 14 Ululani Hilo
 Bradshaw Building 65 Kinoole Hilo
 " Charles F r 63 Kinoole Hilo
 " Roch W tchr Konawaena High School Kealahou
 " Mrs Ruth F tchr Konawaena High School Kealahou
 Branch Leslie W mngr Hawaii Telephone System r 127 Kaulani Reeds Island Hilo
 Branco Fred brakeman r Kublo Hilo
 " G F homesteader Kaapahu p o Honokaa
 " Manuel G rat trapper Board of Health Kaapahu p o Honokaa

L. M. AMIEL S. M. AMIEL

BOSTON STORE
 Men's, Women's and Children's Wearing Apparel
 Trunks and Suit Cases
 P. O. Box 727 119 Kamehameha, Hilo Tel. 479

Botelho Alfred eng opr K S Co Kohala
 " Angelo truck opr Olaa
 " August luna P S P Co Paauhau
 " Mrs Emelia r 20 Panaewa Hilo
BOTELHO GARAGE THE (M S Botelho) General Auto Supplies and Accessories Authorized Ford, Fordson and Lincoln Sales and Service Up-to-Date Gasoline Service Station Honokaa Tel 3 White 29 (See p 558)
 " Joaquin S tractor eng P S P Co Paauhau
 " John tractor opr K S Co Kohala
 " John truck opr r Villa Franca Hilo
 " John Jr emp v H-Y Co r Villa Franca Hilo
 " John C asst eng s s Kailua r Waiakea House Lots Hilo
 " Joseph homesteader Papaaloa
 " Joseph loco eng H M Co Paaulo
 " Joseph tractor opr K S Co Kohala
 " Joseph C Journeyman Hilo I Wks r Manono Hilo
 " Kaalian homesteader Laupahoehoe
 " Manuel luna K S Co Kohala
BOTELHO MANUEL S (The Botelho Garage) 2d District Magistrate and Postmaster Honokaa Tel 3 White 29
 " Mary (wid Joseph) Wainaku Hilo
 Branco Manuel G Jr homesteader Kaapahu p o Honokaa
 Brantz Fedor lab Road Dept r off Panaewa Hilo
 " George C hlpr v H-Y Co r 108 Mauna Kea Hilo
 " Henry G mech v H-Y Co r 108 Mauna Kea Hilo
 Braz Manuel F Jr clk E N Holmes r 17 Pua lane Hilo
 Breithaupt Augustus K luna H P Co Honohina p o Hakalau
 " Otto lab Bd Comrs of Agri and Forestry p o Ninole
 Bremer Ralph D clk P S Co Pepeekeo
 " Wm foreman r Rosmond Hotel Hilo
 Bretha John cowboy Parker Ranch p o Kamuela
BREWEE C & CO LTD (Hilo Branch) F J Harlocker Mngr Sugar Factors Insurance Agents and Commission Merchants Agents Matson Navigation Co and Nippon Yusen Kaisha 10 Wai-annuene Hilo Tel 255
 Brickwood Mrs Hattie P Honokaa
 Bridges Clay W cashr Bldg Supply Co r Waimalino lane Hilo
 Bright Edmund surveyor County Eng r rear 615 Kilauea Hilo

NAMES APPEARING in LARGE TYPE in this Directory represent the ENERGY and PUSH of HAWAII. Patronize them--they ACCOMPLISH the WONDERS here and make the TERRITORY what it is

This listing advertises the new garage as the "authorized Ford, Fordson, and Lincoln Sales and Service Up-to-Date Gasoline Service Station." Additionally, Botelho is listed as the "2d District Magistrate and Postmaster in Honoka'a" in the Botelho Garage. (*U. S. City Directories Island of Hawai'i 1926, p. 570*)

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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 Store | 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.)

