

Finding Aid
to the
Jacob Hardy Family Papers
1855-1915

Kaua'i Historical Society
Lihue, Kaua'i, Hawaii

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1 box 0.5 cubic feet

Abstract

The collection consists of typescripts of letters between family members dating from 1871 to 1915, and a family history, compiler not known, This group of papers remains in its original, chronological order, in a plastic binding. A transmittal letter is included.

There are five appointment documents for Jacob Hardy and one for his grandson, Daniel William Dean. One of the documents is original; the others are typescript or copied. The Oath of Allegiance for Jacob Hardy is an original document.

All of the photographs in this collection are photocopies, with the exception of one original photograph of Daniel William Dean.

Mrs. John Gregory, a granddaughter of Jacob Hardy donated this material in 1988.

Biographical Sketch

Judge Jacob Hardy was born at South Danvers (now Peabody), Massachusetts in 1827. After attending the local schools, he became a student at Amherst College, graduating in 1849. He was in poor health, and his physician suggested that he seek a more moderate climate than that of New England. He sailed around the Horn to Honolulu, and after a brief stay there, moved to Maui where he was employed in the sugar industry.

After a few years he returned to Honolulu where he was employed as a government clerk. In 1855, he was appointed Circuit Judge of Kauai, a post he held until **1863**, when he resigned and moved to California. In 1877, he returned to Kauai, receiving appointments as Appraiser of Lands **for** Kauai, and Road Supervisor for the Koloa District, and in 1882, was once again appointed Circuit Judge for Kauai. He retired from the position of Circuit Court Judge in 1912, having completed a total of forty-three years of service.

Judge Hardy acted as assistant to Governor Paul Kanoa when required.

Jacob Hardy married Elizabeth Andrews in 1852, and they had five children before her death in 1868. His second marriage was to Mary McLean, and they had **one** child. During Judge Hardy's first appointment, the family resided at Malumalu, a thatched house in Lihue. When he returned to Kauai for his second appointment, he resided at various locations, finally settling into the Fair View House, a boarding house in Lihue, with his wife Mary, where he resided until the time of his death.

The Kauai Bar passed a resolution honoring Judge Hardy noting his wisdom, his decisions, and his piety. Jacob Hardy died in Lihue in 19 15.

Container List

Box 1 Folder

- 1 Hardy Family History.
Typescript genealogy and family letters; includes a letter of transmittal dated June 15, 1986 from Barbara Smith to Mary Gregory
- 2 Hardy appointment documents
 - Transmittal document from W.L. Lee to Jacob Hardy dated January 12, 1855, for the commission of Circuit Judge (document not included)
 - Appraiser of Lands, Island of Kauai, July 12, 1878 (photocopy)
 - Road Supervisor, District of Koloa, July 13, 1878 (photocopy)
 - Circuit Judge, fourth judicial district, May 17, 1882 (photocopy)
 - Circuit Judge, fourth judicial district, May 17, 1890 (photocopy)
 - Commissioner of Boundaries, March 3 1, 1902 (original)
- 3 Hardy document - Allegiance to King Kalakaua
June 8, 1878 (original)
- 4 Hardy speech to King Kalakaua after his return from an around the world trip
In 1881 (original, handwritten)
- 5 An ancient trial in the District Court of Waimea by Jacob Hardy and Christopher Hofgaard - a presentation to the Kauai Historical Society on Nov. 24, 19 19. A photocopy of the original written by J. Hardy & dated Feb. 3, 1896; and a typescript copy by C. Hofgaard.
- 6 Hardy Family photographs (photocopies)
 - Daughters Alice, Mary & Margaret, along with biographical data Sarah McLean Hardy (Gregory)
 - Grandchildren Daniel William Dean and Alice Dean Hoskins
 - Daniel William Dean 19 18 (original)
- 7 Hardy, Mary Herrick (186 1 - 189 1) probate documents
- 8 Dean Daniel William, appointment to Probation Officer
Sept. 15, 1915, appointment to Probation Officer of the Juvenile Court of the Fifth Circuit Court. Typescript and oath.