

Finding Aid to the  
KAUA'I HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORY FILES

Collected 1914 - 1960s  
(Span 1838 - 1967)

Kaua'i Historical Society  
Lihue, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

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**KAUAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORY FILES. RECORDS, 1838 - [1920s - 1940s] - 1967.  
3.0 c.f. (6 archival boxes).**

**ABSTRACT**

The Kauai Historical Society early History Files are a collection of “subject file” materials, collected from 1914 until the 1960s, the early years of the Society. This collection provides tangible information and also contributes to an understanding of the society as an organization.

The collection is comprised primarily of newspaper articles, magazine dippings, some correspondence and letters, a few research papers, and typescript copies of materials in other KHS collections. The History Files were organized by topic and indexed on “Bibliography Sheets” prepared by the Society’s long-time secretary, Elsie H. Wilcox (1879 - 1954). Attached as an appendix to this Finding Aid is a brief description outlining how the Society collected and catalogued these materials.

Processed by Barbara M. Robeson, 1999.

### HISTORY OF COLLECTING AT THE KAUAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From the early days at the Kauai Historical Society, the organization collected a variety of materials concerning the history of Kauai and Niihau. The collection was housed at the old Kauai Public Library building now the location of the Kauai Museum on Rice Street. The founding members of the Society were also instrumental in establishing the first library on Kauai that later became the Kauai Public Library. This close association between the Society, its members, and the library continued for many years.

Beginning with the founding of the Kauai Historical Society in 1914, members wrote papers, gave talks, conducted research, and collected a variety of material from print sources. As papers were written, and materials were collected, KHS secretary Elsie Hart Wilcox recorded each new item on an individual "Bibliography" sheet by topic or subject tile, and filed the material in the appropriate/relevant file folder labeled with that topic. Sometime later, use of the Bibliography sheets were discontinued and a card index file was created. For further information about how the Society collected these materials, see the Appendix at the end of the Finding Aid.

#### Significance of the Bibliography Sheets (in use 1914 - 1950s)

The Bibliography sheets were a list of the early holdings of the Kauai Historical Society and as such can be used as an inventory or early registration system for the Society's collection at that time. In addition to print materials, the Bibliography sheets list a few photographs and some details about where materials were acquired.

The Bibliography sheets also list materials that at the time of processing were not located in other areas of the Society collections. The sheets can be used by researchers as a good bibliography of early materials on the various subjects outside the KHS collections.

The Sheets contain listings of a number of papers presented to Society members and correspondence between the Society and others (1914 to 1952). Some of these materials are located in other areas of the KHS archives (see The Kauai **Papers (Ms 2)** and KHS **Organizational Records (Ms 3)**).

All the original Bibliography sheets are filed in one folder with a copy filed in each subject file folder.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The materials in the early KHS History Files manuscript collection were originally filed in folders by subject matter. This finding aid uses the term "folder" rather than the term "series" in order to preserve their original order and format.

The 54 History File folder titles consist of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, correspondence, letters, some handwritten notes and typescript copies of research papers. Typescript copies of letters and articles were copied from earlier materials during research undertaken by Elsie Wilcox during her tenure as the KHS Secretary. The earliest typescript letter is held by the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society. The bulk of the materials are newspaper clippings from The Honolulu Advertiser and The Garden Island, although other newspapers are represented. Other clipped articles are from Mid-Pacific Magazine, The Friend, and other publications. The folders are arranged in alphabetical order by subject title.

The dates of the materials in the early History Files span 1837 to 1987 but not all years are represented. The bulk of the material ranges from 1920s through the 1950s.

Folder titles are listed in BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS and the records and materials within each folder are arranged chronologically by publication date, where known. Notes were left together for

the convenience of the researcher. The records are in poor to fair condition (age, tape, rust from staples and fasteners); some have been interleaved with acid free paper. Where feasible, newspaper articles were copied on to acid-free paper, and the originals destroyed. Oversize newspapers were interleaved with acid free paper. The size of the collection is 3.0 cubic feet.

