

Finding **Aid** to the
ELSIE H. W
Collected Papers, 1917-1953
(Originals 1824-1879)

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WILCOX, ELSIE H. COLLECTED PAPERS, 1917-1953 (originals 18241879). 1.0 c.f. (3 boxes)

Abstract

Typescripts made about 1932 of original letters, journals, and reports, 18241879, of American Protestant missionaries on Kaua'i, written primarily to Levi Chamberlain, S.N. Castle, E.O. Hall, and their business partners in Honolulu. Most of the papers relate news of the life and work of the missionary and his family, progress in building homes, schools, and missions; farming or planting efforts; and information about supplies and ship transportation. There are a number of letters about early sugar operations at Koloa. Arrangement is alphabetical by name. There are no reply letters in this collection.

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A few original and typescript copies of letters of Charles Burnham, manager of Koloa Plantation, 1840, and excerpts from letters of William Hooper relating to Koloa, 1836-1840, were donated by Arthur C. Alexander. Also included are a number of original writings and notes on Hanalei and Kaua'i place names created by Elsie Wilcox at various dates.

The collection also includes original notes and writings of Elsie Wilcox on Hanalei, the place names of Kaua'i, and related topics. Several other items from other sources also apparently were placed in the Elsie Wilcox Collected Papers some time ago, generally concerning related subjects or topics. Such items may have been collected by Elsie Wilcox for or during her own research, or while acting as secretary of the Kaua'i Historical Society. For the convenience of the researcher, these items were left together at the time of processing in 1996.

A few other items concerning related subjects and topics were placed in the collection at an earlier date and have been left together for the convenience of the researcher. They may have been collected by Elsie Wilcox for or during her own research, or while acting as secretary of the Kaua'i Historical Society.

Presented by Arthur C. Alexander, 1935, 1941.

Processed by Menzi Behrnd-Klodt, 1996.

Scope and Content

The collection consists mainly of typescripts of original letters, journals, and reports of American Protestant missionaries, businessmen, sugar planters, and individuals living on Kaua'i to Levi Chamberlain, S.N. Castle, E.O. Hall, Chamberlain and Hall, and partners in their Honolulu business concerns. Most of the letters relate news of the life and work of the missionary and his family, progress in building homes, schools, and missions; farming or planting efforts; and information about supplies and ship transportation. There are a number of letters about early sugar operations at Koloa. The letters have been arranged alphabetically by name. There are no reply letters in this collection.

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Also included in many of files are lists of the individual items copied, giving date, location, and name of recipient; typed notations about phraseology, omissions and misspellings in the originals and how they are noted in the typed copies, and notes about Hawaiian words used in the original letters. From contemporary notes, the transcriptions were made about 1932 by F. Bourne.

The collection also includes original notes and writings of Elsie Wilcox on Hanalei, the place names of Kaua'i, and related topics. Several other items from other sources also apparently were placed in the Elsie Wilcox Collected Papers some time ago, generally concerning related subjects or topics. Such items may have been collected by Elsie Wilcox for or during her own research, or while acting as secretary of the Kaua'i Historical Society. For the convenience of the researcher, these items were left together at the time of processing in 1996.

Charles Burnham

In 1935 and 1941, Arthur C. Alexander donated two folders of original and typescript copies of letters of Charles Burnham, manager of Koloa Plantation, to PA. Brinsmade, Ladd & Co., 1840, and excerpts from letters of Wiam Hooper to Ladd & Co., Honolulu relating to Koloa, 1836-1840. These items are not included in the restriction concerning reproduction of letters owned by the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society.

Burnham's letters discuss news of family and friends, the health of Dr. Lafon and others, the building of his house, the farm, Mr. Peck and his business, and Burnham's own business matters. Also present are typescript copies of Burnham's letters to Levi Chamberlain, July 1841-May 1845, concerning Koloa Plantation, its animals and pastures, sugar cultivation in Koloa (with information on laborers on strike, wages, and demands), and sugar shipments.

Lady Jane Griffin Franklin

Lady Jane Griffin Franklin, who spent some time on Kaua'i in 1861 while searching for traces of her explorer husband Sir John Franklin, also is represented in the collection. Sir John sailed from Greenhite, England in 1845 leading an expedition on the ships "Erebus" and "Terror," from which he never returned. He died while searching for the Northwest Passage, and when Lady Franklin visited Hawai'i in 1861, had been lost for 16 years.

The collection contains an article entitled "Around the Island," by Mary Salisbury, The Garden Island, September 28, 1937, with a biography of Lady Jane Franklin and details of her visit in 1861. On Kaua'i, she

visited with Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Wundenberg, grandparents of Mrs. Charles Rice of Lihue, and stayed at Princeville.

