

Interview with Gene Olivera on 5/22/96 by Charles Langlas

GO: I no see the horse trail [on the map]. Suppose to get an old horse trail come down. The old horse trail come to here, till this end. Used to get a flume here underneath here. Used to run right to Mountain View. Right on this section here, just climbing the hill eh, right there. Then from here, that was the end of the highway.

CL: Uh huh. At the end of the flume road.

GO: Yeah, right at the flume road. And during war time amd then they make from here right up. But used to be all gravel road eh, the old gravel road.

CL: That horse trail.

GO: No, this the regular Saddle Road. But was all...

CL: When, what year you mean?

GO: War time about '51, was in the '50's eh, when the war break out.

CL: Oh '40's.

GO: '42's eh? '42. Well that's right after that, that's when they start build this road.

CL: Did you take that, before they built that road in '42, was just a single horse trail?

GO: Just a single horse trail. Just an old horse trail go right up to Pu'uo and the telephone line.

CL: Did you ever take that trail?

GO: Oh yeah, yeah.

CL: Ah good. You're the first one I've talked to that took that trail, you know that?

GO: Yeah we used to ride from the telephone line come down. Down the hill, and right in the end of this road here, on the right hand side now, used to get Osorio, used to get a slaughter house there. That's where we used to leave our horses.

CL: Right by the flume road?

GO: Right below the flume road, right below the flume. Just as you make the turn eh. You get clear out. I think got a new home there now. That's a ___ house. Right in that section there used

to be a slaughter house, for slaughter house in Hilo. Used to own by ___ in town. Portagee store in Hilo.

CL: And where did the cattle from Hilo side I guess they slaughtered there yeah?

GO: Yeah they had their own pasture. They had their own, they raised they own cattle. So.

CL: Cause I know you folks from Pu'u `O'o, you didn't bring cattle from that side.

GO: No, no, no. We brought cattle all the way to, come right down to Hirano Store. And they would put em in a boxcar right where the park is now, that used to be all a

CL: That little park?

GO: Yeah, across the Hirano's. That used to be all corrals there. There used to be all corrals.

CL: Oh, that's why that's all open then.

GO: Yeah. The train used to go till there. (?) used to pull inside the boxcars.

CL: It amazes me you know, that train was there and you cannot see any sign of those tracks anywhere, can you?

GO: No, they took it out. Yeah all the ranchers they buy all the rails, you know the posts, they use em as a fence post.

CL: Oh that's why.

GO: Yeah, they buy em, used to buy that out. Cause that was all creosote on that, you know. They was all creosote.

CL: Yeah good for posts.

GO: Yeah, so they used to buy em out. Everybody used to buy em out. Used to come right down below Hirano and then later on put three houses there. As your right goin up.

CL: There's one white one I think, sort of set back?

GO: Way back again, yeah. So right down the railroad used to go in the back there. Come all the way through Koi's eh, tomato farm. Used to come all the way come right in the out here. We ah, what his name? He got small ranch, Cambra.

CL: Oh yeah right.

GO: Right in Cambra's end of, Cambra's end a boundary fence line you go all the way to Mountain View. All the way back in the, you know where you met me this morning? Across there, across [where the Post Office is].

CL: Oh this side.

GO: Yeah, on your right hand side. You go all the way, all the way to Olaa. Used to get all the railroad bridge. That's how they (?)

CL: Hard to believe you know. I heard before there was a railroad but you don't see any sign.

GO: No, no, no. Got the railroad. So get plenty guys don't believe. You know from this reservoir in here. Right down here is a big reservoir. Well he got a two inch pipe line run right though down Pahoaa. The pipe still there yet.

CL: To Pahoaa?

GO: Till Pahoaa. They used to make, that where they use to cut for the railroad, the tracks, the rails. They used to cut, the Chinese people used to sleep up there. So they used go back water. That used to be all Shipman ground. That wasn't _____ land, was open before. That ground was open so used to cut all that wooden post, ohia posts. Creosote em and send em to the, they had their own loggers eh, for make the railroad. They use to cut all that.

CL: And send them down, what? to Pahoaa?

GO: Pahoaa. They truck, trail em down, they had the old days I think they had body. I think they had that because that's it, all it needs to use ...

CL: Oh that kind of what you call, push cart or...

GO: Yeah. So same thing like from up here from Volcano, had one, used to let (permission?) to cut, the wood and deliver to the plantation. Like the plantation used to get a what you call bath house, the furo they used to call

CL: Yeah, yeah.

GO: Okay. woman had this side, men had this side. And they had a special guy take care that and he used to make hot water all for the workers. That's how they bathroom right before they all in the house like now they bathroom inside. No, was all outside.

CL: In fact I heard that somebody used to make charcoal up here, this area.

GO: Yeah, yeah. In fact my brothehr-in-law for me right down there.

CL: Oh yeah?

GO: Yeah, down the road you go down stay coming up you, you going down. My brother-in-law.

CL: What was his name?

GO: DeMello, Ben DeMello. He used to make charcoal right down here, right, I don't know if you know Cabral, where Cabral used to live?

CL: No.

GO: Coming up on the, in fact the son-in-law of the policeman, in Mountain View, his son-in-law, Cabral's son-in-law. Used to live there and my brother-in-law was right across. He used to make charcoal. And hey, some more other people used to make charcoal. At volcano and all, they used to make their own charcoal. And an old Japanee man way down

CL: For sell, or for their own use?

GO: Oh no, no, sell out, they sell it out, to the stores. (?)

CL: Well let me come back to this trail and I can show you this. I don't know whether it'll help or not but... So this is, you have to, Kaumana's farther down. You know this place called Mawae? You ever hear of...

GO: Mawae, no.

CL: No, okay. Well Puu 'o'o is all in here. The old ranch house is up here. And the boundary line goes through like in here.

GO: (?)

CL: and then right about here is that old rock wall.

GO: Oh yeah, it's in the Parker Ranch. Yeah.

CL: Yeah and then the Saddle Road goes down like this.

GO: All the way through here, (?) Yeah.

CL: And the telephone lines, shows the telephone line and then it shows this trail going, right in here south of the Saddle Road on the old '55 flow and then going up to the ranch house.

GO: Puu 'o'o.

CL: Yeah. Does that look right to you?

GO: Yeah. Right. You can see, here got a small hill where the telephone line is, was. They don't get it now. Well as you go, wait let me see, right below have another road going in, the old road before.

CL: I did see a road, yes.

GO: Yeah, well the telephone line was right above that on the top of slope and level out. You can see on your left now, going up get a big hill. On the top of the line used to go from there then go up gradually and then hit our Pa Waiu paddock, then from the Pa Waiu paddock used to run straight to the Puo'o house. That's why used to go just an angle, going up eh.

CL: That was just telephone for Puu 'O'o?

GO: Puu 'O'o, just for our use. And use to be the crank ones eh.

CL: Yeah. So that road that you see now, that goes up that direction, does that go all the way up to the ranch house? No.

GO: No, no, no. That road go to, right up on Nobriga road. That go to the forty acres. Shipmans owned that, you know. Carlsmith got it now. That's where the end, that road end.

CL: They made that (?)

GO: They made that road, that's right. Before that had no road there.

CL: When did they build that road?

GO: Gee I'm not that sure. Let me see. Gotta be, gee I'm not that sure though. Gotta be on the just nineties I think.

CL: Oh just recently then.

GO: Yeah. Carlsmith took over.

CL: Oh he didn't take, was only the nineties he took over?

GO: Yeah, when he took over and then he start building that road. But before that, no, no had no road.

CL: Okay, so the trail, let me talk to you about the trail a little more. We saw, what did it look like, what would you say it looked like?

GO: The regular horse trail used to be? Well was up, look like about three feet wide and just a little grass spot and stone, pahoehoe and all lava.

