

Finding Aid for

KOLOA LEASES AND AGREEMENTS

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Abstract

This manuscript comprises seven folders containing photocopies and transcriptions of leases and agreements relating to properties at Koloa, Kauai, used for sugar and cattle production.

Historical Background

In 1833, three men in their twenties arrived in Hawaii, then known as the Sandwich Islands. They had each invested \$2,000.00 to form a mercantile company. Immediately successful, they expanded their scope to include development of a sugar plantation.

Though sugar had been processed on a small scale in Hawaii, this was to be a large-scale operation. The entrepreneurs found suitable land at Koloa, Kauai, where they had a branch store, and began development of Hawaii's first sugar plantation.

In 1835, the men leased approximately 1000 acres for 50 years at \$300.00 per year. A first in Hawaiian history, the lease marked a major change in policy concerning land control.

King Kamehameha III also leased land adjoining Koloa Plantation to John Stetson for a cattle ranching operation.

Content

Kamehameha III leases to Peter Allan Brinsmade, Wm. Ladd and William Hooper land for Koloa Plantation, the first commercial sugar plantation in Hawaii. The lease was authorized for 50 years at \$300.00 per year and is dated July 29, 1834, and correction to the property description dated July 27, 1839. Compact and agreement between the Hawaiian government and Ladd & Co. (operators of Koloa Plantation) submitting disputes relating to the plantation to arbitration. Dated July 13, 1846.

Agreement between Kamehameha III and Peter Allan Brinsmade, Wm. Ladd and William Hooper allowing the latter to use unoccupied/unused land on any of the

Hawaiian Islands for no more than 100 years on a joint stock capital basis. Brinsmade used this document in an attempt to raise capital in Belgium. Dated November 24, 1841.

Twenty- five year lease granted to John Stetson on land bordering Koloa Plantation for pasture of cattle. Written in English and Hawaiian and dated July 1, 1841, and a twenty-five year lease to John Stetson for 126 acres at \$96 per year. Written in English and Hawaiian and dated January 1, 1841.

Verbatim transcriptions of the scrawled copperplate script are included in the package.

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1	1	Koloa Plantation lease, 1834
	2	Corrections to lease, 1839.
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