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**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 How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Kawamura Property

other names/site number TMK: (4)4-5-008:016

2. Location

street & number 4486 Kauwila Street not for publication

city or town Kapaa vicinity

state Hawaii code HI county Kauai code 007 zip code 96746

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the
National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the
National Register
 removed from the National
Register
 other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper	Date of Action
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> 2 </u>	<u> 2 </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> 2 </u>	<u> 2 </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: single dwelling

 secondary structure

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: single dwelling

 secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

 Other - Plantation, Vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Wood/lava rock, concrete slab

roof corrugated sheet metal

walls wood - 1 X 12 board and batten

 wood - 1 X 8 shiplap

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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.)

Property is:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or a grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1924 to 1946

Significant Dates

1924, 1938

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property 7,500 sq. ft. - 0.172 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing	Zone Easting Northing
1 _____	3 _____
2 _____	4 _____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard Tadao Sugiyama

organization N/A date March 17, 1996

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city or town Kapaa state Hawaii zip code 96746

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Glen Kawamura, Lowell Kurashige, Richard Sugiyama

street & number 4486 Kauwila Street telephone (808)822-4473, 599-8993, 822-7348

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There are four buildings on the Kawamura Property: the **House**, the **Utility Shed**, a Warehouse and a Store. This nomination and description covers the House and Utility Shed only. The store and warehouse do not meet the age criteria since being rebuilt after Hurricane `Iniki in 1992. All buildings were originally built circa 1924 after the Kapaa Town fire of 1921. Kano and Tomi Kawamura, purchased the lot in 1938 "second hand" with all four buildings existing on this flat lot in Kapaa town.

The House

The single story, 946 sq. ft. "plantation" style house is of single-wall, post and pier construction, typical of the houses built for plantations. The wood posts are sitting on mostly rock footings. Assymetric U-shape in plan, the two wings frame a covered entry porch. It has corrugated sheet metal on the gable roof with two front gable projections over the legs of the "U." As is common with plantation houses, the center portion of the house contains the public areas, the living room and dining room, and the two bedrooms and kitchen are to the sides. The house was originally roofed with wood shakes/shingles but was soon covered with the metal roofing. Square, louvred vents are at the end gables.

The floor of the lanai is sloped for water drainage and was matched to the original 5 ft. by 2 ft. door landing. Six ft. wide steps are centered on the lanai with wooden railings on either side. These railing have the typical "X" bracing common (back then) in Kapaa town. Later, Grandpa Kano added 24" deep clothes closets to each bedroom by encroaching into either side of the lanai. He cut the lanai railings as they stood which gave each an "unbalanced" look that exists today. The floors of each closet had to be built up from the lanai floor to the same level as the house interior.

The single-walls are constructed of 1x12 board and batten, both exterior and interior. Most of the windows are six or two-paned double-hung without the sash weights. To operate the windows, the weight of the window must be lifted to allow metal, spring-loaded pins to snap into holes along the frame sides. The windows on the east side are single-paned sliders.

There are no showers in the bathrooms, only claw foot, cast iron tubs in each. The "guest" bath has a smaller tub and a toilet, but no lavatory. The kitchen has a large, stainless-steel covered counter with sink. There is also a screened wooden cupboard, typical of plantation kitchens.

The current condition of the house would be considered "poor" but livable. (I and my cousin are current residents.) This is due to the settling of the foundation causing uneven floors, and the amount of termite damage to the exterior walls. All doors and windows are original. All electrical wiring, switches, outlets and fixtures have been replaced. This includes the replacement of the glass fused switch box with a new service meter/panel.

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All galvanized piping has been replaced with copper tubing; no plumbing fixtures were changed and are believed to be original but in good working condition. About half of the metal roofing needed to be replaced after Hurricane `Iniki. There are no leaks in the house but driving rain/wind enters almost every window. The house was painted 10 to 15 years ago with flat exterior latex.

My grandfather added a single-car garage to the Warehouse and a covered lanai to the House shortly after they opened the store. The 1950 tax assessment shows both of these additions. Since then (who knows when), two closets were added to the House bedrooms (which encroach into the lanai), and a tool room has been added to the Utility Shed House. None of the modifications have affected the historic integrity of the property.

