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Abstract

This family history begins with two Hawaiians, one from Hana and one from Kona, each traveling from their home island to Kaua'i, Tani Uuma and Nipoa Kilauea Kilima, who have a daughter born in Haena in 1864 whom they name Julia Alapai. In a chance meeting with Joseph Scharsch, a luna on the Kilauea Sugar Plantation, a dynasty is born.

Joseph was 18 – he was lonely and seeking a wife. A friend gathers a group of single young girls, and Joseph selects Julia, who was 14; three days later they become man and wife. Their 52-year marriage produces 13 children – many will stay on Kauai and influence the history of this land.

Joseph Scharsch (1849-1933) was born in Alsace, Lorraine to a large family, seeking his fortune with \$1,000 given to him by his father, and a Bible. He travels to Panama, then Los Angeles, and finally Honolulu, where he meets Charles Titcomb, who helps him secure a job as baker in a restaurant. Later they travel to Hanalei, where he becomes a luna on the Kilauea Sugar Plantation.

The material within this collection follows the second daughter of the Scharsch family, Catherine Puakou Scharsch (1882-1961) and her marriage to Edward Joseph Morgan (1858-1934).

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of one volume, organized in March 2007 by Sally Morgan Brecht and Linda Paik Moriarity. In addition to the material which follows the Hawaiian line of Julia Alapai, there are additional genealogies – Scharsch and Morgan.

The entire collection is a photocopy of original documents and photographs. There are 55 leaves of photographs, which also include a 1931 Kapaa High School newspaper article about Albert Morgan; a photograph of the Roxy theatre and a copy of the theatre ticket for the Roxy.

A letter written by Margaret Scharsch Hamamoto to Joan Tetu, dated April 7, 1972, outlines her experience on Ni'ihau during a summer teaching assignment in the 1960s.

There is an extensive section which includes excerpts of Beatrice Puamikilona Scharsch Lovell's oral history form 1980, which covers 15 pages and includes additional prints.

Next is the certificate of Hawaiian birth of Catherine Puakou Scharsch Morgan, born in 1882, followed by her marriage certificate to Edward Joseph Morgan in 1902, and an invitation to their wedding reception.

The Morgan record continues with a birth certificate for Helen Katherine Leimoni Morgan on August 17, 1904, and baptismal records for Alice Leilani Morgan and Catherine Puakou Scharsch.

There are two letters from Catherine Scharsch Morgan to her son Arthur, dated January 7, 1946 and March 19, 1937.

A certificate of residency for Joseph Scharsch is dated October 2, 1894. And a letter of thanks to Mrs. Morgan from Robert R. Young dates from June 17, 1943.

Finally, the obituary of Catherine Puakou Scharsch, July 12, 1961, outlines the life and times of Mrs. Morgan, along with the children and their accomplishments.

Genealogies include descendants of Tani Uuma (2 documents); Robert Dalton Morgan (2 documents) Joseph Scharsch II (1849-1933) details and narrative. There are additional photographs of Joseph Scharsch's father and his family from Alsace Lorraine (3 leaves).

Biographical Notes

When Joseph Scharsch (1849-1933) married Julia Alapai (1864-1930) they were 18 and 14 years old respectively, and would spend the next 52 years of marriage rearing 12 of their children, sharing this responsibility with her parents, Uuma and Kilauea, who would remain active throughout their lives with their children and grandchildren. Uuma was a fisherman by trade. The entire family becomes Catholic as Joseph Scharsch was an active church member and raised Catholic in Alsace, Lorraine – two of his brothers would become priests as their life's work.

The children of Joseph and Julia were:

1. Helen Mary Scharsch (1890-1900) she dies of pneumonia at age 18
2. Catherine Puakou Scharsch (1882-1961) – she married Edward Joseph Morgan (1858-1934) a head plantation carpenter, originally from New York City. She becomes an authority on Hawaiian arts, quilting, weaving of hats and baskets, and feather lei
3. Frank Scharsch (1884-)
4. Robert Scharsch (1886-)
5. Jennifer – adopted to Mrs. Akana, who had four sons and wished for the joy of a daughter in the family
6. Edward Scharsch (1890-)
7. Beatrice Puamikimalia Scharsch (1892-) who marries Enoka Lovell and gives an excellent and extensive oral history of her family, the basis of this collection
8. Charles Scharsch (1892-)
9. Joseph Scharsch (1894-1969)
10. Agnes Keomooopu Scharsch (1896-) who marries William Fernandez, the owner of the Roxy Theatre in Kapaa
11. William Scharsch (1902-1902)
12. Margaret Miulana Scharsch (1903-1973)
13. Eileen Iwakiani Scharsch (1905-)

The children of Catherine Puakou Scharsch (1882-1961) and Edward Joseph Morgan (1858-1934) are:

1. Helen Morgan (1904-2001) married name Rodriques who was a teacher on Kauai for 36 years
2. Edward Joseph Morgan Jr. (1905-1967) became the manager/chief engineer of the Board of Water Supply, Honolulu
3. Albert S. Morgan (1908-2001) who marries Helen Farias (1915-2002); attended college in California, became the electrical superintendent of McBryde Sugar
4. Arthur Henry Morgan (1910-1984) his career was in the research department of the University of Kentucky, Knoxville
5. Alice Morgan (1912-) married name Paik

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6. Elaine Morgan (1913-1921)
7. Ramona Kealoha (Beatrice) Morgan 1915-2002
8. Sanford Morgan (1918-) worked at the U.S. Post Office, San Francisco
9. Alvin (Pono) Morgan 1922-1998) involved in the electronics field, San Francisco

Albert Morgan is educated in Oakland, California at the Polytechnic Institute of Engineering. He returned to Kaua'i, working at Lihue Plantation as a mill electrician, later at Mutual Telephone, where he met Helen Farias, who will become his wife. Morgan also managed the Roxy Theatre – maintaining the equipment and installing stereo equipment. During WWII, he worked in radar generators and airport lighting. After the war ended, he opened a Ramsey appliance and equipment dealership, leaving in 1953 to work with McBryde Sugar, with major responsibility for equipment for Kauai Electric.

The Albert S. Morgan is well remembered on Kaua'i for the enclosure of the swimming area at Lydgate Park. During a family visit in 1958, in Serranto, Italy, he saw a similar enclosure. With the help of Billy Fernandez, a State Senator, the project was completed in 1964.

Albert and Helen Morgan had five children: Albert, Jr., Sally, Katherine, Nancy and Carol.

Also includes a 10-year lease with Waemon Shigeta for lands in Moloaa that E.J. Morgan signed in 1923.