

**Finding Aid to the
HANAIEI POLICE AND COURT
Records**

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HANAIEI POLICE AND COURT records, 1933-1947

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Abstract

The Hanalei Police District was the northernmost of the six Police Districts on Kauai'i. The normal function of Police District personnel was to enforce local ordinances and apprehend and try those guilty of such petty crimes and misdemeanors as assault, fornication or adultery, theft, breaking and entering, and traffic violations. During World War II with the imposition of Martial Law the Chief of each of the districts was appointed by the U. S. Military as "the absolute head in his district and all police, provisional police and all alerted staff heads such as communications, air raid warning, fire, transportation, medical and Red Cross . . .take their orders **directly** from him." (The Garden Island War Daily, December 11, 1941 p. 1) In addition to its traditional activities the police force was assigned the duties of maintaining the curfew from sunset to sunrise, ensuring that that blackout regulations were observed, monitoring compliance with regulations governing rationing and hoarding, and ensuring compliance with orders freezing supplies of building materials, barbed wire, and other commodities needed by the military. The records include warrants of arrest, arrest records and record of court action and sentences imposed, reports of police investigations of thefts and break-ins, and coroners reports.

Scope and Contents

Complaints and warrants of arrest for the years 1933, 1934, and 1937 are instructions to the Hanalei police to arrest offenders and bring them to the Police Court for trial at a specified time.

Arrest records for the years 1940 and 1942 contain the records of arrest and trial for offences committed during those years including the arrest of groups of persons for gambling and vagrancy.

Coroner's reports for 1942 and 1943 give the details of one death by drowning, one suicide by hanging, and the death of a child who fell into a cesspool.

There is one record of arrest for violation of blackout regulations in April 1942 and a petition to commit Elizabeth Mano Lindsey to the Hawaii State Insane Asylum in March of that year.

A miscellaneous group of records for the years 1929, 1931, 1937, 1938, 1941, 1944, and 1947 include reports of police investigations of break-ins, reports of arrest for traffic violations, for adultery, for child abuse, for gambling, and a report of accidental drowning at Haena Beach in 1944.

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The Radio Operator Examination administered in September 1944 contains the questions and the correct answers.

The Selective Service Listing of October 26, 1940 contains the names, residence and "nationality" (sic.) of the 81 men who had registered for the draft.

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- 1 **Complaint and Warrant of Arrest 1933, 1934, 1937**
- 2 **Arrest Records; Gambling in Kilauea, August 11, 1940**
- 3 **Arrest Records 1942**
- 4 **Arrest Records; Gambling in Hanalei May 13, 1942 Game of Uchikau**
- 5 **Arrest Records; Gambling in Japanese Camp July 18, 1942 Uchikau and dice**
- 6 **Arrest Records, Vagrancy September 6 and 8, 1942**
A group of men were charged with failure to report for at least 20 days work with the Rilkauaea Sugar Company during the preceding month and were sentenced to 20 days of hard labor. Sentence suspended provided they report for work.
- 7 **Coroners reports 1942 and 1943**
- 8 **Arrest Records; violation of blackout hours, Hanalei April 14, 1942**
Mrs. Zaima's children were playing with gas masks and forgot to pull down the blackout curtain in the bedroom. She was fined \$10.
- 9 **Petition to Commit Elizabeth Mano Lindsey, March 31, 1942**
Mrs. Lindsey's husband reported that his wife had been suicidal, had religious delusions and was hysterical. Her personal physician who had hospitalized her at Wilcox Hospital for ten days of treatment confirmed this. The court granted the petition to commit her to the State Hospital at Kaneohe, Oahu.