Some of the original Bibliography sheets were noted "no subject file." These sheets with "no subject file" include: Kauai Tours, Manuscripts, Resources of Kauai, Proverbs, George Prince Tamoree, Military on Kauai, Kamaainas of Kauai. These "no subject file" Bibliography sheets are filed in a separate folder for research purposes.

There are also some History File folders with no Bibliography sheets. When this was the case, the card **index file** was used to reconstruct the folder.

Some restrictions may apply on the reproduction or publication of materials in the History Files manuscript collection.

Filed in alphabetical order are the 40 original BIBLIOGRAPHY SHEETS. Not all folders in this collection have a Bibliography sheet. Acid free copies have been filed in the appropriate subject folder.

ANAHOLA - This folder contains just one newspaper article concerning 'Anahola, an Experiment in Turning Back the Clock", and dated 1939.

ARTIFACTS - Restricted Access. Permission to access and view this information must be made in writing to the KHS Board of Directors. The folder contains information relating to a 1952 inventory of artifacts held in private collections on Kauai. See Restricted files.

BIOGRAPHY - Contained in this folder are typescript copies and newspaper articles of biographies of the Coney Family, Emma, Queen Consort of Kamehameha IV, W.V. Hardy, Samuel Hitchcock, Horace Holden Albert Homer, Paul Isenberg, Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, Lili Kaneihali, Deborah Kapule, Kaumualii (George Prince Tamoree), Eric Knudsen, James Makee, the Ransome Family, Dr. Jared K. Smith, the Spaulding Family, Charles Tiicomb, and William Waterhouse.

CHURCHES: HISTORY - This folder includes primarily newspaper clippings, programs, and articles regarding the history of various Kauai churches (Korean Methodist, Lihue Hawaiian Church, Koloa Japanese Christian Church, Lihue Japanese Christian Church, Catholic churches on Kauai, Koloa Mission). Items not listed on the Bibliographic Sheet but found in the folder include typescript copies of "From a Missionary Journal: Early Days in the Sandwich Islands (undated), research notes on Anahola/Koolau Congregational Church, a letter from Elsie H. Wilcox to W.S. Barnes (June 28, 1953) regarding the church bell at Kapaa Hawaiian Church and moving the Wailua Church to Kapaa, and a letter and attachment from fr. Reginald Yzendoom to Ethel Damon answering her the history of the Catholic Church on Kauai.

CHURCHES: LIHUE UNION - This folder is comprised of newspaper articles, Sunday programs (1901), dedication programs (1922, 1951), an annual meeting program, a carbon copy original list of members (December 6, 1898), a typescript copy of a paper by Ethel Damon, "The Lihue Memorial Parish House" (The Friend June 1922). Also included are typescript copies of notes by Mary S. Rice about the history of the church (1950), notes by J.M. Lydgate about the new church (1950) and a list of members [?] as of 1900. There is also information about the square table in the Parish Hall, made at Waimea School shop in 1923, and purchased by Elsie Wilcox.

CHURCHES: WAIOLI CHURCH - Included in this folder is a paper concerning the church lot. The folder also includes a copy of the 1921 Rededication Program, and a typescript copy of the paper What led from Kentucky to Waioli" by Mary Alexander that was read at the Waioli Centennial on October 21, 1934.

CLEOPATRA'S BARGE ("Ha'aheo O Hawaii") - Included in these materials are three items: two newspaper articles (n.d. and 1936) recounting the wreck of the ship at Hanalei, and correspondence of Col. E.B. Walker, 15th Coast Artillery, Fort Kamehameha and Elsie H. Wilcox (August 9 & 16, 1940).

