

MOTHER'S LAND VIRILLOCAL RESID- PREFERRED

Piling

7-4-76 (B WWII)

This is the land the woman has inherited from her family. Piling said: "Before she got married my mother had all kinds of land in Merizo (four sections). My father said that if you want to be a king you should stay in your property no matter how small that is rather than in your wife's property. If in your wife's property and you quarrel with the wife she says: this is my property, my father gave it to me; this might cause problems. So in the case of my family my mother moved to Umatac. And my mother gave the property to her brothers and sisters and they occupied the property. However, there is no recorded document of this and today I (Piling) am the Administrator for the property.

In the old Guam. custom if the husband died the property was owned by the wife and the children.

LAND DISTRIBUTION: QUINATA ; LOT 207 and 207-1  
7-20-76 YOUNGEST  
Case

ROsabella

"Nan Epa gave the store to her daughter Agnes who is in the States. My husband wanted to sell the property and distribute the money among the three of them/~~?-not-sure-of-~~ but Nan Epa went ahead and did it her way."

This refers to Lo0 207 which after Josefa's D.G. to Agnes was divided between 207 and 207-1. For details see card.

\*Agnes is the youngest and only girl.

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FARMIN\_G  
(B WWII)  
7-6-76

Tino (Toguan)

"My father was a farmer; I helped him in the farm when I grew up."

For occupations before the war see marriage records and land records in N .B .#1.

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Looking at the map of Cetti bay/ land ownership and farming  
9-11-76

J.A.A.

L. 13: how did Amparo get the land?

L. #6. Before Pedro must be Aguon; Pedro married Guillerma

Q. how did the S.N. Quinata get the land?

Lot #9 and Jose S.N. Quinata are related

Most of the people who own the land there are Sanchez

Farming: Luis A. Quinata and Antonio A. Quinata (offsprings of S.N. Quinata) farmed there.

✓ BOUNDARIES  
7-4-76 (B WWII)

*People's experience of moving markers -*  
Filing

People believed markers should be strong because they were afraid someone might move them. Trees believed to be stronger than the regular markers. "If you were to buy land from the govt. they would say pointing towards the horizon: from this ~~fruit~~ breadfruit tree to that coconut tree is your land."

LAND SALE: PROVIDING FOR

Tenta Temasa ✓

7-21-76

"Dende wants to sell the land but Joaquina and Carmen do not want. It is a good land for farming and for building a house; If I were them I will build a cement house here and rent the one in the village."

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TOPASNA FAMILY / RELATIONS

Tenta

7-22-76

Albert and Dimas and Anan Melo's husband and Gabriela's husband are related. And also Dende his mother's side.

See TO-1

RELATIONS

Pepentan

9-27-76

When I asked who Maxima's parents were they said they did not know who the father was because she was born out of wedlock.

RELATIONS / POLIT. ELEC.

" Day before the election - Joe said:

Ben Ebner was at Ray's house - Ben & Ray  
are v/ close because their G.P. were brothers -

2nd cousins thru both F.F. = very close relation.

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RELATIONS  
9-27-76

TENTA

Tenta said " I am related to Justo Camacho Aguon but if you ask me if we are first or second cousins we do not know. But I know I am related on ~~the~~ my M. and F. side."

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Chargualaf Aguon & Cleguine Aguon people say all  
not real aguon. The Saudey Aguon is the  
real Aguon. People make it a joke. J.A.A.

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RELATIVES

Bela's father and Ina's father were brothers so they are first cousins.

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Kerido

Tenta

9-27-76

I asked what the meaning of kerido was and Tenta said:

"Richard is my son and Annie my daughterd but if I am closer to Richard than to Annie I called him kerido. Pepentan the kerido because he was the only child so everything his parents had beoonged to him."

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Here Dionicio lived. But Tenta says she remembers Enrique and Gertrudes staying there with the other old lady: Felisa who never married. Then Marticna's Dionicio's Daughter who is staying at Dededo. Pepentan stays in the old house; it has a porche, a medium size room with a small toilet room and one more room. After the typhoon it is in very poor conditions.

When I asked Pepentan how Dionicio got the land he said "maybe from his parents but I donot know."

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## AGE DIFFERENTIATION FOR LAND DISTRIBUTION

Piling

6. Among the children the youngest receive the largest share of land. (x)  
 The reason for this is that the eldest is already able to provide for himself. The youngest is the longer to stay at the home; also he has least chance to enjoy the parents because they often die before he is of age.  
 Piling's case. "I told my father give the house and the house adjacent property to my brothers. But father said no; he gave the land where they are farming now to them but the house and house property to Piling who was the youngest.

See Faustino Aguas Quinto land - Int. 7-6-76

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LAND TRANSACTIONS /  
8-10-76

*Drift - in attitudes toward  
land bet. old & present generations*

Joe A. Aguon

✓ "In the old times if you and I are compadres I will tell you that you can get a piece of land if you baptize my child and especially if both were close relatives. Other times land would be exchanged for animals.

Land transfer a very loose thing; a reciprocal type of arrangement.  
Land was not valued too much; no monetary value attached to it.  
Land was not sold but traded.

If my father gave me land and I sold it this was considered bad. People still abide by this. The Aguon family is a good example of this. The old people in the family do not want to sell the land, for exam. Nan Ama. They considered it is their land and want to keep it that way.

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PLACE NAMES / BOUNDARIES / *Knowledge of land*

Often people do not know the lot number but they identify the land by the name. For example if I say Toguan they know right away what I am talking about. Or if I say Madog they know who used to stay in that parcel of land.

Boundaries of land are also connected with natural aspects of the terrain for example a river, certain trees. Also by the neighbor's owner of the next parcel of land. For example Antonio used to farm next to Luis in Cetti.

*i.e. lot 1 & 2 divided by Fua river which establishes a natural boundary (see map). Fua river then cuts across lot # 2.*