CL: Yeah. Nice trail?

GO: Yeah, nice, open. That one now is, I think one section is plug up because the volcano went down eh. Remember when the volcano flow over from Mauna Loa?

CL: Recently?

GO: Yeah kinda way back eh.

CL: Oh way back.

GO: Yeah. So that's all kinda block the trail up. But they have the trail open yet but they go around, they go above and go around and come down.

CL: Oh, around the block part.

GO: Yeah. Mpw another road now we get to have that electric line going over before. Now if you go you follow the electric line, the trail is right above the electric line. And you go straight over, then you follow that line, you come right to that KY house. Some places miss the horse trails, some places get on the horse trails, and you go all the way.

CL: What's that house?

GO: KY.

CL: KY.

GO: KY. End at volcano. KY, that's old house. We pack that with lava, with the pack mules up. We build up. Shipman build up the house.

CL: Oh at volcano.

GO: At Keauhou, get the KY. He went build up that house.

CL: Oh. But I'm asking you about this trail from Kaumana up.

GO: Oh from Kaumana up. Well sthat good trail all up and down you know. But those are the narrow trail, just a horse trail going.

CL: Okay, so there's three foot wide one you're talking about that's this one [Pu`u `O`o-Keauhou trail].

GO: Oh, you're asking this trail going up. No, regular horse trail. Was regular horse trail. You can see good. Was open you know. Go right up. Go up, pick up the telephone line, only we don't go further up that way, cut straight over.

CL: Yeah, to Puu 'O'o, to the ranch house.

GO: Yeah to Puu 'O'o house. Yeah we make cut short for all the horses. In those days the old man, ah he died. Well used to live up there, Toshi Imoto. Toshi Imoto, well he born and raised up there at Puu 'o'o. He get the history of his father guys and all those used this trail. Take the butter down, use to make butter at the ranch. They used to deliver all down to Hilo before.

CL: Oh, by horse?

GO: By horseback. All by horse and mule take it down. He work for, he's retired now, I don't know if you know that Carlsmith house in Papaikou, but that's where he lives now. That boy, you can get the regular dope. Just like he's born, he was born in the Paulo side. But most of his time he was raised up the mountain.

CL: His father too lived up there?

GO: Yeah. The father came from Japan and lived up there.

CL: Yeah, worked up there.

GO: Yeah, for Shipman. Toshi, that's a boy that tell you real, in fact he know the dope on this mountain there.

CL: Yeah, somebody mentioned his name but I wasn't sure.

GO: Toshi Imoto.

CL: Yeah. And I saw him in the phone book too so I can get him.

GO: Yeah, that boy he tell you.

CL: How old is he?

GO: He's, I think he's about 69 or 70 something. He's younger than me. Toshi's younger than me.

CL: So this trail from Kaumana up, would you say it's just a couple of feet wide or...

GO: Yeah, yeah. Two feet or two and a half feet wide, just so the horse go.

CL: And how it looks, that trail?

GO: Now, you mean now?

CL: Well before.

GO: Oh was taken care. Because we used to use em much. Was our transportation. From there we used grab the horse and come home and leave the horses up there, corral there. From there we used to come home stay. We used to stay up the ranch sometimes two or three months we would come home. We used to be up there. That's only the trail we use for come home.

CL: Yeah we saw that trail. Still looks pretty nice.

GO: Oh yeah because I know where the telephone line on the back you can see still, I think the State take care, they take care, a little section of that. Yeah because it's open. I know in the back there is open. Because I go in the back there sometime.

CL: On which side of the road? Left side of the road?

GO: As you going up it's the left side.

CL: Yeah. That's the side we saw.

GO: Yeah, right by here a big open, just like, near the big trees around eh. Yeah, yeah.

CL: Yeah, kipuka.

GO: Kipuka, yeah Kipuka. Well that's where sometime I go get maile, I make maile in there. Have maile in there. So me and my boss Lindsey, we get two places that, Saddle Road get maile. You get over there maile and then you go way above, just before you hit the saddle house we call it eh. Way out by the Saddle Road. You know the Nobriga, as you turn Nobriga, you know, that's the saddle house. Well right below in there, that's another spot get maile. And me and my boss we found it. So we still like go get maile in there. Yeah and he had that trail, the old horse trail on the back of the first one I'm talking about.

CL: The Keauhou one? No, what?

GO: No, no, no. That, Saddle Road, the old horse trail.

CL: So the saddle house, that's close to the road?

GO: Yeah, yeah. It's close to the road.

CL: I don't, is it still there?

GO: Still there. Doctor Bergin, Doctor Bergin is in charge of that now.

CL: Oh, he lives there? Or not.

GO: No, he comes just like summer home. Cause I think he take care of the birds or something in there. That is just like a bird section now. But that belongs to the ranch before. After we start Pu`u `O`o we live down there. Cause we had Pua'kala. We used to go from there go up to Pua'kala, with Pua'kala and come back. Outside P_ and Ishimoto we still had that, Shipman still had that section made (?) But that's where the telephone line. That's all I can remember sgo in up there. But used to be all the way from Hilo right up--oh, you get some trail and the hunters usually use em from Hilo. They used to go hunt all up there. They used to use that horse trail. Like DeLima's and all that. They used to use all that and go hunt way on foot way up there. Used to camp overnight and come back the next day.

CL: Was there a camp that you heard of, that they stayed at? Particular camp.

GO: Well they had their own camp in the mountain, in the mountain they had their own camp.

CL: Do you know where?

GO: Oh no, no, no. I know was close to Wailuku River. They said, they told me. I know was close to Wailuku River. Cause look what (?) because we work in the ranch and they used to go take our pig and our cattle so we couldn't get too much with them because bumbye we get blamed yeah. And our boss was strict leader, Mr. Shipman was a strict man that. Ohh.

CL: Well let's come back and start a little bit at the beginning. Why don't you tell me what date you were born and where and who your parents were and where you were raised.

GO: Right here, Mountain View. Born and raised Mountain View 1923, August 24. Born and raised right in Mountain View. My father, Mr. Olivera and my mother, Hernandez. When her single days was Hernandez.

CL: What was your father's first name?

GO: Manuel, Manuel Olivera.

CL: Are you the oldest?

GO: No, no. My sister the one, had one sister. Were twelve in our family. So me I'm one, two, three, four, five. Six, I'm number six in our family. My brother down here, he's above me, one year above me. Then my sisters, then I had my oldest brother, just couple years ago, or two years ago died, right near that school (?) Then had one sister older, but they were born in Honomu. The rest of the family was all born in Hilo, Mountain View.

CL: Yeah. So how did you happen to go up to work at Puu 'O'o? What year did you go up there?

GO: Oh, way back.

CL: Or what age were you when you went up?

GO: Gee, on my nineteen, twenty I got, used to work down here on Keauhou Ranch, volcano. And then when they get branding and all that roundup you know, that's the time we move from here Keauhou, we go work up there, we stay up there. That's the days get only the horse trail. Used to take our horses over through the horse trail.

CL: Yeah. So you started working for Shipman in 1920?

GO: No, no, no.

CL: No, when you were twenty? When you were nineteen or twenty.

GO: Yeah when I was about nineteen years yeah. Cause my first ranch I started was Kapapala. Then I work up there about one year then I came back. Then I work at Keauhou Ranch. From all the time, from that time on until I retire.

CL: Is that, you know I heard this name Buster Brown Ranch.

GO: That's that, that's at Keauhou.

CL: That's the Keauhou one?

GO: Keauhou Ranch, that's Buster Brown, that's Buster Brown, he was the first one before Shipman. Morgan Brown. Morgan Brown.

CL: Okay. Most folks they don't use that name anymore I guess.