Also concerning Lady Jane Griffin Franklin there is a typescript article taken from Bishop Museum Memoirs, vol. VII, 1919, pp. 28-29; a letter, 1873, and a postcard, all about "The Lady Franklin Cape." The feather cape was given to Lady Franklin by Kamehameha IV (Alexander Liholiho) in 1861, and at her death bequeathed to G.B. Austen Lefroy. Bishop Museum purchased the cape from Lefroy in 1909. The postcard depicts the cape. The letter, 1873, is from Samuel C. Damon to Lady Franklin, concerning the election of the new king, Kamehameha V (William C. Lunalilo), Queen Emma, the entombment of his predecessor, Damon's travels, and his recollections of time spent together in the past.

Finally, there is a typescript manuscript entitled "Lady Franklin and the Sandwich Islands," written for Kaua'i Historical Society by Ethel M. Damon, and a letter, March 4, 1953, to Miss Damon from Frances J. Woodward, about the manuscript.

Rev. Peter J. Gulick

Rev. Gulick's letters, November 1829-August 1843, were written to Levi Chamberlain, S.N. Castle, and E.O. Hall, mostly from Waimea and Koloa. The letters concern activities and events of the station, construction of buildings, ships arriving and departing, shipments, crops, food supplies, missionary work, accounts, his family, sugar, machinery, equipment, and similar topics. These are typescript copies.

William Hooper

Excerpts from Hooper's letters to Ladd & Co., Honolulu 1836-1840, were also presented to Kaua'i Historical Society by Arthur C. Alexander. These letters relate to Koloa and concern farming, animals, the native populations, the first operation of the sugar mill at Koloa, ships, sugar mill operations and improvements, laborers, and other missionaries and settlers.

Also present are typescript copies of letters, 1925-1926, about Hooper's papers, letters, and other documents, and a list of facts and vouchers concerned in the court case Ladd & Co. vs. Hawaiian Islands. The typescripts include correspondence from J.W. Mason to Lorrin A. Thurston, about the locating and selling of Hooper's original papers by Mason. Mason apparently oversaw the sale of documents owned by William Hooper Little, who inherited the papers and letters from Hooper. Also included are copies of correspondence between A.P. Taylor, Librarian, Archives of Hawaii and R.S. Kuykendall at Bancroft Library, Berkeley. Kuykendall examined and evaluated the original letters and government documents.

Rev. Edward Johnson

The typescript copies of the letters of Rev. Edward Johnson, Rev. Edward, written from Koloa and Waioli, concern activities, events, supplies needed at the stations, and ship traffic. Rev. Johnson's correspondents primarily were Levi Chamberlain, E.O. Hall, and Chamberlain, Castle, and Hall, April 1838-December 1848.

Gerrit P. Judd

One folder contains typescript copies of Judd's letters to Levi Chamberlain, January-March 1832, about his activities, ship traffic, and similar topics.

Kaua'i Place Names

Three folders contain material from a variety of sources on place names on the island of Kaua'i. Included are handdrawn and hand labeled maps with place names from Francis Gay's book, from Ethel M.

Damon. There is also a typescript excerpt from the Francis Gay Papers (copied from Bishop Museum Library), entitled "Makaweli Place Names," 1873. Information on Kaua'i place names, arranged by area, was copied by Mary Kawena Pukui.

A file of typewritten and handwritten notes and writings (some, perhaps all written by Ethel Wilcox) concern Kaua'i locations and descriptions. Some locations and notes are arranged by district. There were several sources of place names used, among them Dr. Dwight Baldwin's journal of his trip around Kaua'i in 1848 (copied from Kaua'i Historical Society files); an article by Chas. K. Nawailua on Kanoa Awa Bowl, printed in Nupepa Kuakoo December 12, 1919; and some compiled by Elsie Wilcox from data given by S.W. Wilcox, Akaiko Akana, Lyle A. Dickey, and Mary Pukui. Other sources include landings, "Kaua'i Winds" (Isaac Ka'iu) (names and information), also "Ka'ula," "Nii-hau," "Wai-ale Ale," by Isaac Ka'iu, "The Chant of Pa-maho'a," other chants and legends, and other information on Hawaiian place names and meanings.

Charlotte Close Knapp

Included with the collection is a two page typescript excerpt from Book II of a journal kept by Charlotte Close Knapp, dated January 1839. This excerpt concerns her arrival and activities at Koloa, Waimea, and Honolulu. The donor may have been Arthur Alexander, although as of 1935, the original journal was held by the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society.

Horton Owen Knapp

Charlotte Knapp's husband, Horton Owen Knapp, also kept a journal. Excerpts, 1836-1842, of Knapp's journal record activities in Koloa, visits to Waioli and Waimea, what was seen and done while visiting, and religious services. Like Charlotte Knapp's journal, the donor may have been Arthur Alexander, although the original journal was held by the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society in 1935.