1933 social survey and study of Honoka'a Town and the surrounding Hāmākua District. Three of these establishments have multiple functions as garages and as service stations. (p.16)

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No.: 14 makai
Name: Botelho's Furniture Department (of hardware store)
Owner: M. S. Botelho
Date Est.: 1931
No. Patrons:
Nationality of Patrons: all
District Served: Hamakua
Employees: 1 family, 1 hired (in connection with store and garage)

1933 social survey and study of Honoka'a Town and the surrounding Hāmākua District showing one of the commercial businesses in the building, Botelho's Furniture Department (of the Hardware Store) in the Botelho Building. (p. 26)

P. O. Box 206

Phone 2 Blue 329

THE
BOTELHO GARAGE
General Auto Supplies & Accessories—Auto Repairing
Paints & Hardware—Furniture
HONOKAA, HAWAII

1939 Honoka'a High School yearbook advertisement

No.: 14 makai
Name: Botelho's Hall
Owner: M. S. Botelho
Date Est.: 1927
No. Patrons:
Nationality of Patrons: general public, esp. Portuguese
District Served: Hamakua

1933 social survey and study of Honoka'a Town and the surrounding Hāmākua District. During World War II the Botelho's Hall served as the offices for the U.S.O. and the Selective Service (which was first located upstairs, and then moved to the first floor *makai* Hilo-side retail location. It was a very popular dance hall for military personnel from Camp Tarawa. (p. 26)

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From 1941-45, relayed Bill Botelho, the whole *mauka* Māmane-side upper floor apartments A, B, C, and D were used by the USO, and for a short time in the late 1940s William Botelho, wife Alice, daughter Rita, and son Bill lived upstairs while their new home was constructed in another location in town. Other second-floor subdivisions/small apartments were created after the war. (Interview 2015.)



CONNIE FAY COLLECTION

Dance classes were conducted in the ballroom (Botelho's Hall) in the 1970s.

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Other Commercial Businesses in the M.S. Botelho Building and Garage

Steve Mochida's business had staying power in the town. His business moved to several different places, including the long-established location in the Botelho Building.

**HONOKAA
ELECTRIC SHOP**

**ELECTRIC
CONTRACTORS**

**Home — Commercial
& Industrial Wiring**

Free Estimates

**APPLIANCES
SALES & SERVICE**

Districts we cover:

HAMAKUA
WAIMEA
KOHALA
KONA
HILO

Phone:

DAY 2-W-454

Res.
NIGHT 2-W-431

P. O. Box 317 Honokaa

1951 telephone book advertisement listing S. Mochida as proprietor of Honoka'a Electric Shop in the Botelho Building. The store also sold appliances such as refrigerators, washers, and dryers in the large central retail space. The business left in the 1960s.

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PHOTOGRAPH: LAURA RUBY

Sometime after World War II a bar opened in the smaller Waipi'o-side retail space at the building. The ceiling design followed the bar's configuration for standing and sitting drinkers. (It was said that this space was a bar but further research is necessary.)

The Honoka'a Trading Company located in the former garage was founded by Aunty Gracie Walker. More than just a retail business, Gracie has countless stories of the town, and the "antiques and collectibles" are really a Honoka'a Historical Museum of sorts.



PHOTOGRAPH: LAURA RUBY

This pulley inside the Honoka'a Trading Company helped convey the cars being serviced in the former Botelho Garage. This too is a town artifact. (2016)

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YAMATO COLLECTION; NHERC

This 1970s photo shows that jumbo dogs and sweet buns—possibly manapua or Chinese char siu bao (pork filled buns) or Japanese anpan (sweet buns filled with azuki red bean paste)—were also sold along with prized second-hand items.

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1970s photo of the Honoka'a Trading Company interior.

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Another 1970s photo of the Honoka'a Trading Company interior.