GO: No, no, no. They use Buster Brown. I think was a nickname. The olden days what they used to call it was Buster Brown Ranch eh, Morgan Brown, his regular name was.

CL: But he was before your tme?

GO: Before, before.

CL: Yeah, and then Shipman must have got it from him.

GO: After him Shipman got em. After Shipman went what his name, Nobriga, Nobriga young.

CL: Not the same one?

GO: No, no, not this Nobriga. Nobriga fellow used to work for senator, or something from the countryside. He get. The boy, the son get that. He the one jam up and then I think after him was, I think after him was Hawaii Ranch. From Hawaii Ranch went to Dutchie Shuman. From Dutchie Shuman, no Kenneth William. hat's the ranch I go up there.

CL: Oh that's where you been working.

GO: Yeah that's right. I just go give him a hand. He's been a good friend with friend with us eh. So I just go give him a hand.

CL: So which place had more cattle, Keauhou or

GO: Up `Puu 'O'o.

CL: Puu 'O'o

GO: Puu 'O'o. We used to fatten up, over here get our steers all ready from, fatten up , take em down and we ship em over Puu 'O'o. And then they get the place they fatten up, get all that Honohina paddocks all that so they big. Go from Saddle Road right down to Honohina, way over, that's all belong to Mr. Shipman. _____ area was all that forest reserve on the below section. Was all, that line was all forest reserve. All the way to Honohina. Oh yeah, then we have one more house we call Pua'kala. Maybe Freddy guys told you.

CL: Yeah, he did. A little bit, not too much.

GO: We had Pua'kala, from the Saddle house, from Puu 'O'o Ranch, I don't know, he must get the telephone line from the, run to Pua'kala. Telephone used to run to Pua'kala too.

CL: Uh huh. I got one other map I could get out that's maybe better than this.

GO: Dawn to dawn, that's when come home.

CL: Yeah here's Honohina.

GO: Yeah Honohina.

CL: So let's see. Yeah this is the Puu 'o'o area. This one doesn't show the ranch house or probably the telephone line. It shows the trail up through here. But let's see, here's Puakala.

GO: Puakala. See, telephone line used to run across there.

CL: So you folks had, there was the house at Puakala.

GO: Yeah, all made of koa. Still there yet. Still there.

CL: Then one over here by Puu 'O'o. And the saddle house was where now?

GO: Saddle house below here. Below here.

CL: Okay. And what was that for? Was there just saddle's in there or what?

GO: No, no use to call that saddle house because we used to ship our cattle down, we take our cattle to all the way to Humuula. Before used to ship em from Humuula. That's only the, we had loading chute. But we used to take em all the way Humuula, we build our own, the saddle house, what we talking now, the saddle house. We build our own. And that we used to leave our saddles there and then we used to go back Pu`u `O`o. We go through the pasture land, right through Keanakolu road on through the pasture. That's how they named it the saddle house. By the end we used to live in there. By the time we get rid of the Puu `O`o Ranch we use to live in the Saddle house.

CL: Oh when it got, yeah, Blackshear told me that at one point they sold, yeah he told me that sold the upper parcel. So that's when you're talking about living in the Saddle house.

GO: Yeah, that's right, that's right. That's why we used to stay in there.

CL: It's still there?

GO: Yeah. Bergin, Doctor Bergin.

CL: Oh yeah that's right, yeah you told me.

GO: Bergin was taking care up there.

CL: So, other than those three, the saddle house, the Puu 'O'o house, Puakala house, that was all there was, or was there any other houses?

GO: No, no but the Saddle, Puu 'O'o house, Mr. Shipman had one other small house you know, right in the back. His own cottage when he come up in the ranch. He had another out there.

CL: So up there there was what, you're talking about there was a bunk house for you folks and then...

GO: Oh yeah we had

CL: For what?

GO: In Puu 'O'o we had one, two, three bunk houses for the cowboys. For the cowboy and the fencemen. We had the whole house.

In Puakala we had another three house, you know counting the big house eh.

CL: Uh huh. Three houses and the big house [sic].

GO: Yeah, yeah. I know Puakala some of them is down already. But Puu 'O'o I think they still, I think they maintem em, I think they still got em yet, the ranch hou. Yeah.

CL: So how many cowboys and fencemen could sleep at Puu 'o'o?

GO: They sometimes, we had all the cowboys. We had about 33, 34 cowboys at that time. Yeah, used to stay up there, live up there. But after they made the Saddle road good, most of the boys that married, they came home eh. They don't sleep out, only us the single ones used to stay up there. So the one that fencemen, ah they, most of the time they kept outside the fence line where they live to the job. So they camp out there. They stay yeah. Where had the water gultch, come down where they get water to take a bath and all that. Then when they want water they come up the house because they had spring water at Puu 'O'o house.

CL: Drinking water.

GO: Drinking water. Then when they come way down Ishimoto, well, we have spring water they put a spring water, go down to the tank, water tank and that's where they had their own drinking water and all.

CL: Whereabouts is this spring?

GO: The spring was right by the 40 acres, 40 acres.

CL: Oh yeah. The 40 acres is

GO: 40, now Carlsmith.

CL: Yeah that's here.

GO: Yeah, that's Carlshimth.

CL: So from there you'd ran a line down?

GO: Yeah, pipeline run down. Pipeline down to water tank way down in the #3 paddock.

CL: Maybe that's here.

GO: Yeah, it's #3. That's when they had the camp.

CL: Okay. And then they fenced all around here?

GO: All around. Yeah.

CL: Were they repairing the fence or building it first time?

GO: No, no, repair. We had our own fence man you know, fence all the, I think was about seven Filipinos. They had just like a contract, their job is to only contract on the fenceline. They used to camp from Honohina right over, all down, way down in the forest line you know.

CL: What years are you talking?

GO: I can't recall.

CL: Before the Saddle Road or after?

GO: Well before the Saddle Road and after the Saddle Road. All the time.

CL: What about the cowboys? Were they mostly Hawaiian or

GO: No, we had, mostly Hawaiian and like I say Toshi was a Japanese and.. yeah mostly Hawaiian and Portuguese. That's all on the... but by the end was all kind nationalities. All young people, all young. Anything. But the start was most Hawaiian. Only Japanee was Toshi Imoto and a Japanee boy died Yakichi. He died up there. That's a Japanee, that's another Japanee. His brother used to live right down here. The brother right down in ___, step-brother just like.

CL: So how many paddocks you folks had? (tape turned off)

GO: Powaiu [P_ Waiu?] and California p_. Then come Hilo pa, P_ [Ho]llehole, Kanaka noa, Pua'Kala Powaiu.

CL: Wait a minute, you're going too fast.

GO: That's nine paddocks already.

CL: Okay, what was the first one you said? I think I missed that.

GO: Outside pa. It's way outside by the Saddle Road. I started from the Saddle Road coming in now. So you get Ishimoto.

CL: Ishimoto, that's the second one?

GO: That's the second one and number three. And then we come down to California P_. That's going up at the house. California P_. And then we have our Powaiu in Pu`u `O`o now, that's a milking pen. Because Powaiu is a milking pen. That, coming over now, that's California P_. Got Pa [Ho]llehole, Kanaka noa.

CL: Kanaka noa?

GO: Yeah. And then come to Pua, Pua'kala Powaiu. Pua'kala now, it's Pua'kala now. Pua'kala makai, Pua'kala mauka 1, 2, 3. Then you come to Hakalau Pilau. There was another paddock called Hakalau Pilau.

CL: Pilau?

GO: Yeah Hakalau Pilau, it's in all rough country. Old roads and all that's why we call em Hakalau pilau. And then we come back to Honohina. Oh no, one more in between, it's a Pidro, Pidro camp. Was the paddock. And then we come to Honohina, our last paddock. That's what, fourteen paddocks?

CL: Yeah, fourteen.

