

Finding Aid
for the
ETHEL DAMON NOTES
NOT USED IN KOAMALU

Kauai Historical Society
Lihue, Kauaⁱ, Hawaii

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Damon Papers

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Abstract

This collection of notes covers a wide range of topics including: the use of paper money on Kauai, letters, miscellaneous notations, descriptions of property, description of a canoe trip around part of Kauai, notes by Mrs. J. C. Plews, information on Hawaiian Royalty and information on several prominent Kauaians.

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Biographical Sketch

Ethel Moseley Damon was born in Honolulu April 2, 1883, the daughter of Edward Chenery Damon and Cornelia Beckwith Damon. Her family was very involved in the early history of Hawaii. Her grandfather was the Rev. Samuel Chenery Damon, New England missionary, and chaplain of the Seamen's Chapel 1841- 1842. She was a direct descendant of John Damon, who came from Kent, England to Massachusetts in 1633, and of John Moseley, who moved from Lancastershire, England, to Dorchester, Massachusetts during early colonial days. She was the neice of Samuel Mills Damon, banker and minister of finance under the Hawaiian Monarchy, and of the Rev. Francis W. Damon of the Chinese Mission in Honolulu. Miss Damon's mother, Cornelia Beckwith, was a neice of the Rev. Dr. Edward Griffin Beckwith, first president of Oahu College (Punahou School) and first pastor of the Central Union Church, Honolulu.

Miss Damon grew up in Honolulu, graduated from Punahou School in 1901, and the Normal School in 1903. She continued her education at Wellesley College where she received her Bachelor's Degree in 1909.

From 1912 to 1917 she was on the faculty of Punahou School where she taught history, French and German. Following the United States entry into World War I, she enlisted in the canteen service of the American Red Cross in New York in December 1917. After Miss Damon arrived in France, she served as an interpreter in Paris and as a nurse's aide before being transferred to the children's department and assigned to serve under Miss Mabel I Wilcox in caring for refugee Belgian and French children in LaHavre, France.

When French authorities took over the work in March 1919, Miss Damon was decorated by the Mayor of LeHarvre with the medal of the city. She also received the Order of Elizabeth from the Queen of Belgian.

Before Miss Damon went overseas, she had written the 75th Anniversary Pageant of Punahou School. In 1920 she was author of both the historical pageant and the play which celebrated the Hawaiian Mission's Centennial.

Miss Damon was a prolific author, devoting a good part of her life to recording the early history of Hawaii. Her works were carefully researched and documented. Best known of her historical works is the two volume "Koamalu: A Story of Pioneers on Kauai and of What They Built in That Island Garden" published in 1931. This outstanding work is accepted as the basic history of Kauai.

She has written and edited many historical articles including the life of "Father Paris" of the Kona Mission. For her book, "Father Bond of Kohala," published in 1927, she made

many visits to Kohala and also went to Boston to consult the archives of the American Missions as well as to Hallowell, Maine, birthplace of the venerable Kohala missionary.

For many years Miss Damon lived as a close friend and companion of Miss Mabel Isabel Wilcox in Lihue. She is responsible for much of the recorded information about George N. Wilcox, his life and work at Grove Farm Homestead ..

After a long illness, Miss Damon passed away at Wilcox Hospital on April 1, 1965. She was survived by two nephews, Damon Gifford and Wayne L. Damon, both of Honolulu, and a neice, Mrs. Damon Riddle of Connecticut.

Scope and Contents

Notes on the Use of Paper Money on Kauai

A hand written letter on two sheets of note paper (5 x 4 inches) written in Honolulu dated June 21, 1841 to Mr. Ladd of Ladd Company in which consent is given to accept paper money for land taxes and labor taxes on Kauai. Signature of the sender is not legible.

A hand written letter on four sheets of note paper (5 x 4 inches) dated February 6, 1842 to Mathew Kekuanaoa from Eke Opunnui who states that he refused to accept paper money for land tax from the agents on his land, and a request for immediate information regarding the matter of paper money versus coin.

