

Finding Aid to the

**Dole Photograph Album**

Kaua'i Historical Society

**MS 60**

**The Dole Photograph Album**

1 box

The Dole photograph album consists of 24 leaves, with photographs glued to each side of every page. For conservation purposes, the Kaua'i Historical Society has inserted acid-free paper between the leaves, and removed the covers, which were moldy. In addition, a separate file contains photographic prints of each item, to prevent overuse of these extraordinary items from the late 1880s.

Each item has written description, by the same hand. Some of the leaves are missing paper, and some of the writing is illegible. The container list has notions reflecting these issues.

While one might speculate that the photographs were taken by Mrs. Dole\*, there is no indication of that on the prints themselves. However, the written descriptions most likely were written by Mrs. Dole, as she indicated "Sanford", and "our" house, grounds, porch, etc. They were most likely taken during a fairly short period of time. The Dole residence was at 1534 Emma Street. They also had a beach house, which might be the location of the beach lanai photograph.

Biographical Sketch

Sanford Ballard Dole (1844-1926) and Anna Prentice Cate Dole (1841-1918)

Sanford was born April 23, 1844 to Daniel and Emily Dole, missionaries stationed in Honolulu, Sanford's mother died four days after his birth. Long-time friends and fellow missionaries, William and Mary Rice, christened their daughter born May 10, 1844 Emily Dole Rice, in remembrance of Sanford's mother. Mother Rice was able to care for both babies, strengthening a life-long link between the Dole and Rice families. Sanford lived with the Rice family until he was two-years old, when his father Daniel married Charlotte Knapp, and reunited Sanford, with his older brother George Hathaway Dole, bringing the family back together again.

In August 1855 the family moved to Koloa, Daniel Dole accepting the position of Pastor of the Koloa Congregation, and starting a Christian school at the church. Sanford left his Hawaii home in 1866 to attend Williams College in Massachusetts, studying ministry to follow in his father's footsteps. President of the junior class, he decided to study law, and in 1868 passed the bar exam. After practicing law briefly in Boston, he returned to Honolulu to begin his own career.

On Oahu, Dole was active socially and politically -- he was elected President of the YMCA and the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society. In 1871, he met Anna Prentice Cate, a visitor from the mainland -- two years later they were married at her home in

Farrington, Maine, returning to Honolulu where they would make their home for the remainder of their lives. Childless, they enjoyed their nieces and nephews, George Hathaway Dole's 13 children, and Anna became active in the temperance movement, President of the Humane Society, an avid writer, and a leader in various other charities.

Sanford Dole was elected to the Kingdom Legislature in 1884, during the next three years, political unrest would result in a new constitution in July 1887. At the end of 1887, Dole would become a

Justice of the Supreme Court of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Political unrest continued through the next

five years, and after the overthrow of the Hawaiian Monarchy, Dole would accept the presidency of the Provisional government, a post he held until Hawaii became a territory of the United States, when he became it's first Governor.

1903 marks Dole's return to his profession, as a Judge with the U.S. District Court for Hawaii, until his retirement at age 72 in 1916. Never one to remain idle, he volunteered for a number of charitable organizations, including the American Red Cross, Hawaii Branch, Outrigger Canoe Club and the YMCA.

Anna and Sanford Dole also traveled for pleasure -- trips to London, Paris and Italy, and a return to his alma mater Williams College in 1917. Anna died in 1918, and is buried in Kawaiahao Church Cemetery, where Sanford joined her upon his death June 9, 1926 at age 82.

For a more detailed description of Sanford Dole's life and times, we would suggest additional readings:

[Memories of the Hawaiian Revolution](#) by Lorrin P. Thurston

[Sanford Ballard Dole and his Hawaii](#) by Ethel M. Damon

[Sanford Ballard Dole: Hawaii's only President](#) by Helena G. Allen

And in this electronic world, numerous items can be found in addition to these earlier volumes, with a wide range of viewpoints.

\* [A Photographer in the Kingdom : Christian J. Hedemann's early images of Hawaii](#), by Lynn Ann Davis and Nelson Foster, provides information on amateur photography groups in Honolulu; their membership indicates mostly men, with scientific backgrounds, and a "few women" who remain unnamed.

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Written data in album in quotations " ".  
Descriptive comments follow.  
Information in brackets [ ] inserted by the archivist for clarity.

Leaf

1 "Sanford" [remaining text missing; Sanford Dole and another man at a partners  
desk in office

with safe]

"On the Hospital Grounds" palm trees and lawn

2 "Tropical growth in Mrs. [text eligible]"

"Parlor looking from the bedroom door"

3 "The Library"

"[Rev.?] Bingham - on veranda - Sanford [Dole]"

4 "Our Reading Circle" [12 ladies grouped in lawn chairs]

"My bedroom looking out on the gardens"

5 "Writing desk in bedroom"

"Hospital grounds - [Nice?] Palms"

6 " [?] Palms - [?] Palms - [?] Palms"

"Residents house - [Punahou] College"

7 "Punahou College"

" Mrs. [text illegible] grounds - [?] Palms"

8 "Mrs. R's old place"

"Tropical foilage in a neighbor's grounds"

9 "Royal Palms"

"[?] [?] Roses"; in vase

- 10 "Mrs. Ward's grounds - Cocoanut Palms"  
"Cocoanut Plams - Honolulu"
- 11 "Mrs. Ward's place - Honolulu" [child in photograph]  
"Our front steps - Ah Nain[?] - wife and child"
- 12 "The Campbell's place" [women and children on walkway]  
"Our front drive"
- 13 "The [?] lemons from our place - January 188[?]" [partial page loss on final digit]  
"Oranges from our tree - Janauary"
- 14 "Our orange tree" [photograph contains seven people]  
"Fireplace in Library"
- 15 "[?] looking on to the balcony"  
"Mrs. Allen - [?] [?] The Bishops Place at Waikiki"
- 16 "Lanai on the sea shore" [large veranda supporting hau trees]  
"Lemons from our tree -- Janaury"
- 17 "Roses in big [?] [?]"  
"My room opening on to balcony" ; photograph includes woman in front of window
- 18 "The new addition -- bedroom"  
"Our veranda - the Damon Family - Violet & Damon"
- 19 "Convalescence in February" [Sanford Dole reclining, possible nurse or Mrs. Dole with him]  
"Library looking from the parlor"

- 20 "Parlor looking on to balcony"  
"In our place - looking toward the parlor balcony"
- 21 "Our carriage drive"  
"Parlor balcony - Blue[?] Palms growing through [?] tile floor"
- 22 "[text missing] drive looking toward the house"  
"Our yard - Blue Palms, Royal Palms"
- 23 "The carriage drive - Royal Palms"  
"Corner of front veranda looking toward carriage house"
- 24 "[missing text] front steps"  
"Carriage drive to the house - Royal Palms"