GO: Fourteen paddocks.

CL: That's it eh?

GO: That's it. All that.

CL: Cause I know sometimes you were talking about these paddocks and I wasn't sure I got the names right.

GO: And you get the Wailuku gorge run right through here come down. Wailuku River.

CL: Between which paddock?

GO: Pa lahole. Between Pa Lahole and go down, you get a small, they used to call that Pinto, Pinto holding, eh? one small paddock. Way outside by #3. That's Pinto Holding it is called. And used to run right on the edge of the Pidro and go right down inside to the forest to come out below. Yeah, what Freddy boy tell me they want to take that Shidaki, Shidaki's just like old Hawaiian homes, we never know. But Shipman used to own that eh. But he tell me they didn't.

CL: Who?

GO: Freddy Nobriga. They want to get that paddock. So they want to go show me. I told em. That's a big paddock go right down to Pua'kala 1 that. Pua'kala makai is below the house in Pua'kala 1. So that go all the way from Palahole to Shidaki right between, to Pua'kala Powaiu, go down behind and hit the forest reserve and come up again.

CL: It's Hawaiian Homes?

GO: Hawaiian Homes. That's what he told me but, that I remember, oh, that use to be Shipman's. He say yeah, used to be Shipman.

CL: Yeah he was telling me was Hawaiian Homes but I thought Hawaiian Homes was all on the Humuula side.

GO: That's what I thought, was above the road.

CL: Yeah, above the Keanakolu road.

GO: Yeah by Man_ road, above that. That I know is a Hawaiian Home but..

CL: Only a little bit maybe, you know by Waipunalei.

GO: Yeah, the below section.

CL: Yeah maybe that Hawaiian Homes in there but

GO: No, he told me right in this paddock here, Shidaki, says the second is all Hawaiian Home. Get in a fight for em. Not I remember. All the time remember is Mr. Shipman's land. He say no, no that Hawaiian Home they went back to now, went look at it he said that is Hawaiian Home.

CL: Well maybe it leased from Hawaiian Homes.

GO: Maybe, could be but maybe Mr. Shipman them never know and he. Plenty of his property Mr. Shipman own all of this down here section, right down to Pahoia. All down from Keaukaha, right down to Pahoia, it's all Mr. Shipman. Everybody thought was Mr. Shipman. In between no he get State land he get Hawaiian Homes and all the time everybody thought was Mr. Shipman's land. Going all the way down from Mountain View eh. The old road.

CL: Well as long as they leasing it they don't know who really owns it yeah.

GO: Yeah. That's why when we get to it, eh, even in the back here, looks that in the back here we never know that get some Hawaiian Homes in there and State land. When we use to go hunt we eh, cause young time we use to hunt, young boys used to hunt all, all this was all forest, all the hunting ground. We used to hunt in there. During the olden days cowboys used to catch us. Eh, what you guys doing there? Eh, that's hunting ground. They say no, no, no, no. This belong to Shipman. Eh, we don't know. We no hit no fence, no nothing. How we know we on the Shipman's ground. So okay, okay. Well we go back we talk to the, where we used to get our hunting license, we tell em, cause you no put a fence line that we know that we in a Shipman ground or in a forest reserve. They say no, no you can just guess go and go in

there and when you get (?). I said something fishy about there. There's something wrong with Shipman.

CL: So did Shipman run cattle down in here too?

GO: Yeah. All this used to be all cattle you know. You get all that cattle bumbye. No nough men, there's no nough cowboys. That's why this place is all wild. Cattle started to get wilder, wilder, wilder until. They only, all they do, only rope. Rope them, bring them out. That's all we used to do. That's rugged ground I tell you. Same like get down, Kea'au, all that that used to be all tame cattle. They used to get their own dairy down there too. Yeah. Used to get their own dairy, they used to milk cows down there they Holsteins. This section of, coming back toward Keaukaha side, that's where all the dairy cows used to be. And going south to Pahoa that used to be their Hereford's, their Hereford cattle. Right up, right up to volcano, all in the back there. Used to be all cattle. But they were all tame, no it wasn't like this, all forest. Was all cleaned. My father say you hardly can see one over here tree this.

CL: Like that area where you're living now? over in there?

GO: Yeah, yeah. That was all clear. You know him, like we go rope cattle and, we no take lunch. We no can take lunch because the horses all chasing wild cattle right though the trees and all so we no can find one tree, one guava tree or one waivi tree, you couldn't find. You so hungry you like, only we used to go where the people used to live up there, then we go, used to go straight to them because we know they had the Hawaiian, regular Hawaiian orange eh. And then we go that's where we used to get our food.

CL: That's all you ate, oranges?

GO: Orange would be for our lunch. Yep.

CL: So who lived up permanently up at Puu 'O'o, up at the ranch? Before when you were let's say

GO: The foreman?

CL: Yeah, I guess if you started working there about when you were about twenty, must have been just about the time. Cause you were born in 1923, right? You started working if you were about twenty up there, must have been just about the time they built the Saddle Road.

GO: No, go way back.

CL: Before that?

GO: Way back after that, before that I used to work up there. With Tom Bell. Tom Bell used to be the foreman. Tom Bell used to run the ranch at Puu 'O'o. So way before that I used to go.

CL: How old do you really think you were when you first went up there?

GO: I know I was, well makin sure, when I went CCC camp, I used to be seventeen years old. Then I stood there two years. Then pau there, I stopped at Kapapala Ranch. I stood there one year, yeah between nineteen, twenty years.

CL: So that must have been just about the time the war started.

GO: Yeah, yeah because we started, when the war started I was still camp yet. So we used to take the soldiers down to, way down to Hilina pali, yeah.

CL: So when you first went up Puu 'o'o they were not already making the Saddle Road?

GO: No, no not yet. After that. They no started yet the Saddle Road.

CL: I thought they started '42.

GO: They started way down Hilo side. Yeah right above that hill, about a mile up. That's where they wanted, they started right there. That's where they started that road.

CL: Did you seeing them doing that at all?

GO: Yeah, yeah. All the time. That's why we all the time before we headed, bulldozed the road. So when we come down, we try go early. Before they begin the job yeah. We go up early sometimes one o'clock two o'clock we going home already. Going back up the mountain.

CL: So you saw them bulldozing it?

GO: Yeah bulldoze em .

CL: You know who did the bulldozing?

GO: No, no. Well I was telling my brother last night about it because I told him gee but you know the Saddle Road. My brother told me the guy was the foreman up there. He told me, no I forget it. God dammit, he the one was the foreman. He the one make the Saddle Road go up.

CL: I heard Henry Auwae was involved.

GO: Henry Auwae and some more. Auwae was yeah, he was in charge of that too. I forgot his name. He was kinda forman over there too. Used to be my brother (?) when my brother (?) we gotta get the pig, well my brother recommend him. But he the one the foreman of the Saddle Road this is during war time. He was the foreman. After that was the State used to take care of all that. But was all rough road then. Them days was all oh plenty places they cut. Couple places they cut out they should cut going for the old road they cut straight eh. Plenty places yeah. Like the Puerto Rican camp, what they call Puerto Rican camp, that's where the one with the horses go. But they use that horse trail go up eh. They used to carry, so we call Puerto Rican camp. So they use to hunt. They used to sleep over there, get their own camp, then further out on this side now, where the road is way over now, the old road you go way in eh. Right on the start where the they went in, the first time they went in for the tie on the road, (?) they started. Right from there. That's where the old road going in there and then go up. They cut way above and come above.

CL: Which old road?

GO: The Saddle Road. You go up now where the Army, where the Army used to station. The Army had their camp over there. Continue Gene Olivera end of side A

CL: Down at the bottom?

GO: Yeah.

CL: By the flume road?

