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Molokai's 2006 Sakada Centennial Celebration



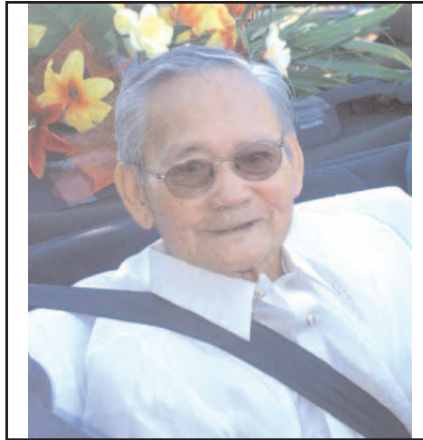
photo above: 1946 Sakada, former Molokai Councilman from, Mariano Acoba walked the parade route with his family .

One hundred years ago, Elino Baderras was the sole original known Sakada to come to Molokai to work, according to available records. His son, Pilipo, was surprised to see his late father as the only Sakada listed for Molokai in 1906. Pilipo said his father did not want to return to the Philippines. Elino Baderras chose to adopt his mother's name, Solatorio, married and raised two sons and a daughter on Molokai. He passed away at age 89 in the 1970s.

Elino Baderras Solatorio was just one of the Sakadas who were honored on August 12, in Kaunakakai with a parade, a memory wall, displays, a program awarding certificates and medals for their contributions to their adopted homeland. Between 1906 and 1946, more than 125,000 Sakadas, mostly from the farming villages of Northern Luzon in the Phillipies were brought to the islands by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association, and were assigned to work on sugar and pineapple plantations on the major Hawaiian Islands.

Most of the living 1946 Sakadas walked, rode floats, or convertibles in the forty-unit parade from the Molokai Library to the Mitchell Pauole Center, where an evening program honored their lives and achievements... Mariano Acoba, Damian Angel, Rodolfo Aquino, Albino Batara, Felix Befitel, Rudy Bangolan, Alejandro Briones, Sr.; Gabino Cabacang, Francisco Cabel, Felix Cabalar; Monteflor Caberto; Renaldo Cablayan, Gregorio Cacatian; Lawrence Colipano; Lauriano Delos Santos; Jeremiah Domingo; Benjamin Domingo, Sr.; Paulino Eala, Sr.; Uldarico Eleccion; Jose Escobar; Loreto Gines; Antonio Habon; Silverio Habon, Sr.; Alejandro Ibarra; Menelso Leal; Perfecto Lopez; Gerardo Luczon; Blas Miguel; Egmedio Mina; Paulino Mina; Enrique Molina; Tiburcio Nacapuy; Severino Nartatez; Juan Nerveza; Luzbello Ramos; Eluero Repoyo, Adriano Sibayan; Geronimo Taong; Juan Trinidad; Perfecto Valdez; Eugenio Vargas; Ireneo Vergara; Alfonso Visoria; Felix Yagin.

Ninety-eight, Enrique Molina and Juan Nerveza were honored as the eldest of the surviving 1946 Sakadas. **(More Centennial Celebration photos on page**



89 year old Alejandro Briones, Sr. remembers his long journey on the SS Manawili -- first stop was Kaua'i then to Molokai in 1946. In the parade, he rode in a convertible, driven by granddaughter Leimomi, with great-granddaughters riding along .

below: Felix Cabel and Crescencia.



Silverio Habon, Sr. wheeled along the parade route accompanied by family, including sons Robert, Junior and Don below: Juan Trinidad with wife Sally and daughter Lydia. Juan still works at Del Monte in Wahiawa!



Above: Sakadas Gregorio Cacatian and Enrique Molina.

Right: Felix Befitel

Below: Some Sakadas climbed on a Coffee's trolley, other's on a boat float.

