

Last month, I wrote about the Ranch House in Aina Haina. Before Henry Kaiser developed Hawaii Kai, Aina Haina was the last outpost of the city of Honolulu, said Jim Napier, who grew up in the area and later managed the shopping center.

After Aina Haina, travelers drove through rural farms and piggeries all the way to Koko Head. Aina Haina in ancient times was called Wailupe, which means "kite water," as this was an area prescribed for kite flying.

Wailupe possessed one of the largest fishponds on Oahu. Its traditional name was Punakou, and it probably dated to the 1500s.

The pond was 41 acres in size, with a rock wall that was probably 20 feet wide at the base, 10 feet wide at the top and 2,500 feet long in a half-circle.

Fishponds were technological marvels and some took years to build.

At one time we probably had more than 90 on Oahu and 400 in the kingdom. They allowed for the harvesting of thousands of pounds of fish a week.

The konohiki, or caretaker, of the Wailupe Fishpond from 1918 to 1941 was a man named Sankichi Nakano. The U.S. government confiscated it during World War II, Napier believes, because it was on the shoreline and Nakano was Japanese.

The April 1, 1946, tsunami, which devastated Hilo, also hit the Wailupe fishpond, Napier said. An 11-foot wave damaged its

sea wall. The government decided to sell it to Dillingham Co., which filled it in and developed it into Wailupe Circle, a housing area with about 120 homes.

In 1924, Robert Hind established the Hind-Clarke Dairy. Hind was related to John Parker of Parker Ranch on the Big Island and his wife, Kipikane, Kamehameha the Great's granddaughter. John Clarke was president of the Bishop Trust company and helped Hind secure financing.

Hind-Clarke was one of Hawaii's leading dairies with state-of-the-art milking facilities. However, the attraction for many was the Hind-Clarke Dairy Ice Cream Parlor on Kalaniana'ole Highway. It later became the Ranch House restaurant.

In 1946, Hind sold the dairy and subdivided the area within West and East Hind drives. The new area would be called Aina Haina, which means "Hind's land."

I met with three residents, Norma Carr, Lenore Johnson, and Alice Tucker, who bought homes in Aina Haina between 1957 and 1962 for between \$18,000 and \$38,000, leasehold. They had many memories of Aina Haina.

"The architects for the original homes in lower Aina Haina, of which our house is one, were Wimberly and Cook," Tucker said. "There were about six different designs, but they were placed differently on the lots so they didn't look so cookie-cutter."

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White roofs mark the milking sheds and offices of the Hind-Clarke Dairy, left, where Aina Haina Elementary School is today. Wailupe Fishpond, now the Wailupe Circle residential community, is in the center of the photo. The large field on the left of the photo is where the Aina Haina Shopping Center is today. A map below shows the location of the Wailupe Fishpond in the late 1930s.



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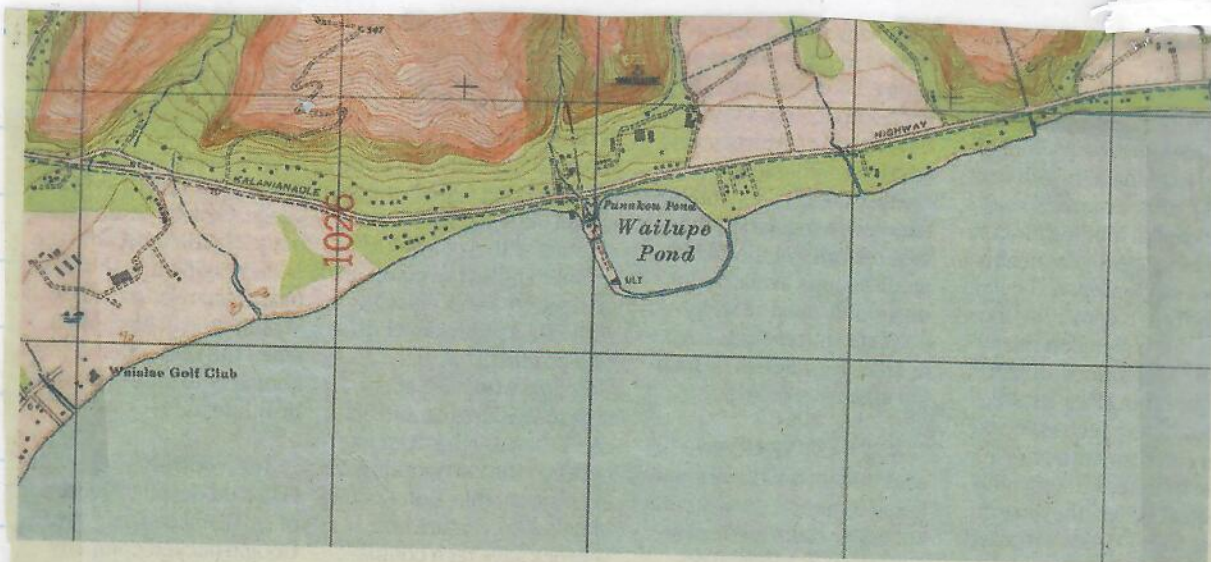
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Emjay's in the Foodland chain in the past, but that brand is no longer used. Today it's Foodland Farms.

Tucker told me that Emjay's came from Maurice Joseph Sullivan's first two initials — M.J. "Sully," as

son Silk House, Main's Jewelry Store and Fulton's Service Station.

The Hi Ho Liquor and Delicatessen was, along with Foodland, one of the last two original tenants at the shopping center. Both

House of Pure Aloha as Doe Fang. Clay Chang is the fourth owner of this mom-and-pop snack store that has been at the shopping center for five decades.

More than a half-century ago, as a young boy, Clay would visit this neighborhood shop and decided he would own the store one day.

In 1996 his childhood dream became reality. Uncle Clay is one of the kindest, friendliest guys I know, which is why the store is called the House of Pure Aloha. Whenever I'm there, Clay is chatting with customers and introducing them to each other. Many came when they were young and are now returning with their keiki.

The strip of land between Kalaniana'ole Highway and the Aina Haina Shopping Center, when it first opened in 1951, was a grassy park area some called the "Village Green." Next week I'll write about it and other stores at the center.

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*One of several Aina Haina residents who purchased a home in the area for between \$18,000 and \$38,000 leasehold more than 50 years ago*

added, is the last natural stream in urban Honolulu. It gives the area a country feel, but it also overflowed its banks in a massive 1957 rainstorm. Some lower Aina Haina homes had a foot of water in them.

Scot Shimamura wrote and asked whether Foodland was the original name of the supermarket at the Aina Haina Shopping Center when the center opened in 1951. It was.

Foodland was the original market. At one time, though, it was called Emjay's. There were several

most people knew him, founded Foodland in 1948. The first store was a few miles away at Market City.

The Aina Haina Shopping Center cost \$1 million to build in 1951. Opening eight years before Ala Moana Center, some called it Hawaii's first modern shopping center.

Original tenants included Foodland, a Benson Smith drugstore, Aina Haina Fish Market, Hi Ho Liquor and Delicatessen, Hadley's Bakery, Bertain's Dry Cleaning, Child's Barber Shop, Franklin Hair Stylists, Tin-

had been there for more than 50 years. Hi Ho Liquors was a big supporter of the Boy Scouts and other community groups, Carr recalled.

Today some of the center's tenants include a Subway, Cake Couture, Genki Sushi, Jack's Restaurant, Uncle Clay's House of Pure Aloha and many others.

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