COOK, CAPTAIN JAMES - There are five folders pertaining to Captain James Cook. The COOK HISTORY contains material concerning the sesquicentennial celebration on August 16, 1928, a copy of the Congressional Record with remarks about the celebration (February 14, 1929), a list of Kauai Historical Society members who participated in the sesquicentennial (August 1927), a report by Walter Foss Sanborn, "Relations of Hawaiian Islands to the United States" (1939), and correspondence relating to the celebration. The COOK COIN folder contains a letter from Edgar Henriques of the Cook Sesquicentennial Commission concerning the Cook Sandblast proof Hawaiian Half-dollar #38 given to Elsie Wilcox. The COOK MONUMENT DONATIONS folder contains solicitation letters and lists of donors for the Cook monument. The COOK MONUMENT has correspondence from the design committee (Hart Wood, Dickey & Wood Architects, Dora Isenberg and Elsie Wilcox), letters to sculptor Adele Stackpole about the bronze tablet and relief for the monument, a photo of the relief, and invoices for freight for shipping the monument to Kauai. The COOK PROGRAM folder contains correspondence to the program speakers, and lists of attendees and guests.

DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL - In the folder are newspaper articles (1924, 1948), an article from Mid Pacific Magazine (1916), and typescript copies of a **1838** article, "Sketch of Kauai" by J.J. Jarvis, and typescript article from The Pacific Commercial Advertiser, "A Brief Trip to Kauai (May 19, 1877).

EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS ON KAUAI - The folder contains brief histories written between 1930 and 1939 of the Lihue, Waimea and Kapaa schools. Also there is a paper by Frederic B. Withington, "One Hundred Years of Education in Hawaii" that was presented to the Kauai Historical Society in December 1939. Included also is small book, with photos, "Schools in Kauai, 1940-41" that was used in the Kauai School System.

HANAIEI - HAENA - WAIOLI - This folder lists several cross-references to other files containing materials that researchers may find useful. Contained here also is a original copy of a paper by Kenneth P. Emory (1928) concerning the ruins at Kee, Haena, a copy of a newspaper article by Mary Salisbury on the "Crow's Nest" at Princeville from The Garden Island (September 28, 1937), a copy of Hanalei Records at the Registrar's office in Honolulu, made by Lyle A. Dickey [undated], a photo of an 1862 drawing of the "Hanalei Boat Club", and "notes taken by Elsie Wilcox of a conversation with [W.F.] Sanborn, re people, places" [undated]. The KHS Correspondence files also contain a number of letters pertaining to this series.

Also included in this folder are typescript copies of letters from Edward Johnson written from Waioli in 1837 and 1838 [These are copies from original manuscripts are held by the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society and permission to reproduce in full or in part must be obtained in writing from the Society's Librarian.].

HEIAU - The bulk of the material in this folder is transcribed copies in Hawaiian and English, of the 1885 Lahainaluna Papers on "Kauai Sites, heiau, fishing grounds, legends, caves, etc." The original papers are housed in the Bishop Museum and were translated from Hawaiian to English by Mrs. Mary Wagon Pukui in 1934. Also in this folder is correspondence between the Society and Dora and Thomas Hashimoto regarding the upkeep of the heiau at Kee (1952-53), notes by Lyle A. Dickey (May 12, 1928) regarding heiau (Kaulupaoa, Kilioe, Lohiau), notes by Katherine McIntyre (October 1948) on place names, a photocopy of a report by Kenneth Emory (September 30, 1933) on Wailua, a report by H.D. Sloggett about Ka-lae-o-ka-manu at Wailua (March 1934), a typescript copy of a paper by Wendell Bennett about the birth stone at Wailua, a set of the Eric Moir map of Kaneioulouma heiau at Po'ipu, and various newspaper articles on the subject.

**HISTORICAL MARKERS** – This folder contains a listing of historical sites that have [identifying or interpretive] markers.

**HISTORIC SITES** -The folder on Historic Sites contains a letter from Lloyd Soehren (October 24, 1962) about recently reported sites at Waimea, and a report by Ruth Knudsen Hanner from the Kauai Sites Committee (1952-53).

