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I have already mentioned briefly the great slide *Kameka* in *Neunou*, but less well known and yet historically important is that at least one other slide was constructed in *Kahalu'u* just west of the large slide, which is mentioned in "*The Journal of Toketa*" (1822) and in the last documented slide ever used for competition.⁵¹ There is no mention as to its size, but considering that it is in close proximity to the larger *Kameka* slide, one would suspect that this slide was smaller and used on a regular basis since death or injury on the larger slide was probable. The design of the slide and material used for construction can be assumed to be the same as the larger slide or for the slides located on the west side of the islands when we consider that the primary material available for construction was 'a'a and pāhoehoe lava.

Not far from this area and in the mountains above *Kailua, Kona* there are also the remnants of what was perhaps a great slide from which the area gets its name – *Hōlualoa*, or "the long *hōlua* slide". My investigation of this area found just a small portion of the slide, in an old coffee field behind the *Hōlualoa Lodge*, located just below the store. No one today remembers the existence of the slide or any stories about it. From this location and from what we know about the

⁵¹ Toketa, *Tahiti's in the early history of Hawaiian Christianity: The Journal of Toketa*, p. 29-30.



length of the *Keauhou* slide (4,200 feet) I estimate this slide (in its time) may have been perhaps 6,000 feet or more in length, with a width ranging from about 10 feet (in the area of this particular segment) to varying widths throughout the slide. Because there is no other segment surviving it is difficult to determine whether the slide had a 60-foot width, as does the slide at *Keauhou*, or if it was narrower. Of greater importance is that there are no contemporary records of its origin, time of use, or when it ceased to be used; I found however, that it was rumored to have existed, and this lead me to do a site inspection. But, the oral history of the islands is extensive, and it may take some time to perhaps uncover a chant that actually records some information about this slide.

Further west, in an ancient 'a'a lava field above *Kiholo Bay*, in the *ahupua'a* of *Pu'u Wa'awa'a* is a small slide measuring 400 feet length, 10 feet in width, with an elevated runway that was used to leap on to the slide. The slide is somewhat degraded, though still relatively intact, that provides not only clues to the style and method of construction, but also the geographical history of the area that is now non-existent. At the time this slide was built, the topography of the land was completely different. What is now a barren *pāhoehoe* lava field that fronts the bottom of the slide there was once a lagoon that extended to near the foot of the

slide and that would be similar to the slide still in existence at the same time.

