

Finding Aid to the  
EARL ARRUDA PAPERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS  
KAPA'A, LIHU'E, HAWAI'I  
Records 1970 - 1983

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EARL ARRUDA PAPERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS, KAPA'A, KAUA'I, HAWAII.  
RECORDS, [1970 - 1983] One box (.5 cubic feet).

**Abstract**

This manuscript collection contains research material and 86 photographs collected by Earl A. Arruda for his work on the "Kapa'a School Centennial Book 1883 - 1983". The collection also contains Arruda's research notes and photographs of the Kealia Sugar Mill, Col. Zephaniah S. Spalding's Valley House, and Kapa'a Town.

**History**

Earl A. Arruda (1945 - 1993) was well known in Hawai'i as an educator and teachers' union activist. Born in Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Arruda attended St. Catherine's School in Kapa'a and graduated from Kapa'a High School. He held a Chaminade University bachelor's degree and undertook graduate studies at the University of Hawai'i.

Arruda taught history and Hawaiian at Kaua'i High School for 15 years and at Dole Intermediate on O'ahu for a year before he became the president of the Hawaii State Teachers Association. He served as the HSTA president from 1984 - 1990. Arruda was also a member of the Kaua'i Lions Club and the Democratic Party, and he served as president of the Kaua'i Historical Society and the Kaua'i Portuguese Society.

The Earl Arruda Papers and Photo Collection includes some notes gathered by his family after his death, and a portion of Arruda's research on Kealia and Kapa'a, Kapa'a High School, Makee Plantation, Col. Zephaniah Spalding and Valley House. As an historian, Arruda shared his love of the Kealia area and Portuguese people by presenting several lectures at Kaua'i Historical Society programs. Subjects included, "We, the Portuguese" (2-15-79) and "Colonel Spalding and the Valley House" (2-9-70 and 7-15-73).

Researchers may find it useful to refer to the Kaua'i Historical Society's *Kauai Papers* where there is a portion of letter written by Oliver Lyman Spalding in 1883 and read by his son, Col. Thomas M. Spalding at a Society meeting on December 16, 1929.

### Scope and Content

#### Research Materials

Arruda's research notes on the Spalding Family and the history of the Kapa'a-Kealia area, were done for his Master's thesis. He was also the primary researcher for the "Kapa'a School Centennial 1883 - 1993" book. The records and notes are contained in one manuscript box, and are a portion of his research. Ten folders contain the following materials:

A history (photocopy) of **The Hui Kawaihau**, written by Charles S. Dole, and read at the Kaua'i Historical Society meeting on November 16, 1916 is included. The paper describes the origins of the *hui*, its members, and a description of the sugar mill and plantation. "The Hui Kawaihau" is one of the papers contained in the Kaua'i Historical Society's, *Kauai Papers*.

Handwritten notes and typed copy of poem untitled **Poem about Kealia**, April 21, 1968. Author is unknown.

Hand drawn map of Kapa'a town, c. 1900, and outline notes of an **Interview with Mrs. Ah Lung Wong Hee** August 28, 1973. This was part of the Hawaii Chinese History Center research for *Chinese Historic Sites and Pioneer Families of Kaua'i 1979*.

Handwritten and typewritten **Notecards** and typewritten **Outline** of history of Makee Mill and Sugar Company. Notecards contain references to Kealia, Col. Spalding and his home, Valley House.

**Kapa'a Town Directory - 1880**, pages III, IV. This typescript copy is from *The Hawaiian Kingdom Statistical and Commercial Directory and Tourist Guide 1880-81*. The list is an alphabetical directory containing names, occupations and residence location, and "ads" about Kapa'a stores.

Several pages of handwritten miscellaneous **Research Notes** containing address contacts, lists and dates of newspapers and books, notes on roads and bridges, and a listing of the ethnicity and titles [?] of plantation workers as of March 1918.

Research material on **Col. Zephaniah Swift Spalding (c. 1880s)** including handwritten notes and photocopies of Col. Spalding's obituary, "Letter from Col. Spalding to the Cleveland Leader upon the Reciprocity Treaty with Hawaiian Government" dated at Honolulu, November 20, 1881. [ The Reciprocity Treaty, ratified in June 1875, allowed certain imports into the United States from Hawaii, free of duty, in consideration of similar concessions.] Also included is a description of Valley House and its grounds.

**Letter to Arruda from Spalding's Great-granddaughter**, Lydia Hoy, February 3, 1970, apparently in response to Arruda's letter requesting information about Col. Spalding. Ms. Hoy recounts memories and stories of Spalding's life.

Two papers used for "Kapa'a School Centennial 1883 - 1983" commemorative book. The **Kapaa English School appears** to be a typescript copy of a history of Kapa'a English School [source unknown]. The second paper is **A Pupil at Kapaa School** , as told by Mrs. Maria C. Mladinich to her daughter, Mrs. Albena M. Victorino, c. 1930. Mrs. Mladinich recounts her arrival in Honolulu in 1883 and her years at Kapa'a School.

### Photographs

This collection also contains 86 original and copied black and white photographs. Twenty-eight of the photos have been reproduced in the "Kapaa School Centennial 1883 - 1983" book, others were used for Arruda's lectures. Handwritten notes and cards provide some guidance to the photographs, although these notes are incomplete. The topics covered by the photographs follow. Photos in this collection are stored in the Society's "Photograph Collections" section with the other Kaua'i Historical Society photographs. When catalogued into the Society's database, photos will be more fully described and identified. The researcher should assume many of these photos were copied from other collections (i.e. Kauai

Museum). Where known, the source of the photos is noted.

The **Kapaa Town** photos (3) include 1920s aerials of the town and Samuel Mahelona Hospital, 1917. The **Kealia** photos (21) are of the Old Kealia Church (1887), Kealia town and views (1890s), Kealia Mill (1880s, 1924), and a panorama photograph of the Hawaiian Cannery (1930s).

Photographs collected for use in the **Kapaa School Centennial 1883 - 1993** book (28 photos) include the football team, former school site and buildings, site plan of campus, and 12 panorama of graduating classes in the 1930s and 1940s. Many of the people in these photos are identified either on the photograph or cross referenced with the Centennial book.

The **Spalding and Valley House** (25 photos) portion of this collection date from the 1880s to the late 1940s. Contained are photos of the original Valley House mansion, the pond and grounds, house additions, tennis court area, family pictures, Spalding's Waipoli Race Track, and several photos of Col. Spalding.

There are nine unidentified **Miscellaneous** photos including the Madeline Kehaulani Quick family, landscapes, and a native house and occupants.

### Container List

Folder	1	Research: "The Hui Kawaihau" by Charles Dole
	2	Research: Poem about Kealia, 4-21-1968, unknown author
	3	Research: Interview with Mrs. Ah Lung Wong Hee c. 8-28-1973; Map of Kapa'a, c. 1900.
	4	Research: History of Kealia, Col. Spalding, Makee Note Cards and Typed Notes
	5	Research: Kapa'a Town Directory 1880
	6	Research: Miscellaneous Notes
	7	Research: Col Z. S. Spalding
	8	Research: Col Spalding, Letter from great-granddaughter, Lydia Hoy
	9	Research: History of Kapaa English School
	10	Photos: Notes, Guides to Photos

### Photo Collection

All photographs are filed with the Kaua'i Historical Society "Photo Collections" in the "Earl Arruda Photo Collection."

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