**HULA AND MELE** – Included in two folders are copies of two Bishop Museum lists of hula and mele singers on Kauai (1927) a copy of a letter from Kathryn Hulme to Mary Pukui about Queen Emma traveling to the Alakai Swamp, Part I of a paper on “Ancient Hulas of Kauai” by *Mrs. Mary Kawena Pukui* and demonstrated by Mrs. Keahi Luahine Sylvester for the Society on January 31, 1936 that is one of The Kauai Papers. Also found in this folder is the unpublished Part II of ‘Ancient Hulas...’ that is a continuation of Part I, and written by Pukui (January 31, 1936). (Part II is not included in The Kauai Papers.)

**KALALAU** – In this folder are newspaper accounts of Koolau (1923, 1924), an eight-page paper about a trip taken by Mary Stacey to Na Pali (1953), and a 23 page paper (1949) by Tiare Emory on ‘Hawaiian Life in Kalalau, Kauai according to John Hanohano and his mother, Wainine-i-Keouli Pa.’

**KAMEHAMEHA’S DEFEAT ON KAUI** – In this folder is a 1926 Star Bulletin article on Kamehameha’s defeat and a paper by John Stokes (1936) on Dune Sepulture, Battle Mortality and Kamehameha’s Alleged Defeat on Kauai.”

**KANOA ESTATE** -This folder contains an original undated letter from [King] Kalakaua to Paul P. Kanoa. The letter is in Hawaiian, but has been translated. Also is a typescript copy of the last will and testament of Paul P. Kanoa. This letter in Hawaiian and has been translated to English.

**KAPAA-KAWAIHAU** – The Bibliography Sheets for this folder are mostly papers that are located in The Kauai *Papers* (ms2). Also is a list of school principals at Kapaa 1883-1930.

**KAUI FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION** – Included in three folders are the records of the organization from 1921 through 1937 (1921-1 923, 1925-1929, 1930-1937). The *records* include the organizations founding documents (By-laws, Constitution, Membership), meeting notes and meeting minutes, bank statement and financial reports, annual reports, correspondence, legislation. Of particular interest, is correspondence relating to the organization’s efforts in stocking Kauai with a variety of fish and game.

**KEKAHA SUGAR PLANTATION** – The contents of this folder are all dated 1946. They include a Kekaha Sugar Co., newsletter, a program ‘Fifty Years of Successful Incorporation in Hawai’i,” and a newspaper article on the 50th anniversary.

**KOKEE MUSEUM** – This folder includes correspondence relating to the formation of the Museum and other letters relating to forestry. There is also an inventory of exhibits and furniture, a list of friends of the Museum, reports and lists of activities, and other miscellaneous articles.

**KOLOA** - A 1912 copy of “Notes on Koloa” and 1675 article on the Koloa Swamp are included in the **KOLOA** folder. The **KOLOA MISSION** folder contains a 1935 program of services, handwritten notes, and an extract from a journal, “The Pilgrims of Hawai’i.” The **KOLOA SUGAR COMPANY** folder contains miscellaneous newspaper articles, programs of celebrations, and a typescript copy of manuscript letter by Charles Burnham. Researchers may also find additional information in The Kauai Papers, the *KHS* Organizational Records (Ms3) and the folder on Education contained in thii manuscript collection.

**LAWAI** – This folder contains two newspaper articles (1925, 1935) about the Alexander McBryde home, and a short history of Lawai by Mary Salisbury.

LEGENDS - Many of the items listed on the Bibliography sheet for this folder are contained in The Kauai *Papers*. Also included here are copies of Padraic's newspaper column on **Legends** (1923-27), other legends recounted in newspaper articles, and a copy of a paper translated by Mary Pukui, 'Ghosts at Barking Sands' (September 27, 1912).

LIHUE and LIHUE PLANTATION - Both folders contain newspaper articles. The Lihue file has articles about the opening of the Kress Store (1925), the Isenberg Recreation Gymnasium (1938), Lihue Post Office (1938), and copy of the 'History of Lihue' by Mary Rice [also in The Kauai *Papers*]. Researchers may also find additional information in The *Kauai Papers*.

