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**“Connecticut, Tahiti, Kauai, Russia:  
Connecting the dots”!!!**

July 21 Talk Story  
Lihue Parrish Hall

**with Chris Cook**

The Kauai Historical Society  
presents  
**Christopher L. Cook**  
and his gripping  
Talk Story of  
**How one Hawaiian  
changed the history of  
Hawai'i and Kaua'i**



Tuesday, July 21, Lihue Parrish Hall,  
6:30 - 8:00, free admission

*The Providential Life  
& Heritage of*

# Henry Obookiah

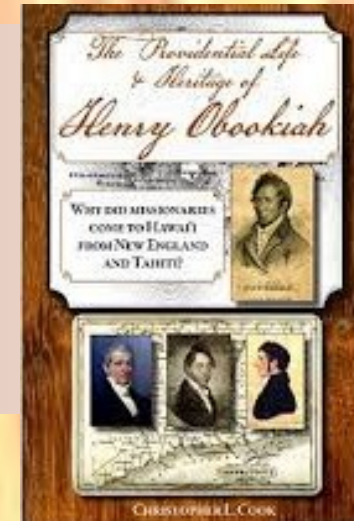
By author and former Garden Island Newspaper Editor

**CHRISTOPHER L. COOK**

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Lihue Parish Hall

(behind King Auto Center)



*"I took my leave of them and bid them farewell. . . . My parting with them was disagreeable to them and to me, but I was willing to leave all my relations, friends and acquaintance: expected to see them no more in this world."*

Henry 'Opukaha'ia, 1808

The *Triumph* then sailed from Kealakekua Bay with Henry Opukaha'ia on board. Kaua'i's history and all of Hawai'i would be changed forever.

What inspired missionaries to come to Hawai'i from New England and Tahiti? How did a 1808 Honolulu murder alter Hawai'i's history? Why were we declared a Christian Kingdom by 1840?

No one can tell a good story like Christopher L. Cook! In his new account of the life and times of Obookiah, Cook greatly expands on the little book, "Memoirs of Henry Obookiah". Chris will discuss the Kaua'i-related aspects to the famous Obookiah narrative and details of the connection between Obookiah and Caleb Brintnall, the sea captain who brought Obookiah to New Haven, Connecticut. Chris will also reveal Brintnall's role in Russia's explorations of the Pacific

Northwest and the building of Russian Fort Elisabeth (Pa'ula'ula heiau) during the Russian incident on Kaua'i in 1816-1817.

Cook will amaze you with surprising details concerning the life of the first native Hawaiian to become a Western scholar and Christian. Through research and some happenstance, Cook uncovered unexpected links between Hawai'i, Connecticut and Russia.

This is a talk story so rich in history that you will not want to miss it!!