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PHOTOGRAPH: JOAN HARPER

The proprietor chatting at her store entrance. (2014)

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YAMATO COLLECTION; NHERC

The Bamboo Art Gallery existed for a number of years in the large central retail space. This was also the location of the Botelho Furniture Department, the HELCO (electric company) office, Hula Moon clothing retail outlet, and currently part of the Hawaiian Center. (Ca. 1970s-80s)

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YAMATO COLLECTION; NHERC

The Nachbars and Andrades pose in front of their meat market at the former Post Office retail space. (Ca. 1970s-1980s)

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PHOTOGRAPH: MONICA BACON

Talking story on the bench in front of Da Fishing Store. This was originally the location of the Post Office, and later in the 1950s it was occupied by the Selective Service, and still later it was J.J.'s Meat Market. *Makai* of this retail space is long-time Hair Expression by Anna, and upstairs is Illuminations print shop and publisher of the *Hāmākua Times*. (2014)

Events at the Botelho Building

Government Activities

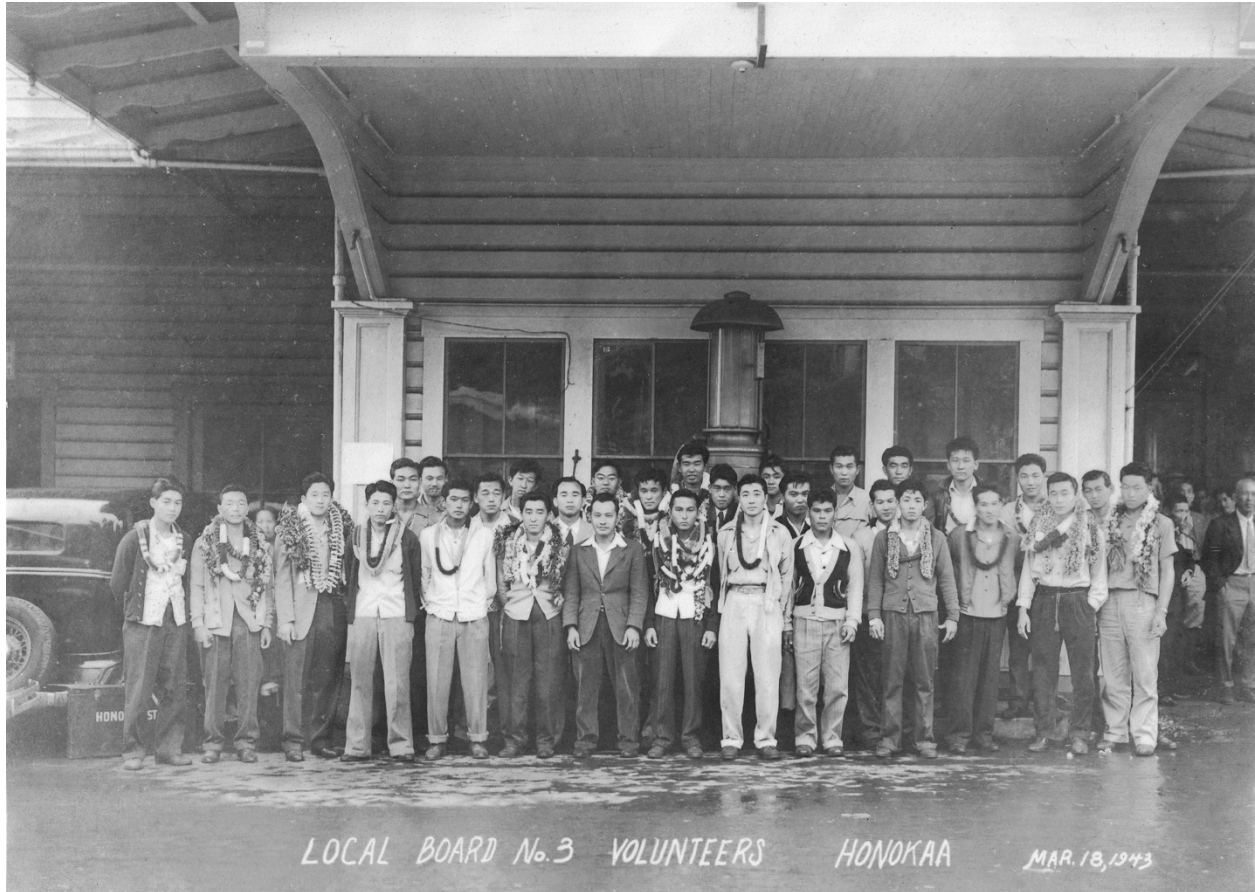
During the mid-twentieth century, the Botelho Building and Garage was the center of governmental activities. The Selective Service office, the USO with its many military events and dances, and the U.S. Post Office (with Botelho serving as Postmaster from 1921 to 1934) were located there.

