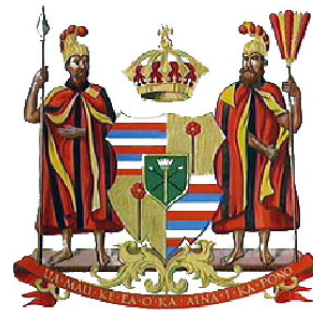


I am Benjamin Kap'oiwa Kekui Kali Sr.
Identified by Serial 00071 Kingdom of Hawaii,
Kauai (5302). I am the eldest descendent of
a line of Hawaiian alii who are caretakers of the ai'na
of Onipa'a, Aupuni, au o Hanapepe Pa'uwai Ho'omana
(The bio-regional watershed of the Hanapepe River).



I, and my ancestors, were born and have lived our lives in the Aupua'a of Hanapepe. I am a person called a *papa kanaka kahuna* - a person in communication with intermediate messengers to the spirit world. I have direct spiritual connections with my ancestors, and they are not at rest.

I, and my ancestors, have tended and honored the sacred places in the Hanapepe Aupua'a. All my life I have worked in the Hanapepe Salt Ponds at the same place my ancestors collected their salt. I have spent many years of my life preserving the Kiawe Forest that surrounds and protects the Salt Ponds from the dust and poison of the cane fields and highway.

This Kiawe Forest is also a sacred barrier between the living and the dead. It separates the playground of the public Salt Pond Beach Park from the many sacred burial grounds to the north and east that include the bones of Portugese, Chinese, Filipino, Hawaiians, as well as fallen war heroes.

For many years I have maintained a heiau in the Kiawe Forest on the north side of Lokokai Road between the Chinese Cemetery and what used to be the Humane Society (TMK#4-1-8-08:018). On repeated occasions the agents of the County of Kauai have attempted to cut down this forest (extending to TMK#4-1-8-08:017) in the name of progress, safety or security. I have worked against this destruction and it has not happened yet. Years ago I have placed a sign there reading.

**"CULTURAL RESERVE. SAVE OUR KIAWE TREES. NATIVE CEDED HAWAIIAN LAND.
THESE TREES PROTECT OUR SALT PANS. WOOD TO COOK OUR FOOD.
THAT IS A HEIAU BACK THERE. IN GOD WE TRUST. LET JUSTICE PREVAIL"**

Whereas, it has been recognized, by an act of the United States Congress (US Public Law 103-150) that the Kingdom of Hawaii was illegally overthrow of on January 17, 1893 and that the Kingdom has been unlawfully subjected to the De Facto State of Hawaii since 23 November 1993 and whereas, De Jure Kingdom of Hawaii recognizes the authority of the traditional bio-regional land authorities, and specifically the Onipa'a, Aupuni, au o Hanapepe Pa'uwai Ho'omana (or Aupua'a of Hanapepe).

Be it understood that destructive acts to the aina within the Aupua'a of Hanapepe by the De Facto State of Hawaii (its departments, agencies or county representatives) are considered criminal acts against the De Jure Kingdom of Hawaii and must be halted. The De Facto State of Hawaii has brought only ruin to the people, the culture and the ecology of the Hawaiian Islands.
Heed this plea before it is too late!

**By the Authority of the Onipa'a, Aupuni, au o Hanapepe Pa'uwai Ho'omana
Cease and desist cutting, clearing or harming this sacred site!**

Benjamin Kap'oiwa Kekui Kali Sr. - signed this 4th day of March, 2006 at Akea Road, Hanapepe Valley, Kauai
Ali'i au Moku Kanaka Maoli, the caretaker of the ai'na of our Ancestors, Onipa'a, Aupuni, au o Hanapepe Pa'uwai Ho'omana