GO: Right above the flume road. They had the camp there. When you go above from there, say about a mile now that's where they started that road. Because from there up now the new road come on this your left hand side, old road go to your right. In the edge of the forest and it comes way up. It come out hit the Saddle Road again.

CL: Oh yeah I saw it.

GO: You saw it.

CL: And that's where the Puerto Rican camp was?

GO: That's where the Puerto Rican camp right to the right, right in there. That's why we call it Puerto Rican camp, ___ used to go.

CL: And then they go hunting from there?

GO: Yeah, yeah. And some of them, they go further up. They go Morita, then up. Then up there they call the Morita camp.

CL: Oh yeah, a couple people mentioned but I wasn't sure.

GO: Yeah they that Morita now.

CL: Yeah, but was guys that didn't actually hunt so they weren't sure if there was one camp or two camps.

GO: No they had two camps. Puerto Rican camp and Morita.

CL: I wonder if this... You know this spring up here, there's the Olaa flume spring.

GO: Yeah, that's way below, by the end of the big pali you coming up.

CL: And then there's one other spring farther up.

GO: It's in the forest eh that. Yeah in the forest yeah. Yeah I know em. This side of Puaiuko.

CL: Yes right. So that Puerto Rican camp, is that farther down?

GO: Further down, way down.

CL: Okay. There's a place (end of side A)
So the Puerto Rican camp that you're talking about is

GO: Gotta be around here somewheres.

CL: Right about in there. Right where that old road takes off.

GO: Yeah. Gotta be in here, somewhere in here. I know was off the old trail.

CL: Okay, but not as far up as this spring.

GO: No, no, no. Below. By the, Morita was above.

CL: Okay. Kinda close?

GO: No kinda, right up, cause me and my boss used to go. Oh we used to go Morita and complain. Our cattle used to come all the way down. To the forest. So we used to, we camped one night, we followed that Wailuku river. We followed down, then that's how we found this spring water. You know, drive the cattle, they go straight for the water. That's how we found the spring water. I know him. Was kinda clear you know. Not, not ragged places, was kinda clear. But even he was now, you look from Pua'kala house, you go Man_ road, when you look straight down, you look from Pu`u `O`oo house, coming down. Then you look down you can see the clear. Right by the clear I think on your left hand side, that's where the spring water head. Until now I think you get some wild cattle in the forest they going to that water. Cause they cannot

go down, someplace they cannot go down Wailuku cause Wailuku is steep eh. So they cannot go down there. So I think going hit that spring water yet.

CL: Fred was telling me still got wild cattle.

GO: Yeah, yeah. That's why they wanted that Shidaki. Get plenty wild bulls they say. So if they get that, they get their money's worth eh. But they like I go up and show em where the boundaries and all eh. Oh sure, I go, it they get branding. I go give them a hand. I up there.

CL: Oh it's not fenced?

GO: No it's fenced around but nobody take care. It just like going go wild. But should be Pu`u 'o'o Ranch should take care of all that. It's their paddock. But for years now nobody take care of the place, it's on the forest fence line. So they get in the forest, they get going. When they can come from right from Puakala house all in the back, all over the forest reserve. They can come right through. They can come right up from Saddle Road. And they get another road from Saddle Road used to be an old horse trail come right down by the forest line you know. Through the flow. Come right down from the Saddle Road, the old road, the old horse trail to come in.

CL: Down to Kaumana?

GO: No down, Pu`u `O'o, fence line, all the forest reserve. Horses used to come in through that a'a come over, from the old horse trail before, come in there. Right at outside pa, way in the bottom by the forest reserve. Used to get trail.

CL: Trail from the outside pa over to Saddle Road?

GO: Saddle Road come in cause the outside pa is all this side, so used to come from the Saddle road, the old horse trail used to come in towards Puu 'o'o side come back. Used to get the forest reserve.

CL: Forest reserve line is like here. Because this white is clear.

GO: Is clear ground yeah.

CL: Yeah and then the green is the forest reserve pretty much. So this boundary must be the fence line yeah, pretty much. So you're talking about, oh well this one trail goes up. This is a horse trail yeah, that you were talking about and then up to Puu 'o'o Ranch. But now this one you're talking about from outside pa.

GO: Yeah. So it's below the telephone line, gonna be around here to come in for hit the, no gotta be come down here. This was forest line eh?

CL: Um hum. Show me with your finger where you think it goes.

GO: I think about over here I think. On the line. For hit the fence line.

CL: Oh. And then goes where?

GO: To the telephone line.

CL: Goes up here?

GO: Yeah.

CL: Instead of going up to Puu 'O'o Ranch.

GO: No, no, no. They come down here check the fence line. So the horse trail gotta run down here. So check this fence line they gotta get one nother line come right in here, one other road come in here, another trail. Could be this one. This one [shown on the USGS Map going up to Pu`u `O`o ranch house from Mawae].

CL: Maybe. Did it go all the way up to Humuula?

GO: No, no, no. Just hit our forest line. There's an old horse trail there too. Humuula had only the stone wall eh.

CL: Yeah. So Outside Pa gotta be up about here I guess yeah. That was the first one you said (?)

GO: Outside Pa, yeah it's (?)

CL: So then from there coming down. Coming kinda parallel to Saddle Road then yeah?

GO: Yeah, yeah. Like Outside Pa on the, down boundary. You no can miss when you come, you going see is the pahoehoe, you can see we get a wide trail where the horse used to come in. You can't miss em. That's where the hunters used to come in. And that's where we used to call, we had one paddock when we brand and we leave em all in there. Used to call pinto corral. I don't know, they must get a gate cause how else they get em, the call em pinto corral. That's our holding paddock.

CL: Yeah. You said, so now let me ask you about these paddocks again. If outside pa is here, then Ishimoto gonna be up this way?

GO: No, no. (?) right next.

CL: Oh this way.

GO: Yeah. He run this direction, down this way eh. Okay now is outside pa here. Then Ishimoto and then #3, then you get Wailuku run, Wailuku gulch. Come all the way go down this way, Wailuku.

CL: Wailuku is let's see, there is a gulch here I think. Coming down to these ponds?

GO: Yeah coming down way down there. Go right down to Hilo, the end of high school. That's Wailuku.

CL: Coming right through the middle of this.

GO: Yeah that's right. Gotta be here. That's the one you're talking about--from Mana Road, right above Mana Road, you come right down, right in, hit the clear. Gotta be this and go inside the forest. Gotta be this I guess.

CL: There's more than one actually. There's another one up here. This is up above the ranch house. Not that eh.

GO: No, no, no. That's a the one, by Saddle Road. They're all combined. All combined, hit Wailuku. All those gulches. Yeah. So gotta be this. And then you get Pa Holehole and then Wahine pa and then California pa and then Puu `O`o house. Then right makai used to be our Pawaiu paddock. Our horse paddock but we used to keep our milking cows. We used to get milking cows up there for make butter. That's why they call Pawaiu.

CL: What was the shape of those paddocks? Maybe you can, what I can't understand I guess is whether they ran this way or they ran this way.

GO: Some ran different directions.

CL: Oh, okay.

GO: Some different directions. Like now we have that the forty acres is just like in-between. Supposed to get that, cause he live in a square block that forty acres.

CL: That's where the spring is yeah?

GO: Yeah, yeah.

CL: That's up here.

GO: So the house paddock gotta be here. Forty acres is below here. Where the house paddock we have now, our paddock going hit Parker Ranch fence now. So now the fence line running this direction. Okay, let that run and then sometimes it runs right

down to Wailuku River. See we hit the, Wailuku is now I'm talking about Outside Pa. So Outside Pa run this way, #3 run this way. That's all run that way see. And then now we hit the angle here that forty acres the boundary that forty acres and then now it's different now. We got another line running this way. That California pa, that's run behind the Pu`u `O`o house. But then we have that Wahine pa. That's another paddock and then Pa Holwhole run this direction. But Parker Ranch fence stay run toward this way, they were about this way, Wailuku.