MALUMALU - Included in this folder is a copy of the paper written by Mrs. Lydgate, "Life at Malumalu in the Old Days."

MANA - This folder includes a paper by S.M. Jones on fieldwork conducted in 1934-35, "Mana: The Procession of Peoples."

NAMES-PERSONAL - This folder contains a list of personal names and [research] notes by Elsie Wilcox. Researchers may also refer to the *Elsie Wilcox Collected Papers* (Ms4) for material on Place Names.

NAWILIWILI HARBOR - This folder includes newspaper articles regarding the dedication ceremonies for the new breakwater at the harbor on October 28, 1921.

NIHAU and NECKER ISLANDS, NIHOA ISLANDS AND FRENCH FRIGATE SHOAL - These folders include newspaper articles on the Sinclair Family (1934), a history of Niihau (1938), and of the Japanese pilot who was forced down on Niihau in December 1941.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - This folder contains two reports. The first is a carbon copy 'Report on the Survey of Religions Work in the Hawaiian Islands, 1926 - 1927' prepared by the Women's Board of Hawaiian Board of Missions. The other is a typescript report 'Protestant Religions and Character Work, Island of Kauai, T.H.' by Harold Mountain (May 8, 1931).

ROYALTY, HAWAIIAN - This folder contains a typescript copy of an article from the Daily Pacific Commercial Advertiser July 13, 1891, 'The Queen on Kauai,' and other handwritten notes.

RUSSIAN FORT AND RUSSIANS ON KAUAI - This folder is comprised of several newspaper and magazine articles (1923, 1935) about Russians in Hawai'i and on Kauai. There is also a 1953 correspondence to Elsie Wilcox from Alexander Doll regarding sources of information about Russians in Hawai'i, and three papers about the history of Russians [Undated, no authors given. Possibly Wilcox's research notes?].

SHIPWRECKS - This folder contains newspaper accounts of various shipwrecks on or near Kauai including an account from the Baltimore Sun on the U.S.S. Saginaw (1909), a 1921 Honolulu Advertiser article about a glass window taken from the ship 'Dunnotter Castle', letters between Elsie Wilcox and Dr. F.J. Halford and the librarian at the Hawaiian Historical Society (1942) on the subject of the Saginaw. The Bibliography sheet contains a list of shipwrecks between 1805 and 1906.

SPANIARDS IN HAWAI'I - Two lengthy Star Bulletin accounts of SPANIARDS IN HAWAI'I are included in this folder (October 30, 1937 and April 16, 1938)

SPORTS - This folder contains notes (1952) and an article (1953) on ancient Holua Slides. Researchers can also refer to the paper by Janet Faye, 'Sites of Ancient Hawaiian Sports on Kauai' in The Kauai Papers.

SUGAR AND PLANTATIONS - While the Bibliography sheet lists 53 items in the SUGAR AND PLANTATIONS folder, only a handful were located when these records were processed. Researchers should refer to the Bibliography sheet for other sources of information on the subject. Included in the folder are newspaper articles about the sugar quotas in Jones-Costigan lawsuit (1934), sugar industry methods, and prospects for the industry. There is also a copy of a paper from a talk by C.E.S. Burns on the 'History of the Hawaiian Sugar Industry' (1941), and a letter from Jared Smith to Elsie Wilcox, "Crockett, a name to Conjure by" (May 2, 1949).

TIDAL WAVES - "Tidal Waves in Hawai'i's History" is the subject of a newspaper article (1946) in this folder.

VOYAGES - This folder includes a paper presented to the Mokihana Study Club on February 7, 1927, "Early Voyages to Hawai'i" by Col. L.G. Blackman, and typescript copy of a paper about Vancouver's Voyages and his anchoring at Waimea and Hanalei.

