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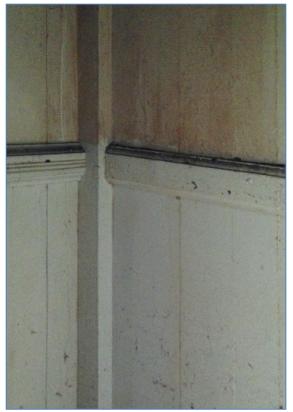


**PHOTOGRAPH: LAURA RUBY** 

An example of a milled girt/railing in a Fujino bedroom.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS: LEFT: FUJINO LIVING ROOM CLOSET GIRTS; RIGHT: INTERNET IMAGES OF MILLED LUMBER RAILINGS** 

### Linoleum Rugs

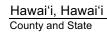
Linoleum rugs were a fashionable addition that dressed up the vernacular plantation Residence plank flooring. These rugs could easily be rolled up and transported. They had boarders that framed the central imagery. It is possible that these Residence items were acquired as a Fujino Store purchase. It is likely that these linoleum rugs were installed in 1939, as 1939 Japanese and English newspapers were found placed under the linoleum rugs to help level the floor.

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Some Fujino linoleum patterns.





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Examples of this floor covering in 1927: Armstrong advertised its Genuine Cork Linoleum Rugs in "This Old House Online."

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Left: James C Massey Archives linoleum pattern internet images; Right: Linoleum Pattern 19 from Spicher and Company internet images.

## People Fujino Family

Matsujiro Fujino was born in Chugoku region, city of Hiroshima, Japan in 1881. He immigrated to Hawaii on February 8, 1906 aboard the *Doric*. The steerage passenger manifest lists him as a 24-year-old, unmarried farm laborer headed to Honoka'a (*Passenger Lists of Vessels 1900-1954*). Matsujiro, like so many before him signed a three-year contract to work on the Honoka'a Sugar Plantation.

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Hiroshima ken-born Kise, age 22, arrived from Japan on January 23, 1907 aboard the *Siberia* (*Passenger Lists of Vessels 1900-1954*), and by 1910, 30-year-old Matsujiro and his 25-year-old wife had one-year-old daughter Shigeko (*Bureau of the Census, 1910*).

He turned to commercial activity, and is listed in the commercial directories from 1910, 1912 and 1914 as a "confectioner" (Husted's Directory Co.'s *Directory of Honolulu and the Territory of Hawai'i*, 1910, p. 673; 1912, p.792) with the 1914 listing including "watchmaker" in Honoka'a (*Polk-Husted Directory* 1914, p. 772). By 1919 he is listed as "Fujino M general store" (*Polk-Husted Directory* 1919, p. 912) and this listing continues for 1920, 1921, and 1922 (*Polk-Husted Directory* 1920; p. 961; p. 1004; 1045). The 1920 census reveals that the family was now composed of 37-year-old Matsujiro, 34-year-old Kise, 10-year-old Shigeko, 8-year-old Masako, and almost 3-year-old Takeko. Matsujiro is identified as a merchant in dry goods, while Kise is identified as a baker in a cake/bake shop (*Bureau of the Census*, 1920). By 1923, the commercial directory listing includes "General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Groceries, Tobacco and Cold Drinks" (*Polk-Husted* 1923, p. 1099). He held his business in a location other than the

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Fujino property until 1925, when he purchased the lot from entrepreneur Manki Harunaga, and built the Store and Residence.

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1930 U.S. Census showing Matsujiro and Kise and Fujino family members.

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Matsujiro's World War II draft registration card. All men had to register but Matsujiro at 61 was too old to be drafted.

Takeko opened Takeko's Beauty Salon in the Fujino Building in 1939 (*Polk-Husted Directory*, 1939-1940 p. 678). She ran the business until her retirement in 1974 (*Telephone Directory Hawai'i*. Hawaiian Telephone Company. May 1, 1974). She never married, but the property passed to her, and later to herself and her sister Sachiko Fujino Ishihara. In 1975, Sheila's Beauty Boutique opened in Takeko's former space. (*Telephone Directory Hawai'i*. Hawaiian Telephone Company. May 1, 1975).

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1943 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team Battalion Honor Roll marking his enlistment for World War II.

Kazutoshi "Cabby" Fujino worked at the Fujino Store until enlisting on March 18, 1943 at the age of 21 as an enlisted man in the Hawaii 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team of the U.S. Army (National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. *U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946*). He graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1948, though his major area of study is not listed in the yearbook (*Ka Palapala Yearbook,* 1948, p. 154). He became postmaster for Honoka'a on August 5, 1952, a position he held until his retirement at 58 in 1982 (*Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832-1971*). After retirement, the 1984 commercial directory lists him as a clerk with the local Raleigh's Cash & Carry (*Polk-Husted Directory,* 1984309). Kazutoshi died at 85 years of age on January 2, 2008 (*Honolulu Star Bulletin,* January 13, 2008, Issue 13, Obituaries). He never married.