CL: They changed em?

GO: They change em because you don't have to fence where the Wailuku it comes. No fencing because they cannot go down because all steep.

CL: Too steep?

GO: Yeah. So they used that as a fence line. Right down to the boundary. So they change paddock, change angles.

CL: And also now I know this parcel's separate from this parcel too right now?

GO: Yeah.

CL: Cause Freddy has this side.

GO: Yeah Freddy had the Outside Pa.

CL: Oh, what he has is Outside Pa?

GO: Outside Pa and #3. #3 right below Carlsmith. Right, that angle, angle that way. That goes just like Saddle Road angle eh. Down, straight down.

CL: I guess the only way to really understand this, I have to see their map. But he doesn't have Ishimoto, Freddy?

GO: No, no. That is across from Wailuku. Ishimoto is across Wailuku.

CL: Okay. So when you first went up there then Tom Bell was the forman?

GO: Yeah, he was the boss. And the old man David. The old man Hawaiian, David. You know, (?) the second, just like he used to take care of the whole ranch. The one that David.

CL: David is his last name?

GO: No that's his first name. He get a Hawaiian name. Ka`iawe, Kaiawe. That's right, Kaiawe, that's right.

CL: Cause I met his son.

GO: The son used to take care of the slaughter house. John, John Kaiawe that you're talking about the son. This old man he have only daughters. Maybe they know.

CL: Yeah you're right, you're right. He said his uncle. Yeah that's right. So Tom Bell was foreman up at Puu 'o'o and David Kaiawe was under him?

GO: Oh no, no, no. Tom Bell was under him because he was the one, the main...

CL: He was like the manager.

GO: Yeah, he's the manager. Old man David. This section here was Tom Lindsey. At Keahou, down here. Was Tom Lindsey, my boss.

CL: Oh okay. Cause I heard his name too.

GO: Tom Lindsey. Then after Tom Bell pau, he the one took over. He used to run that. That's where most our time was up Pu`u `O`o.

CL: When do you think he, how long did he, how long was Tom Lindsey there?

GO: I know Tom left just right after me cause Tom Bell and I, Tom Lindsey, Oh, up at Pu`u [`O`o] well was kinda way back, was before. After war time and all, cause it was war time we was still here. We still up. Way after though, I'm not sure what year that we went up there. But we used to go in-between times you know. Go back and forth but give them a hand on the working cattle. But when he took over, gee, I'm not sure. Well, you can get it from the Shipman, from the office. He know exactly what time it was.

CL: Yeah that's right. Yeah. And how long do you think Tom Linssey was there?

GO: Work for Mr. Shipman?

CL: No, at Puu 'o'o.

GO: Oh until he retire. Until he retired he was working for Mr. Shipman.

CL: About when? Just a guess. '70's?

GO: Oh no under '90 something I think.

CL: Okay, Yeah that's good enough.

GO: About twelve years ago he died yeah, he passed away. Yeah when he passed away I was working for Dutchie Shuman. Had to retire. He never like I retire. But I used to take care of Mr. Shipman mullet pond, eh? How a cowboy works a mullet pond. I say ah I'm going quit. All this year you work for, you know when you retire then you going lose you retirement. No way.

CL: Where they get a mullet pond?

GO: At Kea`au.

Tape 2 (bit missing about beach road at Kea`au)

GO: There's one gravel road. You don't dare he ever catch you in there. He tell you right off the bat what you doing inside here. Tell you past the cattle guard you be sorry.

CL: Yeah I know you could get special permission to go down there but otherwise that's about it.

GO: But you know come to it, you know, he cannot stop nobody coming through that Shipman property down by the ocean. There's an old wagon trail go right down to Maku`u, come out to Pahoia.

CL: Must be because I know people...

GO: Oh no, not must be, he got it. Cause we know it. When we used to lead pipi all wild cattle we used to lead, that's where we use to lead our cattle. In fact the Army used to station they used to come down to Kea'au, go right down. They use to station out there. That's a right of way come down from Keaukaha, you go right down to Pahoia. Down to Makuu, all through there's wagon trail. There's the wagon road.

CL: That's real old I bet you.

GO: That's the old trail. They get in the map but they don't show you. You know why they don want? cause that old trail run right by the ocean, right in the front of the sister house. Run right by the oceanside. They have a nice beach there, white sand, so that's where the road run, right over there have that fence line, that old trail runs right there. So they don't want anybody interfere there. That's why they taboo. But no, you get a right-a-way. If you know, hey you see the cowboys coming he stand on that road there. So he tell us, what are you doing inside? not you guys property, that's a right-of-way. You cannot move me, on the road. I mean the right-of-way, government property. But those are guys when they hear Shipman they was froze. Oh Mr. Shipman's a big gun and we better shut up.

CL: So then when you, I'm gonna ask you a little bit about the cattle driving trail. Put this over here. Hard working with these maps eh.

GO: Oh yeah. You gotta know every spot of it. That's why this...

CL: So I think, let's see. So Puu 'o'o, the ranch house is about here. And here's Kulani Road going up to here. And this is Keauhou here. So let's see. We cannot see, Glenwood is somewhere in here.

GO: Way down the bottom.

CL: So when you folks drove cattle to Glen, when you wanted to get the cattle to Glenwood, did you go first to, you drive em first to Keauhou?

GO: We used ride em in Keauhou.

CL: Yeah but I know that the cattle at Puu 'o'o.

GO: Yeah, they come down to KY [Keawewai], overnight stay KY house. And from KY house we come down to Keauhou Ranch. And then they used to combine with all that Ka'u.

CL: With cattle from there?

GO: Cattle from there, mix altogether and bring em down.

CL: Not Keauhou but farther down Ka'u you're talking, Kapapala cattle.

GO: Kapapala and Na'alehu, all bring up, all bring the cattle.

CL: All one time?

GO: All one time and they used to ship em all at all one time in the box and ship em down to Hilo.

CL: How many times a year?

GO: Ah I'm not sure. All depend you know on the slaughter house, sometimes they need it, and you know.

CL: But more than once a year?

GO: Most time.

CL: So whereabouts was this KY house?

GO: KY house from Keauhou house, where the Keauhou house? you got about nine miles up about going up. Right there, you know Kulani.

CL: Oh right below Kulani.

GO: Kulani.

CL: Okay, Kulani is yeah here's Kulani project here so..

GO: It's gotta be around here, someplace around here.

CL: Okay. I probably have it. Let me try this one and see.

GO: That's the same map we have up Pu`u `O`o.

CL: This one? it's an old map eh.

GO: Yeah, it's the same kind we have in the wall up the ranch.

CL: This doesn't show Kulani.

GO: No, no. I think that time no had Kulani.

CL: Oh there looks like there must have been some kind of puu called Kulani.

GO: That's a puu, that's a puu. Yeah. You still get em that's why get the towers and all. That's why they call Kulani. The Kulani house, the main camp is in the back here. The puu is here. The camp is in the back here. Then they get the tower and all run to all across for the television in from Na`alehu. Run right through Kapapala Ranch and national park.

CL: So this shows a trail coming from Puu 'o'o down like this. Come right by Kilauea, this how it shows it.

GO: Right at Kilauea, the golf course. That's where end.

CL: That's where it ended?

GO: That's where end, right there. That's where.

CL: Okay. Good. So KY house you say that was

GO: About nine miles up. Right there. Right around there.

CL: Close to Kulani.

GO: Oh yeah, close to Kulani.

CL: And you folks stayed there then?