Two hand written notes. The first is dated September 1842 and states that Judd allowed Kauai paper money to be used for government taxes for a short time. The second is dated 1847 in which Brinswade et al claim taxes due the Hawaii Treasury Board for Ladd and Company to redeem paper money for taxes was only a memo, not an agreement.

Handwritten notes on two pages with information overlapping. Notes on a letter dated July 6, 1844 from E. Johnson in Waioli to W. P. Alexander in Lahainaluna with a request from Mr. Kellett for printing more paper money in all sizes from a whole dollar to 1/16. Handwritten notes on a letter dated November 15, 1844 to Brother A. covering a number of topics including: the fact that money had been delivered for Mr. Kellett; and a request to the Depository to charge \$6.50 As. and credit Mr. Andrews for that amount; a request for another hundred impressions of the money, and comments on the failure of Ladd & Co. on \$200,000 to \$50,000. The value of paper money is questioned. The letter has no signature.

Letters

Handwritten notes on a letter to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C. written on December 1, 1847 is incomplete. It discusses the employment by Ladd & Company of natives working without permission of chiefs, the problems and the benefits. There is no signature.

Letter to G. P. Judd, Esq. in Honolulu from Lorrin Andrews in Lahaina written on February 25, 1845 concerning money plates made for Mr. Bernard, Mr. Titcomb, Mr. Kellet, Mr. Bailey, and for the Seminary at Lahainaluna. There are comments about making Treasury Notes or Bills in the islands, as well as the quality of paper for paper money.

Letter to Ethel Damon from attorney, Lyle A. Dickey written on December 6, 1928 regarding the procedure for appointing judges on Kauai, and named who some of the judges were along with some dates.

Letter to Ethel Damon from Thos. G. Thrum, written on March 16, 1929 regarding the meaning of the place name "Lihue."

Letter to Ethel Damon from Theo G. Thrum, written July 3, 1929 regarding the ancient burial sites of Hawaiian Chiefs, including Kealiiahonui, and the Jarvis and McBryde version of the Mt. Kahili Platform Story.

Letter to Ethel Damon from Einshe Macfarlane written on June 26, 1930 with information on Mary Kaumana, descended from high alii on both her mother and father's families.

Letter to Ethel Damon from Thos. G. Thurs., June 30, 1930 in which Thrum answers six questions posed by Miss Damon:

- (1) Meaning of the word "Waialew."
- (2) Information regarding the proclamation of Kawanakoa, and Kalaniana'ole as Princes.
- (3) Use of the name "Kihio."
- (4) John Ii's appointment to the Supreme bench in January 1848 when the new Constitution came into being.
- (5) Mr. Thrum's visit with Mr. Rice who was recently appointed to appraise the Billy Pit Estate.
- (6) Mr. Thrum's comments regarding the validity of Professor Alexander's statement that Winship was the party who brought Kaumualii to Oahu to cede Kauai to Kamehameha

Letter to Ethel Damon from attorney, Lyle A. Dickey, July 14, 1930 regarding the lineage of Mrs. Widemann.

Letter to Ethel Damon from Thos. G. Thrum written on July 17, 1930 in which Mr. Thrum answers three questions posed by Miss Damon:

- (1) Mr. Thrum passed on information acquired from Mrs. L. Webb (one time Lady-In-Waiting to Queen Liliuokalani) in order to answer Miss Damon's question about descendants of Kaumualii, and Kalakaua's acceptance of their relationship to the King of Kauai
- (2) Mr. Rice left Punahou in 1854.
- (3) There were two Wm Pitt Leleiohokus, but Mr. Thrum didn't know their relationship. He understood that one was the son of Princess Ruth

Letter written to Dr. D. Brewer Eddy on August 25, 1936, by Bernice Judd, Librarian of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society regarding Rufus Anderson's General Letter to the Sandwich Islands Mission, Boston, July 21, 1837, and Boston, October 20, 1837, as well as information about five small pamphlets printed by the Lahainaluna Seminary Press during 1836 and 1837.