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**PHOTOGRAPH: LAURA RUBY** 

Left: 1939 Honoka'a High School yearbook photo of its baseball team which included Kazutoshi Fujino; Right: Chalk board to strategize fielding team plays found in the basement of the Fujino Residence.

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1948 Ka Palapala Year Book, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 1948, p. 154.

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1952Kazutoshi Fujino Postmaster Appointment

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The youngest daughter, Sachiko, married Yukio Ishihara who was employed at the Ujiki Store. She worked in the Fujino Store until it closed in 1957. She then worked as a cafeteria worker at Honoka'a School. As of this writing only Sachiko is still alive (Joyce Kotake-Seo, personal communication with Wendy Tolleson via e-mail, December 8, 2015).

## Conclusion

The Matsujiro Fujino Property meets the <u>Registration Requirements</u> set forth in the Historical and Architectural Resources of Honoka'a Town, <u>Pa'alaea 1 & 2 Ahupua'a</u>, Hāmākua District, Hawai'i Island, Hawai'i Multiple Property Submission.

The Fujino Property is eligible for the Hawai'i and National Registers of Historic Places at the Local Level under Criterion A and Criterion C due to its continuous significance in small town commerce and its period architecture.

The <u>Period of Significance</u> begins in 1925, as first shown in the *County of Hawai'i Field Book* plot plan stating the construction date of the building, and continues through 1957 with the closing of the Fujino Store.

## **Criterion A (History and Events)**

Under <u>Criterion A (History/Events</u>), the Matsujiro Fujino Building Property is <u>significant at the</u> <u>Local Level under Criterion A, as</u> the structures typify the hard work of immigrants to improve their economic status. Matsujiro Fujino arrived in Hawai'i in 1906 and worked on the Honoka'a Plantation as a laborer. After completing his three-year plantation contract, he linked with Manki Harunaga to promote the Honoka'a Theatre, as well as sell coffins, to finally become an independent businessman constructing his own Fujino Store and Residence in 1925.

The Fujino Building Property conveys its sense of historic character through structural and associative integrity, and it has documented historical significance within the contexts of the development of Honoka'a. It is representative of the development of small "Mom and Pop" businesses and specialty services outside the plantation hegemony. The community benefited from these independent businesses, their policy of "all comers welcomed," and the resulting social integration. Customers benefited from the increased range of goods available. The Fujino Store is a good example of a general merchandise store which featured goods such as coffins and modest luxury items not found in other stores in Honoka'a.

### **Criterion C (Architecture)**

Under <u>Criterion C</u> (Architecture), The Matsujiro Fujino Building Property is <u>significant at the</u> <u>Local Level under Criterion C</u> as a good example of plantation era architecture, a wood Commercial and Residential building constructed in Hawai'i during the opening decades of the twentieth century. The Fujino Building Property retains its integrity and so is an excellent example of a structure erected purely for business purposes with rear Residence. It is placed right up to the front property line and takes advantage of the sloping terrain by the creation of basement storage space beneath the *makai* section. The building is determined by the

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topography: on the *mauka* side the foundation is poured concrete; the mid-portion recognizes the slope of the lot and is post-and-pier; and downslope the *makai* most portion allows enough vertical displacement for a concrete partial basement. It is single-wall construction, with double-hung as well as sliding wood-framed windows and *totan* roof–standard components that plantation-trained carpenters were familiar with. The façade also reflects period commercial design with large display windows and entrance alcoves. The Matsujiro Fujino Building retains its <u>historical integrity</u> in terms of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

The Fujino Building, with its façade's display windows, recessed entries, and kick panels, as well as its bracketed cornice, and façade-length pent-roofed awning is typical of the wood commercial buildings of its period. It is also a good single-story example of the commercial form, with its false-front-like cornice providing a slightly more imposing view to the street. Its use of clapboard-clad vertical tongue-and-groove walls, while not as common as other materials, is a material and construction method typical of the period. Also, the incorporation of a residential space at the rear of the commercial establishments was a popular feature of small rural stores of the period. As such, the Fujino Building is immediately recognizable as a part of the early twentieth century genre of wood commercial buildings which almost exclusively graced the streets of Hawai'i's rural and plantation communities.