Utility Shed

The utility shed is located between the store and house near the north edge of the property. The 128 sq. ft. single-wall building is a utilitarian vernacular building on a concrete slab with a floor drain in the shower/laundry section. The walls are mostly 1x8 vertical shiplap (with 1x12 board additions), rough on the exterior side with a corrugated metal gable roof. There are two sliding windows, both created from one half of a six-pane sash window set. All structural members (what few there are) are full-size 2x3 lumber. The door to the shower area is nailed-together 1x8's. The door to the tool room is a 3-panel interior door probably taken from the original Store because it still shows the original green paint.

The original size of the shed was 6 ft. by 7 ft. This can be determined by tax records and as measured from the existing floor. It's uncertain when Grandpa Kano expanded its size since the tax records reflect the original building footprint till today. After Hurricane `Iniki, the shed was permitted as a grandfathered, non-conforming structure through the emergency procedures established by the county of Kauai.

Just outside the shower area was a wood-burning furo (Japanese bathtub). The wood-burning portion of the furo was removed and replaced by a "modern" plastic one. Both cold and hot water come from the house. That wood-sided, copper plate-bottomed furo has been sitting in our yard ever since its replacement. The area was then enclosed to create the current larger structure. It's interesting to note that the floor level in both sections is below grade. The original roof was of the typical shed style but an opposing roof section was added during the expansion.

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The building hasn't been painted in decades and the wood appears dark and weathered. There is much termite damage throughout this building, although it appears safe enough to bathe in. All electrical and plumbing have been replaced. Electricity used to come from the house via overhead knob and tube wiring hung between buildings. Electricity now comes from a new panel in the garage and is all GFI protected. Hot water has always come from the heater in the house. The tool room continues to be utilized to store tools.

Grounds

Immediately outside one of the bedrooms, to the south of the *lanai* steps, is a concrete and lava rock fish pond. Grandpa Kano built this to raise his koi and one turtle. Lava rocks on the house side rise about 5 feet and had a water fall fed from a garden hose. He also had a 2 inch high metal figure of a boy on the end of a pipe which "urinated" fresh water into the pond. There also was a light near the pond's middle. The pond is currently dry and being used as a rock and plant garden. There is no real foundation to the pond since it was built on site directly on dirt/sand and as a result, has a large crack through the west wall and no longer holds water.

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The Kawamura store and utility shed is significant for its association with the development of Kapaa town, as an example of the mixed land use that was prevalent during the early 1900s. Architecturally, it is also significant as one of the few remaining intact examples that demonstrate the part of Kapaa that developed based on old camp housing architecture. The Kawamura Property and its buildings are significant to the family for many sentimental reasons as it has seen the growth and development of three generations.

The Kawamura Property is one of the few original dwellings and utility sheds still standing behind what was once the store (the store has been rebuilt since its destruction from Hurricane Iniki). Also significant is the fact that there are very few properties with structures arranged in this manner remaining in Kapaa town. Almost all properties have removed non-commercial buildings to make space for off-street parking. On the *makai* side of Kuhio Highway to the north, there are no properties (within Kapaa) which have dwellings behind stores. To the south, there are only four: the Morita, Kawamoto, Hashimoto and Yamada properties. All of these families are original owners, although their dwellings have been rebuilt, making the Kawamura house and utility shed the last remaining original residential building in the "strip" of Kapaa town.

Historical Background

Kapaa's history is directly reflected in its physical layout. In the northern part of the town, where land was first made available, are homes and parcels based on old camp housing. To the south are shops, then churches and newer, more affluent homes. Inland are homesteads that date back to 1911.

The scale of land in increments from north to south along the highway established a pattern for Kapaa that was different from other Kauai communities. Merchants preferred locations in the main highway, both for convenience and exposure. Kapaa became a strip development. (The Kauai Album, Kauai Historical Society.)

During the 30's and 40's, many families lived immediately behind their places of business. It was one way of saving money and making use of what little land they had. This method of land use in commercial districts occurred throughout the world, most commonly with the residential quarters situated above the street level store.

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Although Kapaa town has roots in the nearby plantations, it grew and is a representative town of the entrepreneurial spirit of the immigrants from the plantations who ventured out into their own businesses. The Kawamura Property is situated in the heart of Kapaa Town's commercial district and was one reason why Kano and Tomi Kawamura (along with their 3 children, Teruko, Tsuyuko and Harry) moved to the area. At first, they rented space next door in the Hee Fat Building where they opened a small market downstairs and lived directly above. According to tax records, their ownership of the Kawamura Property began in 1938.