WAIALEALE - Articles from The Garden Island, the Star Bulletin, The Honolulu Advertiser and Paradise of the Pacific are included in the WAIALEALE folder. The articles describe climbs, rainfall, and the rain gauge (various dates 1920's, 30's, 40's). There is also a transcript copy of a 1922 Garden Island article of 'Another Conquest of Waialeale by a Kauai Party' by Charles Dole that recounts the 1874 and 1922 ascents.

WAILUA - This folder contains an article by Mary Salisbury (1937) on Wailua and three letters from Rebecca Banks concerning the petroglyphs at Wailua. Researchers may also find additional information in the Heiau folder of this collection.

WAIMEA - Of special interest in the folder on WAIMEA is a paper describing the Mission Lands at Waimea, copied from the original manuscript by Rev. S. Whitney (original between 1841-45). Also of note are five small handwritten pamphlets, in Hawaiian, listing names [of church members? census?] that was given to the Society by Dorothy Rowell in 1922. There is also a paper "Study of Waimea" by Stella Jones (1934-35), a typescript copy of the "Insurrection of 1824" at Waimea, a letter from Margaret Martin to Ethel Damon (1935) regarding a new home and site being built in Waimea, and several newspaper articles on Waimea. Researchers may also find additional information about Waimea in *The Kauai Papers*.

WAINIHA - This folder contains a March 20, 1946 Star Bulletin account of the Wainiha Hui Lands.

WORLD WAR II - There are two folders concerning WORLD WAR II. The first contains news releases and articles about the war. The second includes a list of the 1944 staff of the Kauai Volunteers, an article 'Little Kauai in the War' by Stella Jones (1943) and a class paper, "The 442nd Regimental Combat Team: One Of America's Finest" by William Brown (1967).

YMCA - The last folder in this collection contains a paper on the Study of the YMCA on Kauai" by Andrew Gross, February 1931.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>		
1	1	Bibliography Sheets	
	2	Anahola	
	3	Artifacts	
	4	Biography	
	5	Churches: History	
	6	Churches: Lihue Union	
	7	Churches: Waioli Church	
	8	Cleopatra's Barge	
2	1	Cook History (Captain James Cook)	
	2	Cook Coin	
	3	Cook Monument Donations	
	4	Cook Monument (1927)	
	5	Cook Monument (1928)	
	6	Cook Program	
	7	Description and Travel	
3	8	Education and Schools on Kauai	
	1	Hanalei - Haena - Waioli	
	2	Heiau	
	3	Heiau	
	4	Historical Markers	
	5	Historic Sites	
	6	Hula and Mele	
	7	Hula and Mele	
	8	Kalalau	
	9	Kamehameha's Defeat on Kauai	
	10	Kanoa Estate	
4	11	Kapaa - Kawaihau	
	1	Kauai Fish and Game (1921-1 923)	
	2	Kauai Fish and Game (1925-1929)	
	3	Kauai Fish and Game (1930-1937)	
	4	Kekaha Sugar Plantation	
	5	Kokee Museum	
	6	Koloa	
	7	Koloa Mission	
	8	Koloa Sugar Company	
	5	1	Lawai
		2	Legends
3		Lihue	
4		Lihue Plantation	
5		Malumalu	
6		Mana	
7		Names-Personal	
8		Nawiliwili Harbor	
9		Niihau	
10		Necker Islands, Nihoa Islands and French Frigate Shoal	
11		Religious Education	
12		Royalty, Hawaiian	
13		Russian Fort and Russians on Kauai	
14		Shipwrecks	
15		Spaniards in Hawai'i	
16		sports	

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Box	<u>Folder</u>	
6	1	Sugar and Plantations
	2	Tidal Waves
	3	Voyages
	4	Waiaieale
	5	Wailua
	6	Waimea
	7	Wainiha
	6	World War II
	9	World War II
	10	YMCA

APPENDIX

Prior to Processing the "History Files"

At the time this processing project was conceived, it was known that there was a relationship between three components: the Bibliography sheets, the History File (folders stored in one file cabinet drawer) and the 5 x 7 card index file (like a library card catalog file). The original purpose of this project was to reconcile the contents of the History Files folders with items listed on the Bibliography sheets, and to attempt to locate any missing material. Prior to beginning this project, it was thought that the Bibliography sheets listed the contents of the "History File" folders. The sheets are a numbered list of items by subject or topic, and the list under each subject includes a description and date of each article, paper, letter, or photograph. Occasionally, the donor is listed.