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UJIKI COLLECTION

In 1943 this group of young men were sworn in as volunteers in the U.S. military. Notice the gravity-feed gas pump behind the inductees under the Botelho porte-cochere.

Berni Botelho Ruis's mother, Rita, worked in the Selective Service office during the enactment of Selective Service Act—Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 which followed the Selective Service Act of 1917. It was later superseded by the Selective Service Act of 1948.

Further on filling the road, stand filling station, garage, and a store. This is owned by Mr. Botelho. On the right side of the store is the post office of Honokaa, Kaloa, Ahualoa, and Kaapahu.

From the 1933 social survey and study of Honoka'a Town and the surrounding Hāmākua District. (p. 85)

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| 747. Hawaii | | 748 Hawaii | |
|-----------------|------------|--|--|
| Post Office No. | Hilo | George Dasher (P.O.) 4 Feb. 1900 Reappointed (P.O.) 1 Apr. 09 | Henry D. Corbett (P.O.) 13 June 1913 |
| Post Office No. | Kaapula | Joseph J. 2-24 But D. Chilton 2-27-28 B. K. Kaupiko 18 June 18 Abraham P. Pehina 11 Nov 18 David Kaupiko Jan 1913 | |
| Post Office No. | Honolulu | William Hays 28 June 1900 Bertie B. Hays (act) 5 Aug. 21 | |
| Post Office No. | Honolulu | Andrew D. [unclear] 7 June 1900 Andrew O. Henderson 10 Aug. 16 | Pres. July 1, 1920. Manuel S. Botelho (P.O.) 2 Nov. 21. Repl. [unclear] 23-26 |
| Post Office No. | Honolulu | Joseph J. [unclear] 15 Dec. 1900 John R. White 1 Aug. 1900 | J. K. Robert [unclear] 7 Nov. 1901 Joseph Keawe 10 Dec. 1902 Kalo M. Keawe 24 Dec. 04 |
| Post Office No. | Kakalaui | William P. [unclear] 31 Dec. 05 | Repl. [unclear] 29 |
| Post Office No. | Hilo | John Cooper [unclear] 26 June 1900 mail to Honolulu 2 Aug. 04 | |
| Post Office No. | Honolulu | John D. [unclear] 25 June 1900 Fred W. Bartels 16 Dec. 05 | |
| Post Office No. | Honolulu | Luther S. [unclear] 7 June 1900 Paris M. [unclear] 2 July 1900 | William T. Scott 8 Jan. 1902 Luther S. [unclear] 8 June 05 Walter M. [unclear] Jan 1912 |
| Post Office No. | Honolulu | Walter R. [unclear] 7 June 1900 Re-Appointed (P.O.) 17 June 1903 | Reappointed (P.O.) May 14, 1915 Arthur J. Stillman (P.O.) 18 Feb. 09 J. M. Souza (P.O.) 13 June 12 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | Cassius B. [unclear] 16 Oct. 14 Reappointed (P.O.) 28 July 19 | Edward B. [unclear] Dec 4-22 Paul Kalamakule, Jr. Feb 11-27 John M. [unclear] 6-5-24 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | William [unclear] Aug. 1900 Charles B. Wells 11 Aug. 1902 | John [unclear] 28 Feb. 06 Samuel [unclear] 23 Jan. 1909 Mrs. Adams (act) 29 June 09 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | Thomas [unclear] 2 June 1900 Robert W. Woods 14 Jan. 07 | Allen S. Wall 12 Feb. 15 H. A. [unclear] 3 June 15 Mrs. Anderson 2 Sept. 17 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | John [unclear] 2 Oct. 11 Walter D. [unclear] 20 Jan. 19 | Pres. April 1, 1921 Reappointed (P.O.) 2 Nov. 21 William B. Mc Kellop 6-5-24 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | John [unclear] 2 June 1900 August Adams 19 Nov. 1912 | Abel Morrison 4 Feb. 15 Geo. Jamieson 16 Nov. 15 W. P. [unclear] 13 April 1917 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | Charles D. [unclear] 7 June 1900 John P. [unclear] 7 Feb. 1903 | L. L. [unclear] 26 July 18 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | Robert C. [unclear] 7 June 1900 Samuel C. [unclear] 17 Dec. 05 | Reappointed (P.O.) 12 Oct. 1901 Daniel [unclear] 15 Oct. 24 [unclear] 1906 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | Re-est Charles [unclear] 24 Aug. 1900 [unclear] 15, 1930 | M. to [unclear] |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | Henry A. [unclear] 23 Aug. 1900 [unclear] Aug. 8, 1906 | Julia K. [unclear] 20 June 15 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | | |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | Edward K. [unclear] 7 June 1900 Alphonse L. [unclear] 7 July 15 | Paul [unclear] 7 Nov. 15-25 Manuel [unclear] (act) 4-27-29 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | John S. [unclear] 7 June 1900 Ed. [unclear] 8 Sept. 1904 | Robert R. [unclear] 25 Jan. 05 Edward Madden 6 Feb. 1913 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | Edw. [unclear] 16 June 1900 John A. [unclear] 8 Jan. 1909 | |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | George C. [unclear] 8 June 1900 [unclear] 17 June 1904 | to Henry White 6 Mar. 13 Basil [unclear] 13 Dec. 14 William C. [unclear] 1906 |
| Post Office No. | Kaunakakai | James H. [unclear] May 13-25 Reappointed 30 Sept. 24 | |

