

## DeloSantos, Joan M

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**From:** Solis, Sheleigh  
**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2016 9:13 AM  
**To:** DeloSantos, Joan M  
**Subject:** Board of Geo Names. Pu'u Keka'a Pu'u o Keka'a

Aloha e Joan,

I emailed John Clark for clarity on Pu'u Keka'a here is his mana'o.

Mahalo,

Kaahiki

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**From:** John Clark [mailto:jclark@hawaii.rr.com]  
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**Subject:** RE: Sheleigh (Galera) Solis Johns Sister

Aloha e Kaahiki,

All is well. When I was researching Beaches of Maui County in the late 1970s, everyone on Maui called the pu'u "Black Rock," but I wanted to include its Hawaiian name. Place Names of Hawaii calls it Keka'a, but I found two newspaper articles, one written in 1956 and one in 1959, that called it Pu'u Keka'a. Then one of my informants on Maui, who was a long-time employee in the sugar industry, called it Puu Keka'a, so that's what I decided to go with.

Now that we have the benefit of the internet, I checked "Puu Kekaa" and "Puukekkaa" in the Papakilo Database, and I found that there are no entries for either. But I also checked for "Puu o Kekaa," and I found that there are 12 entries, the earliest of which is in the September 24, 1864 edition of Ka Nupepa Kuokoa. So it looks like the name went from Puu o Kekaa to Puu Kekaa to Kekaa and finally to Black Rock. I hope this helps.

Me ke aloha,  
John