Processing the "History Files"

During the processing of the History Files, it was concluded that the Bibliography sheets were an early cataloguing system that was later converted to an index card system.

The new cataloguing system expanded on the subjects found in the Bibliography sheets, and added many cross-references to names, places, and topics. The overall format for the card index was to divide all materials into three sections: KHS Papers, KHS Correspondence, and KHS History File. The KHS Papers (now referred to as The *Kauai Papers*) and KHS Correspondence were previously processed. This project was to process the KHS History Files.

It's likely this change from Bibliography sheets to a card index system occurred in the 1950's, when Mrs. Thelma Hadley was librarian at the Kauai Public Library. Mrs. Hadley, also an active Society member, was closely involved with the cataloguing and organization of the Society's collection.

Also see attached "Report of the Committee of the Kauai Historical Society Appointed to Report on the Preparing of a History of Kauai, June 14, 1948.

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Report of the Committee of the Kauai Historical Society  
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The Committee appointed by the President of the Kauai Historical Society at the Annual Meeting on June 30, 1947, to make recommendations regarding the compiling and printing of a **brief**, definitive history of Kauai met at the Kauai Public Library early in December, 1947. Members present were Mrs. Thelma Hadley Chairman, Mrs. Carlotta Lai and Miss Elsie H. Wilcox the latter acting as Secretary of the Committee. Miss Ethel M. Damon was present in an advisory capacity

Mrs. Hadley stated that there are many requests at the Library for information **concerning** ~~some~~ **Some** cases there is no material at all on the subject requested. Often, the information is buried in old books and magazines, much of it in the files of the Kauai Historical Society, and hence not easily found and not available for the general reader. The subject-**matter desired covers a rather** wide range. A few **or the requests** are for legends and stories connected with places around the island; the origins and meanings of place-names origins of Kauai people (Menehunes, Polynesians and the racial groups coming in later); Hawaiian artifacts, ways of living, houses, food, customs, etc.; data regarding old Hawaiian families; histories ~~and~~ homes of early settlers, - missionaries and others; early voyages which touched on Kauai; industrial development, government, education, religion, social agencies; labor conditions, Kauai in World Wars I and II, etc. In the field of Natural History and Sciences, there are some simple books applicable to the whole group, but more detail is needed **and more** specific information, especially as to localities. Aside from articles on special subjects, there is also a **demand for** a complete history of the island in book form.

After some **discussion, it was** apparent that the matter divided itself into three distinct divisions:

1. The collecting of material, which should **continue and** which could be undertaken by members of the Society and other interested persons.
2. The indexing of material already on file This is a job for a trained librarian.
3. The writing of a brief, definitive history, which also is a professional job,

**Collecting Or Material:** It was pointed out that the collecting of facts, even if presented in rough form should continue and **that** it should be intensified. It was suggested that the work might be divided according to (1) subject-matter, Miss Hundley, for instance, being asked to -mite **on** Education on Kauai, or (2) according to districts, with groups in each locality joining in the collection of material in their own **region**. **Mrs. Lai** offered to see Miss Hundley and to begin herself to interest people in Kawaihau in collecting data. The acquisition of books and artifacts was **mentioned** as of importance, with the prospect of eventually placing them in a Museum on this island

Card- Indexing: asked concerning the card index an the Hawaiian collections -. the Library arranged by the late Mr. L. A. Dickey, Mrs. Hadley stated that is was an excellent piece of work but that it needed to be completed to cover the last ten years, She herself was able to do some work on it from time to time, but it would require a trained librari about a nmonth's tine to bring it up to date. The salary of such a BB#SZ worker would be about \$275.00 per month. This same trained librarian should rearrange and reorganize the collection of books owned by the Kauai Historical Society. Yhe stated, also, that the University of Hawaii had offered to give to: the Kauai Public Library the original filling cards on recent articles regarding the Hawaiian Islands and this offer would be accepted. Films of an index of older articles on Hawaii could also be run off on cards in New Pork and secured at a cost of \$200.00. These two index files, if secured, would be a valuable addition to our Library.