The house wasn't occupied by the Kawamura family until the mid to late 40's when the Kawamura Store opened for business. It was then that they moved out of the Hee Fat Building next door. Kano and Tomi had let the original owner, Mr. Fong, continue living and renting the house while running an automobile repair shop. Back then, Kuhio Highway had dirt shoulders and people were able to drive right off the highway or Kauwila Street and into Mr. Fong's shop.

The board and batten single-wall construction, double hung windows and x-braced lanai railings are typical of the plantation houses of the area. The "outhouse" bathing facility is typical of the old outdoor bathing areas common during plantation days but unusual in the middle of a commercial district. No one has used the furo for years but there is a shower just inside the doorway. Two of Kano and Tomi's grandchildren, Glen Kawamura and Richard Sugiyama, still use the shed for daily showers and weekly laundry washing. There is a floor drain in this section which leads somewhere into the sand.

The expansion of the utility building created a tool room on the west end of the building. Grandpa Kano installed a work bench and usually made the tools he needed such as a bench grinder and drill press. He stored all of his "store bought" tools in a broken refrigerator to protect them from humidity. He also made a secret passage door on the north wall just below the sliding window. This led to the Hee Fat property next door for some mysterious reason that none of the family members can remember.

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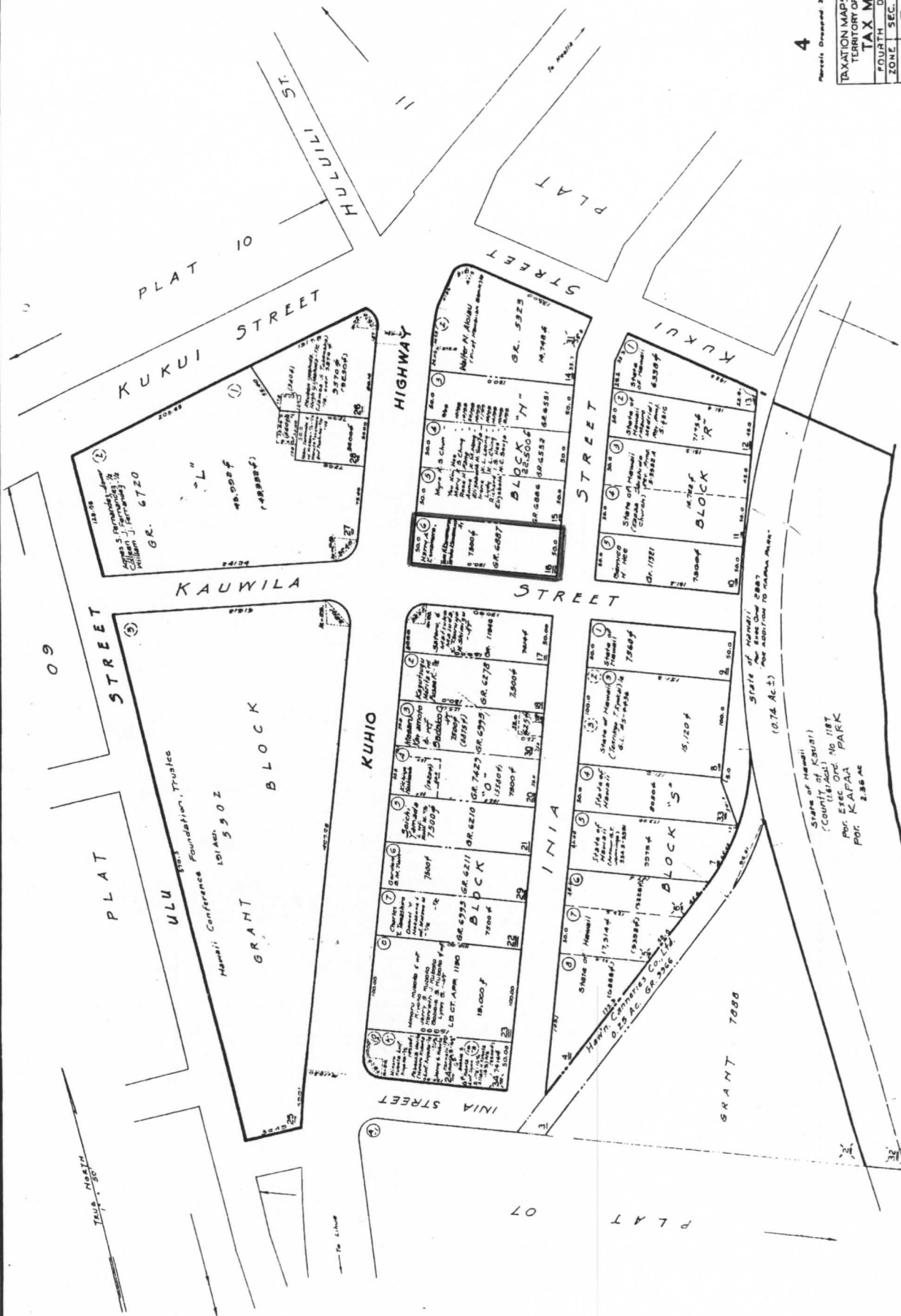
Sugiyama, Teruko Kawamura (oldest daughter of Kano and Tomi), and Kawamura, Harry (son of Kano and Tomi), personal stories and interviews.