Botelho served as postmaster from 1921 to 1934. For much of his tenure, the U.S. Post Office was located in the Botelho Building. This postmaster appointment ledger's dates range from 1900 to 1930.

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PHOTOGRAPH: LAURA RUBY; BERNI RUIS COLLECTION

When the U.S. Post Office moved from the Botelho Building to its present site at the *makai* Waipi'o corner of town, the old post office mailboxes were outmoded. Paul Christensen, photographer for the Honoka'a Sugar Company, made small banks from the Post Office boxes and distributed them to townspeople.

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Entertainment Events in Front of the Botelho Building and Garage

Entertainment, festivals, and parades have been, and continue to be, staged at the Botelho building.



YAMATO COLLECTION; NHERC

This 1970s photo shows horses tethered on the Botelho property waiting for the next parade.



YAMATO COLLECTION; NHERC

Another 1970s photo shows people in the shade of the spacious Botelho lanai looking forward to a parade through town.

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Another 1970s photo with Western Week parade horses in front of the Botelho building.



YAMATO COLLECTION; NHERC

Hal Yamato was known to always carry a camera and capture all aspects of town life. In this 1970s photo he records Hawaiian musicians and hula dancer under the Botelho lanai.

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HONOKA'A BOY

This screenshot from the 2009 Japanese film *Honoka'a Boy*. Here Leo is photographing Gracie in front of her Honoka'a Trading Company store in the Botelho garage.

The film *Honoka'a Boy* is very popular in Japan and is often shown as an in-flight movie between Japan and Hawai'i. Based upon the book *Honoka'a Boy* by Lee Yoshida and filmed on location in Honoka'a in October 2008, this movie revolves around a love-scorned Japanese college student named Leo/Reo (played by Masaki Okada). Leo finds refuge in Honoka'a working as a projectionist at the People's Theatre. He meets an eccentric master chef named Bee (Chieko Baisho), an older woman with a zest for life. He also is attracted to a young woman named Mariah (Jun Hasegawa) who is already in an uneasy relationship with someone else. By gaining and losing love, through heartbreak, reconciliation, and loss, Leo comes to understand the true meanings of friendship and affection.



HONOKA'A BOY

Bea (actress Chieko Baisho), listens to a Honoka'a youngster playing the ukulele in another screenshot from *Honoka'a Boy* (2009). This was filmed in front of the fictional Hawai'i Big Island Beef store, which in 2017 is Da Fishing Store in the Botelho building.