Outside of areas with fire safety ordinances, wood was the most common material used to construct commercial buildings in Hawai'i in 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 cap the buildings. The 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. The façades contained doors to each retail store in the building and display windows. These openings could be either symmetrical or asymmetrical.

The Fujino Store Building represents a form once common in the Islands, which with the passage of time is becoming more and more difficult to find. Honoka'a presents the best conglomerate of such buildings on the island of Hawai'i, making the Fujino Property even more important for its contribution to this cohesive streetscape. The Fujino Residence, with its vertical tongue-and-groove walls and ceilings (and a few wood panel or canac ceilings), *totan* hipped roof, five-panel doors, and double-hung windows is also typical of the single-wall construction methods and materials used in Hawai'i during the 1920 and 1930s. It is a good example of the form, with its emphasis on cross ventilation.

Other examples of such wood commercial buildings do exist on the island of Hawai'i, although outside of Honoka'a, less than approximately forty examples of this building type can be found on the island and only two are listed in the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places and none on the

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National Register. In Hilo, the Burns Block of 1913 and the Spreckels Block of 1900 still stand, as do several buildings in Pāhoa. Along the forty-mile stretch from Hilo to Honoka'a, only three or four such buildings still remain in Honomū, and one or two in Wailea, Pāpa'ikou, and Pa'auilo, On the Kona coast about a dozen small stores are scattered along the Māmalahoa Highway, including the Tomikawa Store in Hōlualoa which is listed in the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places. In North Kohala, several buildings still stand in Hāwī and Kapa'au, including the Nanbu Hotel, which is listed in the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places.

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# Previous documentation on file (NPS):

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

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### Primary location of additional data:

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# <u>x</u> State Historic Preservation Office

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- x Local government
- <u>x</u> University

Other

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# 2. Geographical Data

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

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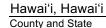
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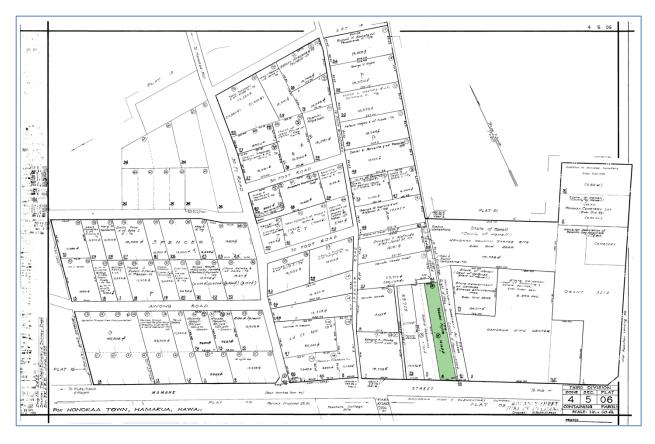
The property is a parallelogram containing parcels 4 and 6 of the Spencer Tract, now listed on the State and Country records as Tax Map Key (3) 4-5-006: 004. The perimeter dimensions are as follows: starting at the southeast corner, moving clockwise, 50 feet fronting Māmane Street; 309.5 feet on the Waipi'o side; 40.83 feet on the *makai* side; and 310.72 on the Hilo side.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

These have been the historic property boundaries since 1925.

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### **Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

• **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15-minute series) indicating the property's location.

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- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

### MAPS

### **Fujino Property Map Table**

1	Ca.1906	Island of Hawai'i map: Honoka'a area of significance demarked by the red rectangle—Walter E. Wall, Surveyor.
2	1983	USGS Honoka'a Quad Honoka'a Quad showing Honoka'a Town on the Hāmākua Coast of the Island of Hawai'i.
3	1983	Honoka'a USGS Quadrangle Map cropped.
4	1995	USGS Honoka'a Quad Honoka'a Quad showing Honoka'a Town on the Hāmākua Coast of the Island of Hawai'i.
5	1995	USGS Honoka'a Quad showing the Fujino Property in its current location.
6	2014	Honoka'a street map demarking the current Fujino Property location.
		Fujino Property Historic Maps
7	Ca. 1880s	Historic Hawai'i State Survey Office map showing Ahupua'a Pa'alaea 1 and 2 in purple, n.d.
8	1995	USGS Honoka'a Quad map showing the approximate location of the Fujino Property in Honoka'a Town in Ahupua'a Pa'alaea 1 and 2 shown in purple.
9	1904	Historic Honoka'a area map (Reg2267WIDE)–Charles Dove C.E. showing the approximate location of the Fujino Property demarked in red.
10	1912	Historic Field 19 map created by the C.E. Office Survey showing the future Fujino Property site demarked in red.
11	1924	Plat0614 Spencer Tract/Government Land in LCA 9971 Apana 5 demarking the Fujino Property area.