County of Kauai tax office records.

Wilcox, Carol, The Kauai Album, Kauai Historical Society, 1981.

Boundary description

A portion of T.M.K. (4)-4-5-008-016 located in Kapaa (Kawaihau), Kauai, Hawaii in May of 1996. The parcel is bounded by Kuhio Highway to the west, Kauwila Street to the south, and Inia Street to the east. The portion is the area surrounding the house and utility shed.



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 TERRITORY OF HAWAII
 TAX MAP
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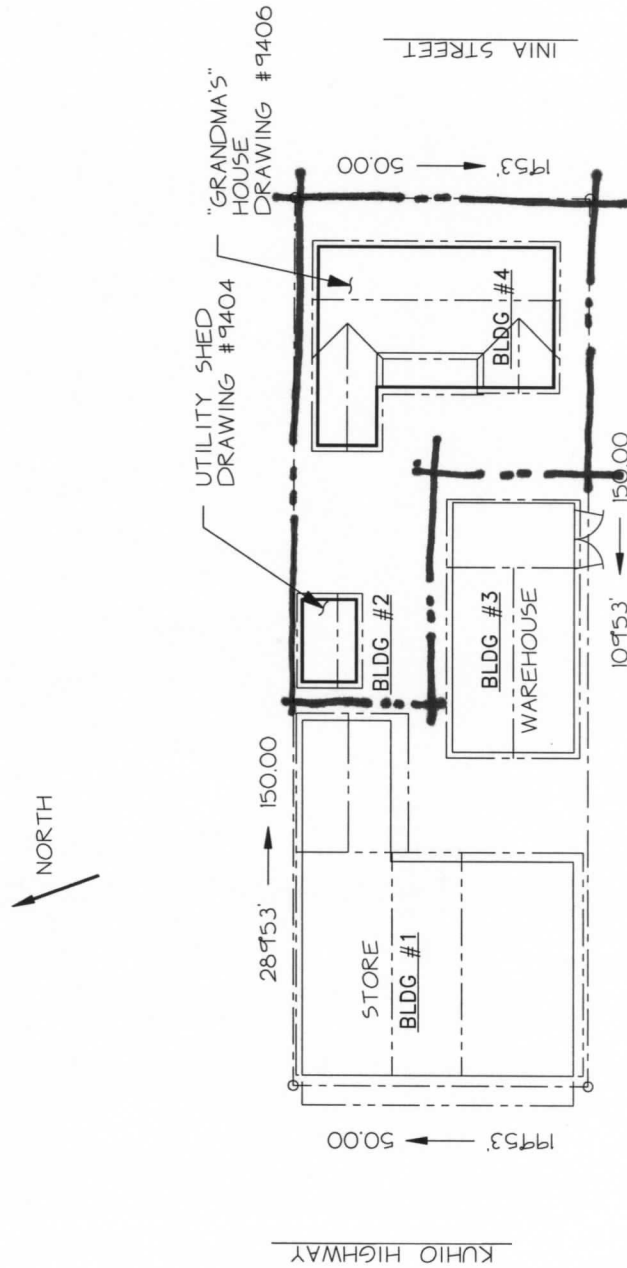
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KAWAHAU, KAUAI

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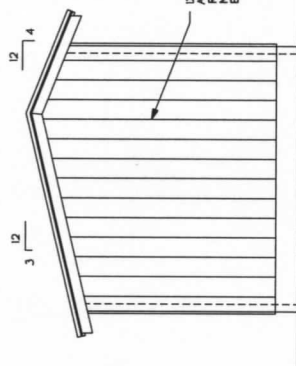
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3. CESSPOOL LOCATIONS ARE ESTIMATED BASED ON INFORMATION FROM RELATIVES. IF OPERATIONAL, COUNTY SEWER HOOK-UP SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER EXISTING CESSPOOLS.