Writing Of a History of Kauai: It was mentioned that "Koamalu" is an excellent source of information regarding earlier days on Kauai Miss Damon stated that Mrs. Isenberg had asked her to remove the personal matter and reprint the balance of the book as a brief history. -This would require considerable editing which she could nat now undertake. Asked as to the possibility of adding to "Koamalu" to cover the sixteen years since its publication, she said that that was not advisable and that the period 1931 to the present should be covered in a separate account. The consensus of opinion was that the writing of a history is work for a professional person and would require financing. The material should be presented in simple form so that the average High School student could use it, It was suggested that the Supervising Principal at Kauai Schools should be consulted as to the field desired covered to meet the needs of the Course of ~~Study~~ and that his advice on the whole project should be secured. It was also thought that the History Department of the University of Hawaii should be consulted.

Final recommendations are as follows:

1. The collecting of material should be intensified.
2. The Dickey file should be brought up to date by a trained librarian, with funds secured for the work.
3. The Kauai Historical Collection of books should be reorganized and rearranged.
4. Advice should be secured on the writing of a History of Kauai by a qualified person and the approximate cost of writing and publishing should be ascertained.

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- 500 \_\_\_ a GenlNote... KHS's early History Files are a collection of "subject file" materials, collected from 1914 until the 1960s. The collection is comprised primarily of newspaper articles, magazine clippings, correspondence and letters, a few research papers, and typescript copies of materials in other KHS collections. The History Files are organized by topic in 54 folders, filed in alphabetical order, and indexed on " Bibliography Sheets", prepared by the Society's long-time secretary, Elsie H. Wilcox. Newspaper clippings from the Honolulu Advertiser and from The Garden Island comprise the bulk of the material. Articles from The Friend and from Mid-Pacific magazine are also included. The dates of the materials span 1837 to 1967, but not all years are represented. The majority of the materials are from the 1920s through the 1950s. Attached as an addendum to the Finding Aid is a brief description outlining how the Society collected and catalogued these materials. The History Files collection provides tangible evidence of how KHS organized materials during the early years of the organization.
- 505        a Contents... History File Subjects are: Anahola, Artifacts, Biography, Churches:History, Churches:Lihue Union, Churches:Waioli Church, Cleopatra's Barge, Cook History ( Captain James Cook), Cook Coin, Cook Monument Donations, Cook Monument ( 1927), Cook Monument (1928), Cook Program, Description and Travel, Education and Schools on Kauai, Hanalei-Haena-Waioli, Heiau, Historical Markers, Historic Sites, Hula and Mele, Kalalau, Kamehameha's Defeat on Kauai, Kanoa Estate, Kapaa-Kawaihau, Kauai Fish and Game (1921-1923,1925-1929,1930-1937), Kekaha Sugar Plantation, Kokee Museum, Koloa, Koloa Mission, Koloa Sugar Company, Lawai, Legends, Lihue, Lihue Plantation, Malumalu, Mana, Names-Personal, Nawiliwili Harbor, Niihau, Necker Islands-Nihoa Islands-French Frigate Shoal, Religious Education, Royalty-Hawaiian, Russian Fort and Russians on Kauai, Shipwrecks, Spaniards in Hawaii, Sports, Sugar and Plantations, Tidal Waves, Voyages, Waialeale, Wailua, Waimea, Wainiha, World War II, YMCA
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