Thomas Lafon

Typescript copies of letters of Thomas Lafon, October 1837-October 1842, were written from Koloa and Waimea to Chamberlain and Castle.

Missions - Station and School Reports

Three folders contain typescript copies of report of the American Protestant missions and schools at Koloa, Waioli, and Waimea. These reports are arranged by location and individual author and contain reports of activities, work performed, and statistics.

The Koloa reports, 1835-1866, were written by Rev. Peter J. Gulick; Thomas Lafon, W.P. Alexander, John F. Pogue, and J.W. Smith. Waioli reports, 1835-1863, were penned by Alexander, Edward Johnson, and G.B. Rowell, while Abner Wilcox wrote the Waioli Select School reports. Waimea reports, 1830-1866, were from Gulick, G.B. Rowell, J.W. Smith, and Samuel Whitney.

Rev. John **Fawcett** Pogue

From Rev. John Fawcett Pogue of Koloa, are typescript copies of letters, July 1844-January 1848, to Hall, Chamberlain, Castle, and Chamberlain and Hall.

Rev. George Berkeley Rowell

Rice, Mrs William Hyde

*Typescript copies of letters from Mrs. Rice to Eleanor Boyden
Nov 1931 - Mar. 1937*

Similar in scope are the letters, December 1842-November 1848, of Rev. George Berkeley Rowell, who wrote to Levi Chamberlain, and Castle and Hall from Waioli, Koloa Waimea, others. The letters are typescript copies.

James W. Smith, M.D.

Illustrating the life and career of Dr. James W. Smith are photocopied excerpts of his handwritten journal, dating from March 1, 1855-April 22, 1866 (including a record of his parents, himself, and his siblings), January 1-December 29, 1878. The latter excerpt also includes a list of sermons read at English meeting, June 1878-July 1879; and Dr. Smith's notes on the weather, January 1878-May 1879.

John Stetson

Also included are typescript copies of letters to Chamberlain and Hall, August 1839-August 1843, written from Koloa.

Reuben Tinker

A few typescript copies of letters, August 1836-July 1840, by Tinker to Chamberlain, Castle, and Hall, were written from Koloa and are also included

Maria Kapule Whitney

The letters of Maria Kapule Whitney, February 1846-February 1848, to S.N. Castle and E.O. Hall, were written from Lahaina and Waimea, Kaua'i. These letters provide information about supplies and books needed, cash supplies, and family news.

* **Mercy P. Whitney**
Samuel Whitney

Whitney's letters, January 1824-September 1845, span twenty-one years of his work in Kaua'i and Waimea. Like his fellow missionaries, he wrote primarily to Chamberlain, Castle, and Hall. A separate folder contains typescript copies of letters, 1820-1830, written primarily to New England relatives. These personal letters also discuss Whitney's activities, with slightly more family news than his business correspondence.

Abner Wilcox

The letters of Abner Wilcox were written while he was in Hilo, Waialua, and Waioli, with a few from other places. Like the others in this collection, these are typescript copies of letters, June 1837-November 1870, written to Chamberlain, Hall, and Castle.

Elsie Wilcox

In addition to the transcripts of letters held by the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society collected by Elsie Wilcox, this collection also contains her own handwritten notes and writings. There are three folders of notes and incomplete writings on stationery of Kilauea Volcano House, for her paper, "Hanalei in History." These notes possibly date from April 26, 1917, as this date appears on some of her notes, but may not be accurate for all of the writings. A few copies of the notes also are included. Researchers should also see Elsie Wilcox paper in The Kaua'i Papers Collection.

The collection also includes an undated handwritten notebook and notes, and writings, and handwritten and typewritten copies of notes on Lawai and Nomilo Fiih Pond, as told to Wilcox by Alex McBryde on February 17, 1923.

* Typescript copies of letters from Mercy Whitney to friends & family between May 1824 - Dec 1848. Originals at Mission Children's

Lucy E.H. Wilcox2

This file consists of typescript copies of letters written while Lucy Wilcox was in Hilo, February 1839-December 1846, to Lucia G. Lyons, Waimea, concerning her activities and family matters.