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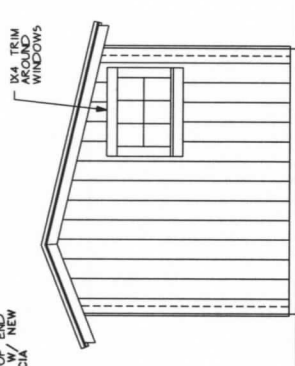
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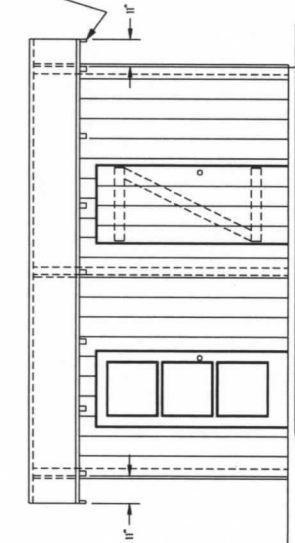


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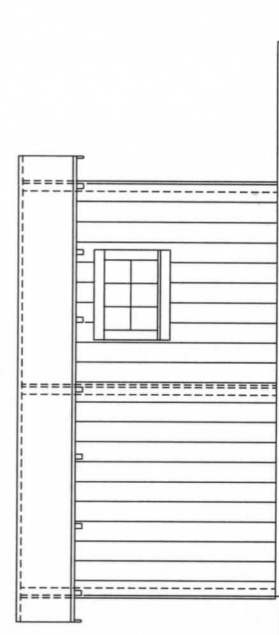
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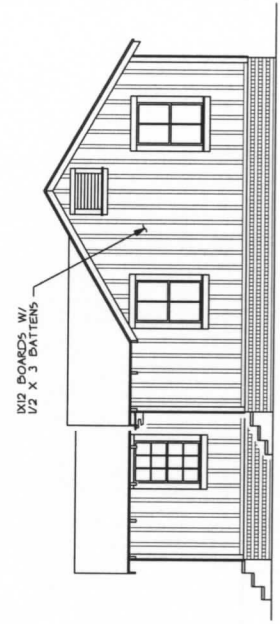
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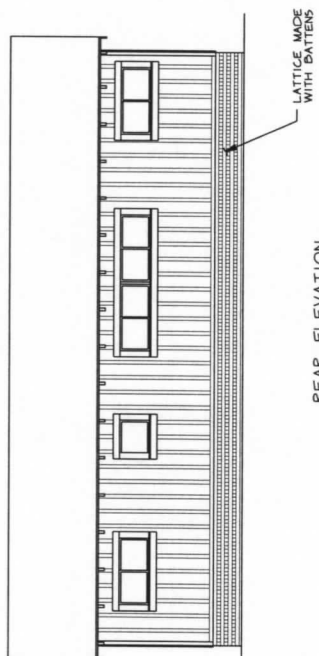
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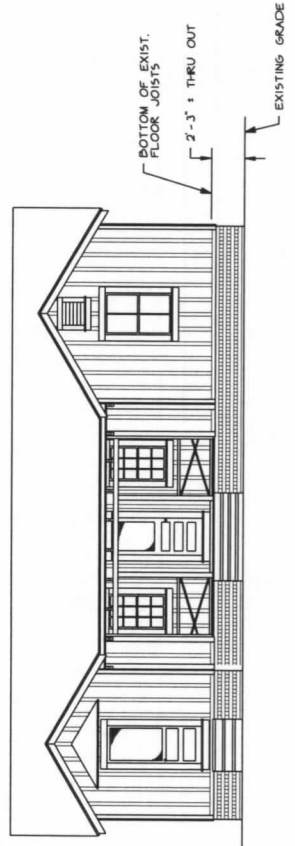
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RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION
(FROM KAUNILA STREET)



REAR ELEVATION
(FROM INIA STREET)



FRONT ELEVATION