GO: Yeah. We camp there. When we, right when we branding and all, we sleep that house. That's how we put that house up. Before used to be a stone house, the olden days, before my time now. Used to be a stone house. And when we worked there the stone house was still there. In fact one or two times we were sleeping the stone house. And then the boss figured out you know get a carpenter, cut the lumber at Keahou Ranch, pack it up with the mule. No had no road like now they have road now.

CL: Oh, they have a road?

GO: Yeah that road to right up to the camp. And now we cannot use em. That's why the cowboys get mad. Cause we got a formal notice, our cattle is right there. We ride from the cattle in the morning. And that's the only time easy for the.. So we cannot use, now the State get em. But the State don't let us use em. But they can use it. They can. Now they get they get, well Parker Ranch. Parker Ranch took over they extend the house a little bit more.

CL: The wood house?

GO: Yeah. Then when state took over they extend it more and they put a flush toilet, a shower, everything in that house. Before never had that. You take a bath outside. And if you don't, have no hot wate, you go in the water trough below, you take a bath.

CL: Oh yeah. So I guess all this is was ranch up by KY house too eh?

GO: Yeah, all ranch, all ranching.

CL: Is there grass all up in here?

GO: Yeah.

CL: I never saw it that side up there.

GO: Yeah then he get like now they went Pu`u Lau, this Kulani, they gotta get one more small hill they call Pu`u Lau, right by the forest line. Pu`u Lau.

CL: Must be along in here.

GO: Yeah this is in the back, below Mountain View eh. Kulani yeah that's the back, till below. Back here, some place in the back here. Yeah from here we used to hunt come up right up to Kulani. Then used to get the old golf course not that golf course there. You get the old golf course below.

CL: At volcano.

GO: Volcano.

CL: So if you started at Puu 'O'o with cattle, how long did it take you to drive down, if you drove em down, if you gonna drive em down to Glenwood?

GO: Going take you about three days now. About three days. As you come from Puu 'O'o, you come sleep KY house.

CL: The first night?

GO: Yeah. Then from KY house then, cause there, the trail is not, is only about three feet wide now. So you cannot force these cattle go. And when you cannot get into Puu 'o'o, KY house, they all manene. What I mean, already they all sore, their legs, cause it's all a'a pahoehoe. So you gotta, only what in-between they have k_puka n_n_. That's out in the open. So they come to the k_puka n_n_ they rest. From there down, is all pahoehoe and a'a. Till hit the H_`aikea, right in the back of Kulani, the H_`aikea's our paddock. That's where start Mr. Shipman I think, H_`aikea. Then from there they ride out to KY house then they camp KY house. Get big holding, big corral.

CL: So if you start early in the morning and get to KY house that night.

GO: That evening.

CL: Yeah. Kinda late?

GO: Oh yeah. It's six, seven o'clock in the evening. Cause you cannot, like they, when they first start catch some wild cattle, that's the ones you cannot pin cause you cannot pressure, pressure. You gotta go real easy because they bleed. You know when they fight they push the other one. They mean eh. They want to go go go. And they get out of the trail, it's all pahoehoe.

CL: They just stay on the trail?

GO: Stay on the trail.

CL: They don't try to get out too much?

GO: Oh no can. It's all pahoehoe. All stone. They wouldn't, unless they can come reach, when you come along reach a little more back of ___ home, H_`aikea, when he gotta litle pond there. But they, they don't go in there already. Cause their legs are all sore. They just stay.

CL: They already learned.

GO: Yeah. But you gotta know the gas. That's why you hit the Kulani over there, that's a pasture land again. They can maneuver. But no, no. So long you get the tame one go, they follow the tame one. They come right down.

CL: Okay. So then the next day you go how far?

GO: The next day you come down to Keauhou, the ranch. And then when you get, they get their date all certain up, their Kapapala send out, Naalehu, what the hell they call that ranch already, you know get Naalehu ranch and the, Kahuku. Kahuku used to be Parker Ranch now. It was Kahuku Ranch, use to be Parker Ranch. And they used to bring, hit Naalehu. From Naalehu his Kapapala and then come Keauhou. They sleep at Keauhou. From Keauhou next morning down to Glenwood.

CL: Yeah. And when you go Glenwood, let's see, I guess you go around like this side eh, around where Volcano Village is now. Have to yeah.

GO: Oh just follow the highway. On the highway, they used to come on the highway.

CL: Oh the highway.

GO: On the highway. The old Volcano road used to be just like a wagon road from down yeah Ola'a. You go all the way back down Mountain View in the back, come out at that anthuriums what you call that?

CL: The orchid one? Atkasuka?

GO: Atkasuka. Well right below Atkasuka there was a, you could see still get the old road on there. Yeah. The turn is about right out there. Right below Akatsuka. That's where the old wagon go right up to Volcano, used to come up. And they no used to take that road they used to use up all the highway to bring the cattle all the way down. And they had, some cowboys used to tell us they had that old man from Parker Ranch, Kaliko, so those days they say they had the Model T's eh. So they tell the Model T's wait, they put the cattle inside. But some of them they don't want to wait, sometimes they don't want to wait, they no understand. The Japanese they no understand what they saying about wait eh. So then rope the Model T's on the bumper and they hold them back with the horses. So we thought we was rascals. They was more rascals than us. Then they used to tell us stories. They used to rope the Model T, hold em with the horses.

CL: So then other times if you took, if you were going to send the cattle to Honolulu to the meat market there, then you went Saddle Road side?

GO: Right after you mean we get rid of the...

CL: Well I know sometimes you sent the cattle to Hilo, this way. But other times, didn't you send them over to Honolulu?

GO: Honolulu, oh yeah, on the barge. We used to put em on the barge. But container now eh. But then no was the container was the boxcars eh. They used to put a boxcar all inside.

CL: So If you did that, how did you get em over to, Kawaihae eh, or what.

GO: Well Kawaihae was, Kawaihae was all the other section. That's most only Parker Ranch. That is different that.

CL: Oh. How did you send them to Honolulu?

GO: They put em on the barge on just like, I think they had own stalls eh. So they lifted up eh. That was different than us.

CL: But you folks?

GO: No, us, no. We put it on the from the traintrack out of the boxcars.

CL: Oh you sent em all to

GO: Yeah, all to Hilo. And then when we reach there they had their own stalls eh, so they shipping all in stall, on the barge. To Honolulu, to kill.

CL: Oh okay. Cause I thought somebody told me that you sent some to Kawaihae and over.

GO: No, Kawaihae was Parker Ranch. Parker Ranch used to take em out through the (?) from right at Kawaihae yeah, the beach. Then they used to put a in the chute coming there, put the rope on em and used to drive em to the small boat. And the small boat drive em to the big boat. Maybe about I'd say six, seven head one time. Take em out. They had a big boom eh. In fact here, I think you've been up. You can see, Parker Ranch, they had that eh. But that was different, that's not our section, was different. That was only Parker Ranch and Anna Lindsey and all that. That's not our section. Ours used to come all through this, Keauhou trail come down.

CL: So you know this area up here, it's in Humuula but below. You know they had sheep in here yeah. I'm sure you saw the sheep. And then below here, they got, it's hunting, it's a hunting area now but, they call em Aina Hou.

GO: Aina Hou. Yeah. Because that's this trail run right through Aina Hou. The trail go right though Aina Hou.

CL: Did they ever, is there grass in there?

GO: Yeah, lotta grass. Parker Ranch had it, they used to raise cattle and after Parker Ranch give up, we took over. Yeah, Shipman took over. We used to raise our heifers all in there, all for breeding, jave our good heifers, we used to keep it in there because no bulls were over there. That's across Saddle Road. Come right down to our house, Saddle house. The old Keauhou trail run right though eh. Yeah, Aina Hou. And then Parker Ranch. They gotta get the stone wall here. They had olden days that's what they used to trap their horses, wild horses.

CL: Oh down in Aina Hou? They have stone wall down in there too?

