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Kale Davis Adams Descendants to Malama Grave in Kapalua, Saturday, March 25

March 15, 2013, Lahaina---Descendants of Kale Kaniaulono Davis will assemble to pay tribute to their kupuna and malama her grave on Saturday, March 30, as a part of the 21th annual Celebration of the Arts cultural festival, held at the Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua. All family members are invited to join the tribute and/or hana malama.

Sarah Davis (also Sally Adams) was called Kale, and her Hawaiian name was Kaniaulono. She married James Kanehoa Young, Captain Alexander Adams, Pahaaikaua, Kanekuapu`u, and Kaholokahiki. She had six children: Isaac Adams of Niu, `Uwaikikilani Halstead of Maui, Amelia Nakai Davis of Waikoloa, Mele Kuamo`o of Lahaina, Fanny, and James Kanehoa Young Davis of Honokahua. The Adams family of O`ahu descends from Kale, as does the Davis family of West Hawaii. On Maui, descendants of this ali`i wahine include the Mahoe family of Lahaina, Kaeo and Davis families of Moloka`i, and the Wilcox family of Waihe`e.

Seven generations ago, before plantation days, Kapalua's land district of Honokahua was under the stewardship of Kale Kaniaulono, daughter of Isaac Davis, King Kamehameha's gunner at the Kepaniwai battle in his conquest of Maui. Kaniaulono's mother was Nakai Nalima`alu`alu, descended from Kihapi`ilani, who built the Alaloa road around Maui. She died in 1867.

For 150 years the Davis family grave was preserved by Maui Land and Pineapple Company, set off in a pineapple field by a white rail fence and marked with one papaya tree. The grave itself was reserved from sale by the family in 1894, and remains the property of Davis family descendants.

This March 25th malama project includes installing a new fence, weeding and adding native plantings. The work is expected to take three hours. Protocol at the grave begins at 10 a.m., Saturday.

Transportation to and from the Ritz Carlton Bell Desk will be provided. Attendees of the Celebration of the Arts will be allowed to observe this Hawaiian cultural practice of caring for the kupuna.

Kama`ema`e Smith's historical novel revealed Kaniaulono to many of her descendants and the reality of their heritage. Cultural editor of the book was a lineal descendant, Aloha Keko`olani, who with her brother Dean Pua Keko`olani, traced Nakai's line back to King Pi`ilani and further. In 2006, Clifford Nae`ole, Cultural Director at Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua and Caroline Belsom, Attorney-at-Law and lineal descendant, initiated registration of the grave with Maui County Burial Council.

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