

Appendix B David Pratt Letter Report

Commencement of Cane Cultivation On the Island School Parcel

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After a review of "Archaeological Literature Review and Field Inspection for the Island School State Land Use District Boundary Amendment Project, Nawailiwili Ahupua'a, Lihu'e District, Kaua'i Island" prepared by Randy Groza, M.A., and Hallett H. Hammatt, Ph. D., a separate search was conducted to find evidence of establishing cane cultivation on the Island School parcel. This paper should be considered as a supplement to the above review by Groza and Hammatt rather than a separate work. My search information follows:

1. A search of Kaua'i Historical Society's collection of maps and documents did not find anything related to the Island School parcel.
2. A review of Kaua'i island maps at the Grove Farm Homestead Museum showed that the 1910 island map (not the quadrangle map), Exhibits A and B attached, clearly delineates the Upper Lihue Ditch feeding the reservoir adjacent to the Island School Parcel.
3. A 1903 Kaua'i island map gave general areas of cane cultivation outlined in orange and pasture areas outlined in green. Exhibits C and D indicate that the Island School parcel as well as the adjacent Kauai Community College (KCC) property were in cane.
4. The 1900 Lihue Plantation Map by M.D. Monsarrat Surveyor, courtesy of the Kauai Museum, also shows the presence of the Upper Lihue Ditch. See Exhibits E and F.
5. A review of documents at Grove Farm Company, Incorporated showed several exchanges of property between G. N. Wilcox, A. S. Wilcox and Lihue Plantation Company in the vicinity of the Island School parcel in 1896. Based on these documents, it is believed that cane cultivation did not begin on the KCC parcel until after 1896.

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6. As stated in "Sugar Water" by Carol Wilcox, there is no record of the construction of the Upper Lihue Ditch. Also, a search of "Koamalu, Books I and II" by Ethel M. Damon produced descriptions of several Lihue Plantation Company irrigation improvements, but not including the Upper Lihue Ditch.

Therefore, it is concluded that most (if not all) of the Island School Parcel was planted to sugar cane in 1900 as evidenced by the 1900 Lihue Plantation Map by M. D. Monsarrat, Surveyor. No record was found of the original planting of cane on this parcel.

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