GO: Yeah, you can see. From the Saddle Road if you go, you hit the Parker Ranch stone wall coming over, hit the stone wall eh. Okay you stop right there your car, and then you look on your left, straight in. You can see, you can see they still get the stone wall there.

CL: Oh far back eh.

GO: Yeah, far in.

CL: I thought there might be but...

GO: No, no, it's still there. That's where they used to bring they wild horses. That's why they made the stone wall eh. Before. They line up from Mauna Kea, come all the way down, the Germans, right inside there, trap em in there. That's where they used to trap their wild horses.

CL: How did they get em through the, they must have taken em though the sheep station area to get in there eh.

GO: Well they get a fence line eh. They get a fence line come from up. So they get just like a paddock in there. So they run that paddock right down, hit the stone wall and over. So the horses have nowhere come inside Mr. Shipman's property, go right down.

CL: Oh down on the, next to Shipman's property, and then down though.

GO: Yeah. They come through, hit that corner and then go across Saddle Road and get inside Aina Hou. So they get that, the hunting area now, for bow and arrow.

CL: On bow and arrow they use.

GO: Bow and arrow area.

CL: So when Shipman took over this Aina Hou, was that after you were working up there?

GO: Yeah, I was still working there. We still had the Puu 'O'o. We still had Puu 'o'o. But they start raid, then the hunters, they had that Saddle Road was made, so they come up with their car. They near to the Saddle Road, started rustle our cattle. So they not, the ranch not making no profit, we getting trouble, forget it. Then they dropped it. Over there had some headaches you know. Yeah lot of goat, sheep that graze in there.

CL: On that Aina Hou?

GO: Yeah. Goat, sheep, lot of them. Hog, wild hogs. That's why the hunters they come for, they tell oh go hunt for wild hogs. No. When we go look our cattle is gone. That's all I can tell you that I know of.

CL: So I know what else I can ask you. I'll take away these big maps I think.

GO: So we went for a while.

CL: I forgot one other thing. When you were working up at Puu 'o'o, did anybody ever tell you about any heiau or anything like that?

GO: Yeah. Right Pu`u `O`o house, that Christmas trees, that's some of that Toshi's sister guys buried up there. Right above Puu 'o'o house, right on top, you can see still there. Plenty of them in there. Fact way back, the old man David used to tell us was German people used to have a dairy way down in Honohina.

CL: I heard about some Germans people, Honahina, that's right.

GO: Yeah, the German people lived, old man David told us that. I never see that. The old man David told us used to get some German people used to get dairy up there, in Honohina. And you can see it, just like a form of the house you know, foundation. You can see just like was a dairy. See that's where they used to milk their cows and take em all the way to Honoka'a, all on horseback. They used to take em all, the butter and all to Honoka'a. It was the German people.

CL: But he never told you about any old Hawaiian temples.

GO: No.

CL: What about caves? I know there's some, I think there are some caves down in here. did you ever see them?

GO: No. Only on the caves used to see the side, the side of the trail where you see a rock, hide their liquor, the home brew and all. Yeah the small caves. Certain places, Shipman's brother, he was the kind boss up there too eh. So him, they used to have their own place where they stash that home brew and all the okolehao.

CL: During the prohibition?

GO: Yeah. They used to buy em from down, take em there, put em there so when they go on, go up, they have their liquor. And when they come down they still have their liquor the same place. So cetrain place, small caves on, they used to have their liquor hide. But for bigger one, no, I no remember seeing in there.

CL: Cause I was reading this old account that talked about a sleeping cave, couple sleeping caves up in that area where people used to sleep.

GO: No. Only I know one big, he come big cave but I no recall they used to sleep in there. My boss guys no say nothing. But we used to go hunt pig. Was a big cave where the pig go in. It's a big came in Honohina. Honohina side. That's the only one I can remember above Mana Road. But that no more history, nobody said that he used to sleep in it or something like that, no.

CL: But you didn't see any big cave down toward Saddle Road side?

GO: No, no.

CL: Let's see what else I can ask you. You think Fred's father, does he, did he work up here?

GO: Not that I know, not with us, our time. But after they bought that place and then, but it's way back. Not our time though. He never used to work with us, not Freddy.

CL: What about he said at one time he lived at Puakala, but that was recent I think yeah.

GO: Well he had at Honohina. When he had the section, he had that section at the, that's other boys, they bought, took over Honohina when Mr. Shipman going retire, give up that place, that other boys took over, some other people took over. Ben Lair, not Ben Lair but other haole guys. Get about five of them, a hui yeah, in the ranch. So after that he took over, Freddy. So he, not too log of that years that he worked in there.

CL: So sounds like Toshi will be better.

GO: Toshi, Toshi has all the stuff, he know all that. In fact if that other boy was, Yakichi, well he could tell you history. That guy could tell you because he worked with old man David before Tom Bell time. He knew but he's dead. The poor, horse kill him. But Toshi, you get in touch with Toshi, he can tell you plenty. You tell him that I told you, hey Flat Nose, we used to call him Flat Nose, Flat Nose. Ginny, they call me Ginny see, Ginny tell you know the history, let me know. Nice boy. He's a nice boy, Japanee boy. Go talk to him.

CL: Okay, I will. And what about this lady Kapua Heuer? You know who that is?

GO: Yeah. Ah lot of yap yap that. She don't know that, she don't know about the ranch. The daughter is in the horse, something to do with the horse. What her name? She go in the ranch too. Kapua, but Kapua's her mother eh. She no with us in the ranch.

CL: But that Kapua, she used to cowboy with you guys?

GO: No, no, no. She used go with us on the parade, the mother. But he daughter, what the daughter's name? Kapua, god damn, I cannot think about it. Yeah she's more on, she doesn't drive cattle with us. Nah. The time I only I remember her is going in parades. Have to ride parades cause she was good friend with Mr. Shipman and the sisters eh.

CL: Yeah, she's a cousin I think.

GO: Yeah.

CL: And then was there aside from, let's see, when you were up at Puu 'O'o, were you up there all the time or did you move back and forth?

GO: Well by the end we used to stay there. We used to stay but when the start no had the Saddle Road that time we used to move, come back and forth yet. Cause we used to take care of Keauhou Ranch. But they get branding and big drive we have to get steer for slaughter house and then we go up. Then after they did the Saddle Road we used to truck out horses over. That's where we know that road was oh man, and you know those days that's only eight wheeler, that's all they tie horse for so you can take (?) oh the truck used be coming down like this. Oh my god. But before that we used to all shift across.

CL: And did you also, so sometimes you shifted over to Keauhou and then sometimes I suppose you shifted over to what's over here.

GO: Kea'au? Kea'au no, Kea'au used to come with the truck. We used to get the six wheeler, the eight wheeler I mean. Cause had a highway, the old highway.

CL: So who was up here all the time then? Was just the manager and the foreman?

GO: Yeah, yeah. Most of the time was all, David and they had a cook, the Japanee cook, him and the wife. They used to be up there most of the time. And Tom Bell.

CL: So just four.

GO: Four of them most of the time. The old man Toshi's father, Toshi's father and one other Japanee man. You know Toshi, he get a Motinaka, take care of the plant, he had the sugi trees around the house. He used to make em nice all in bowls, eh. Used to keep em, now beautiful place. Cattle, he had cattle. First time I went down there cattle was about this wide. Heck you could play checkers on em. Sit on the cattle play checkers. So nice that place was. After that pau. Fact before Tom, before Tom Lindsey go up there had one boy up there, Kona Solomonn, Kona, he was taking charge of there the time until Tom Bell, they put out Tom Bell. And then that's where the cattle start getting wild, wild. No take care eh. Just get drunk. That's where the cattle just come all wild. Then after that, they put Tom Lindsey up there.

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