Miscellaneous

Definition of four Hawaiian words:

Lae Alakukui
Kaiki Laumaka
Ka Puu Koa

One page of handwritten notes entitled "Kauai His. Soc." There are approximate six lines of brief notations.

Recollections written by Mary Burbank of Koloa to D. R. Isenberg about the death of Mary's father on May 10, 1857. Mrs. Isenberg's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rice, had arrived to help Mary's mother. There is a description of Mary's father's grave site. Also there is a note regarding the Magazine Club, 1859 - 1860.

Extracts from the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Sandwich Islands' Mission held at Honolulu, June and July 1836 at which the duty of the churches to the heathen was discussed, and 12 resolutions were adopted.

Resolutions Relative to Points of Christian Duty Adopted by the Sandwich Islands' Mission, May 1837. It was decided that 1,000 copies of the Resolutions be printed on letter paper and employed by the members of the mission in their correspondence and otherwise as each one should judge best.

A list of schooners that sailed between Kauai and Honolulu (no date), and the names of steamers in 1853.

Kauai Notes

Handwritten notes entitled, "Bishop, Waimea, November 1823 that contain a description of Mr. Whitney's residence "Mahaihai," and the surrounding area. Also there is a description of the cottage where the author was staying, and a description of an encounter with Queen Tapule (Kapule).

Handwritten notes entitled "E. E. Bishop, 1823, The Friend Journal, Vol 58, No. 9, pp. 72 – 74, 82 – 83. These contain a description of "Mahaihai" the residence of Mr. Whitney and the surrounding area. There are comments of Bishop's 1838 visit with Kapule, notes about a storm, and notes about Holms' eight month visit on Kauai.

Handwritten account on W. P. Alexander's (Waioli) canoe trip around Kauai written on November 1, 1837.

Notes for Ethel Damon written by Mrs. J. C. Plews, C/O Bradford Dryers' Assoc. Ltd., 1 The Bund, Shanghai, China, P. O. Box 316. Topics include: the meaning and correct pronunciation of the word "Kauai"; "comments on the celebrated Chinese artist who painted Kaiana's portrait in Canton or Macao in 1787; the location of Kohalalele ten miles north of the source of the Wailua River; and information about the proverb, "all things come to Kauai."

Handwritten page entitled, "Notes: Kauai notes not used in 'Koamalu.'" This list includes:

E. E. Bishop's description of the Whitney Residence, 1823

Alexander's 1837 trips around Kauai and Alexander and Johnson's trip across the mountains.

Kauai Governors

Lihue, Lawai

Mother Rice

Recollections of Lucy Peabody

Mary Burbank of Koloa and Mother Rice

Mrs. Widemann

Courts of Kauai

Kauai, place names

Paper money and Ladd & Company

Extracts of General Meeting Minutes June-July, 1836, May 1937

Publication (early) of S. I. Mission,

Bernice Judd letter

People

Handwritten list of king, queen, chiefs, and children of royalty of Kauai

Handwritten page entitled, "Additional names supplied by S. W. Wilcox." This includes names of individuals in Lihue and Hanalei. On another page the same list is written with additional information written after some names.

Handwritten page entitled, "Hawaiians mentioned by Mr. W. H. Rice, Jr. in 'History of Lihue.'" This includes names in Lihue, a list of Kauai's governors, and Judge Kailihooda, 1851.

Handwritten page entitled, "Prominent Hawaiians of Kauai mentioned by W. O. Smith. Twelve individuals are noted with comments on eight. In addition there are names listed for Waimea, Lihue, Hanalei and Anahola

Memories of Father Lyons by Ethel Damon. This is a seven page typewritten story about Father Lyons of Waimea on the Big Island.

A brief portrayal of Queen Hina written by Lyle A. Dickey, April 29, 1929.

Miscellaneous Notes on Kauai History taken down by Ethel Damon consist of five typewritten pages of notes primarily devoted to information obtained from Mrs. Kalani Enriques, a descendant of Isaac Davis., Topics include:

The place name Lihue

Kauai's Governors

Lawai

George Davis

Mother Rice

Frances Gay

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