Container List

Box	Folder	
1	1	Burnham, Charles, Manager of Koloa Plantation Originals and Typescript Copies of Letters to PA. Brinsmade, of Ladd & Co., 1840 (donated by Arthur C. Alexander, 1941)
1	2	Burnham, Charles, Manager of Koloa Plantation Typescript copies of letters, July 1841-May 1845
1	3	Franklin, Lady Jane Griffin Article, "Around the Island," by Mary Salisbury, <u>The Garden Island</u> , September 28, 1937, a biography of Franklin during her visit to Kaua'i in 1861
1	4	Franklin, Lady Jane Griffin Typescript Article Letter, 1873 and Postcard about "The Lady Franklin Cape," from <u>Bishop Museum Memoirs</u> , vol. VII, 1919, pp. 2829, re: a feather cape from Kamehameha IV
1	5	Franklin, Lady Jane Griffin Typescript Manuscript, "Lady Franklin and the Sandwich Islands, written for Kaua'i Historical Society by Ethel M. Damon; Letter, March 4, 1953, to Damon from Frances J. Woodward
1	6	Gulick , Rev. Peter J. Typescript copies of letters, November 1829-December 1834
1	7	Typescript copies of letters, January 1835-December 1838
1	8	Typescript copies of letters, January 1839-August 1843
1	9	Hooper, William Typescript excerpts from letters to Ladd & Co., Honolulu, re: to Koloa, 1836-1840 (donated by Arthur C. Alexander, 1935)
1	10	Hooper, William Typescript copies of letters about Hooper letters and papers, 1925-1926; list of facts and vouchers in <u>Ladd & Co. vs. Hawaiian Islands</u>
1	11	Johnson, Rev. Edward Typescript copies of letters, April 1838-December 1844
1	12	Typescript copies of letters, January 1845-December 1848
1	13	Judd, Gerrit P. Typescript copies of letters, January-March 1832

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1	14	Maps with place names from Francis Gay's book (from Ethel M. Damon)
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1	16	Typewritten and handwritten notes and writings, probably by Ethel Wilcox, on locations and descriptions; some arranged by district, taken from various sources, Kauai Winds (names)
		Knapp, Charlotte Close
1	17	Typescript excerpt from book II of journal, January 1839
		Knapp, Horton Owen
1	18	Typescript excerpts from journals, 1836-1842
		Lafon, Thomas
2	1	Typescript copies of letters, October 1837-October 1842
		Missions - Station and School Reports, Koloa, 1835-1866
2	2	Typescript copies from American Protestant mission at Koloa, written by P.J. Gulick; T. Lafon, W.P. Alexander, John F. Pogue, J.W. Smith, from Waimea, written by Gulick, G.B. Rowell, Smith, S. Whitney
		Missions - Station and School Reports, Waioli. 1835-1863
2	3	Typescript copies from American Protestant mission, written by Alexander, E. Johnson, and Rowell; Waioli Select School, by A. Wilcox
		Missions - Station and School Reports, Waimea, 1830-1866
2	4	Typescript copies from American Protestant mission, written by Gulick, Rowell, Smith, Whitney
		Pogue, Rev. John Fawcett
2	5	Typescript copies of letters, July 1844-January 1848
2	6. 1	Rice, William Hyde Mrs. to Eleanor Boyden
2	6	Rowell, Rev. George Berkeley
		Typescript copies of letters, December 1842-November 1848
		Smith, James W., M.D.
		Photocopy of handwritten journal
2	7	March 1, 1855-August 15, 1861 (excerpts)
2	8	January 1, 1862-April 22, 1866 with family record (excerpts)
2	9	January 1-June 30, 1878
2	10	July 1-December 29, 1878; sermons read at English meeting, June 1878-July 1879, notes on weather, January 1878-May 1879
		Stetson, John
2	11	Typescript copies of letters, August 1839-August 1843

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		Tinker, Reuben
2	12	Typescript copies of letters, August 1836-July 1840
		Whitney, Maria Kapule
2	13	Typescript copies of letters, February 1846-February 1848
2	13.1	Whitney, Mercy P. typescript copy of letters May 1824-December
		Whitney, Samuel
3	1	Typescript copies of letters, January 1824-December 1830
3	2	Typescript copies of letters, February 1831-December 1834
3	3	Typescript copies of letters, January 1835-December 1838
3	4	Typescript copies of letters, January 1839-December 1841
3	5	Typescript copies of letters, January 1842-September 1845
3	6	Typescript copies of letters, X320-1830, primarily to New England relatives
		Wilcox, Abner
3	7	Typescript copies of letters, June 1837-December 1843
3	8	Typescript copies of letters, January 1844-December 1845
3	9	Typescript copies of letters, January 1846-November 1870
		Wilcox, Elsie
3	10-12	Handwritten notes and partial writings for paper, "Hanalei in History," April 26, 1917(?)
3	13	Handwritten Notebook and notes, n.d.; also writings
3	14	Handwritten and typewritten copies of Notes on Lawai and Nomilo Fii Pond, told by Alex. McBryde February 17, 1923
		Wilcox, Lucy E.H.
3	15	Typescript copies of letters, to Lucia G. Lyons, Waimea, February 1839-December 1846