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NOMINEE INFORMATION

1. NAME OF TREE(s)

Common (English or Hawaiian): Otaheite apple or Wi tree

Scientific: Spondias dulcis Forst. f.; synonym, S. cytherea Sonn.

2. LOCATION OF TREE(s) (Be specific--include tax map key; state proximity to prominent

landmarks): The southwest quadrant of TMK 8-2-13:6, about 400' to the

Kailua side of Manago's Hotel, and on the mauka side of
Mamalahoa Highway.

3. DESCRIBE THE TREE; ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS, if possible (2 PIX)

This smooth, gray-barked tree, cultivated from Tahiti to Fiji,

has shiny, compound, bright green leaves up to 12" long, clustered

4. PROPERTY OWNER Name: R. P. Bishop Museum enclosed.

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5. CRITERIA FOR BEING EXCEPTIONAL

a. Significant Age unknown, but probably exceeding 50 years.

b. Significant Size - Height 80'-90'; Crown Spread (diameter) 30 to 40';
Circumference of trunk 4-1/2 ft. from ground 10'6"

c. Significant historical interest In Society Islands, wood was made into canoes
(see Neal 1965).

d. Significant cultural background The edible fruit of the tree is valued through-
out Polynesia and into Fiji.

e. Significant rarity This is one if not the largest Wi tree I have
observed along Kona roads.

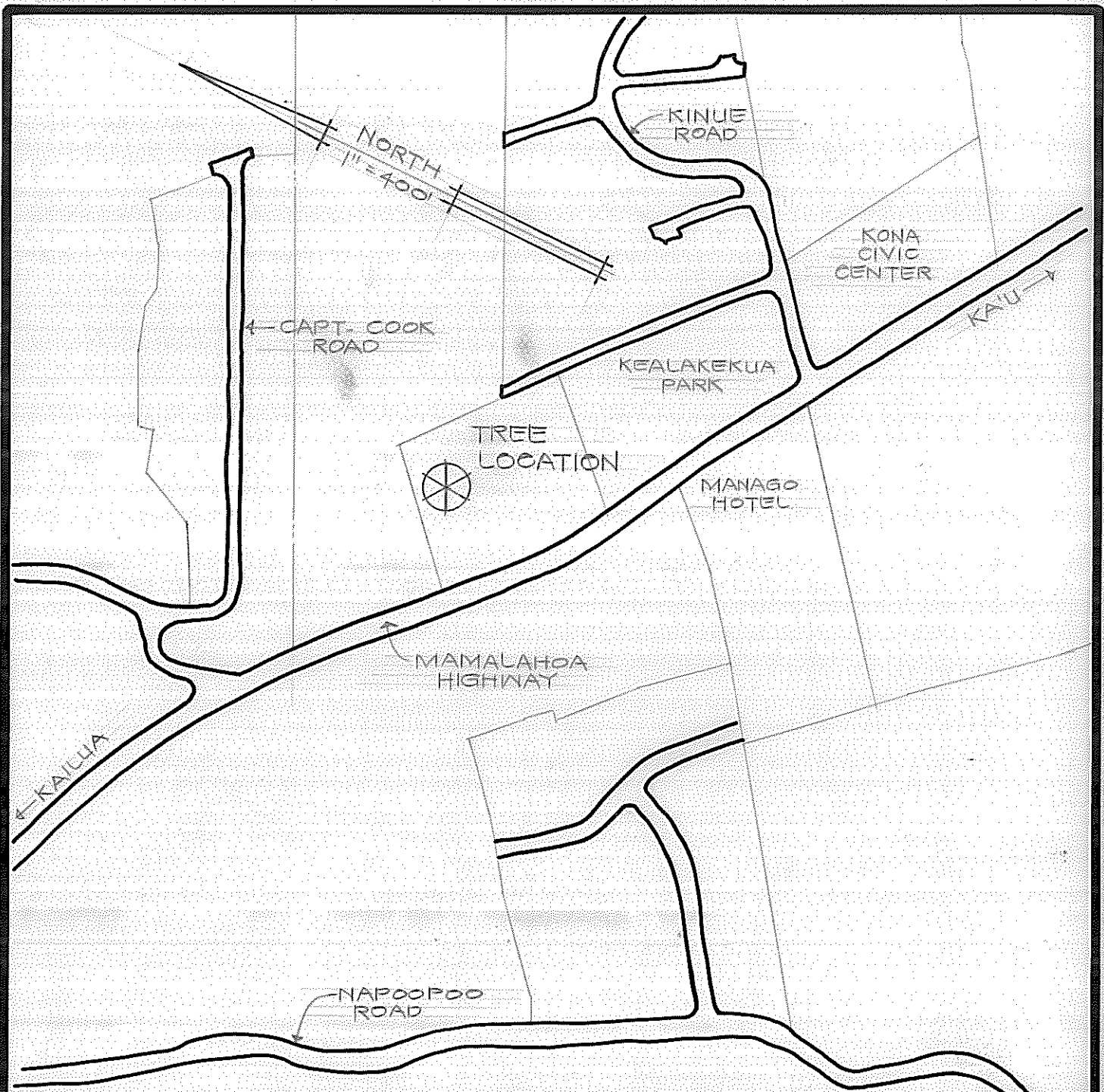
f. Significant location The tree is clearly visible to passers-by along
Mamalahoa Highway, and overlooks historic Kealakekua Bay.

g. Significant aesthetic equality This tall, straight tree with balanced
branching patterns, and interesting trunk base (photo) graces the view
mauka from the highway towards the ethnobotanical gardens, under development;

h. Endemic status not endemic

i. Indigenous status Indigenous to Polynesia

j. Healthy condition Excellent health, producing hundreds of "apples" in
fall and early winter



EXCEPTIONAL TREES • LOCATION MAP

OTAHEITE APPLE OR WŪ

TAX MAP KEY : 8-2-13:6

KEALAKEKUA, SOUTH KONA, HAWAII

OWNER : BISHOP MUSEUM

JULY 12, 1984

