

Kamaaina home with a rich history goes on market

One of the last kamaaina families on Kahala Beach has put its acre-and-a-half estate on the market for \$24 million.

The Kahala Avenue beachfront house belonging to the estate of the late Cecily Freitas Johnston hosted many famous guests in the past, including President Ronald Reagan and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

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Johnston, who died in November 2008, donated 20 percent of her estate to the Hawaii Opera Theatre, which will receive a

share of the proceeds from the sale.

The main house on the beach was built in 1939 and has four bedrooms and five bathrooms. Separate staff quarters in a house closer to Kahala Avenue has four bedrooms and three and a half baths. There is also an Olympic-sized pool and tennis courts, according to the listing from Choi International.

"We were one of the first beach houses," said son Stanton Johnston, who has lived there for 63 years and is one of six children who grew up in the house.

Cecily Johnston was co-founder of Pacific Construction Co. with her brother, George, who built the Ilikai Hotel and Foster Towers. Her father, Henry Freitas, built the Hawaii Newspaper Agency Building, now known as The Honolulu Advertiser Building, and the Saint Louis College campus, better known now as Saint Louis School and Chaminade University.



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A 70-year-old Kahala Avenue home that has hosted a U.S. president and a former first lady is on the market for \$24 million. Part of the proceeds from the sale of the Cecily Freitas Johnston estate will benefit Hawaii Opera Theatre.