

Finding Aid

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Hurricane Iwa Scrapbook

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Hurricane Iwa landed on Kauai on November 23, 1982 causing destruction across the island. The frequency of hurricane strength storms is unpredictable, the hurricane season runs from January to November. The last hurricane was Dot in 1959. In 1982 many of the residents on Kauai had never experienced a hurricane and the population had grown by 37% between 1960 and 1980.

The weather service was aware of a tropical storm in the area - satellite images showing the location 600 miles south of the islands. Monday evening November 22nd the situation changed dramatically - a hurricane was headed for Kauai and Niihau. A hurricane watch was announced on November 22nd at 11 PM, many on Kauai would awaken to the announcement on the 23rd that the watch was now a warning. Some children were already in classrooms, parents would hear the news on their car radios on the way to work. Mayor Malapit closed all county offices and the residents began their preparations to secure their properties.

Susan Matsumoto and her husband were at home in Kalaheo and their preparations would begin as the day started. This scrapbook outlines their personal story, and provides newspaper reports for the recovery across the island.

Additional resources:

Tales of the tempests / the hurricanes of Kauai by Sheila Heathcote Arthur;
Primitive Graffiti Publishing, c2001

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This scrapbook is 18 x 12 inches, without page numbers -which have been added in brackets to assist users. Multiple newspaper articles appear on the remaining pages of the scrapbook, most lack publication dates. Only a few items are noted, flip through the pages to find additional articles of interest. Articles are not all in chronological order. Full newspaper issues follow. The deed of gift and finding aid are in a separate folder in front of the scrapbook.

Finding Aid:

- [1] Susan Y. Matsumoto's personal experience beginning November 23, 1982, Hurricane Iwa announcement, the preparations, arrival and aftermath
- [2] Hurricane aims for Kauai -The Garden Island Newspaper, November 23, 1982
- [3] Kauai Times - letters to the editor regarding county response to hurricane
- [4] Interview with Freckles Smith /possible financial help for repair of county buildings
- [5] Iwa damage threatens Kauai interior
- [6] Spring comes early to Olu Pua Gardens
- [7] Plans mulled to rebuild roads - Honolulu Advertiser, February 8, 1983
- [8] Hawaiian Air discounts airfares / telephone company had damages,
- [9] Council sets Iwa hearings - The Garden Island, February 18, 1983
- [10] National Guard honored for Iwa assistance
- [11] Governor Ariyoshi: waiting for federal funds
- [12] Baldwin House in Poipu-photographs of damages
- [13] Daniel K. Inouye was on Kaua'i during Hurricane Iwa
- [14] Iwa debris - Honolulu Advertiser Feb. 22, 1983 - endangers forest lands
- [15] Mayor honors to many who helped after the hurricane
- [16] Water issues - rates to increase up to 55% for customers
- [17] Kauai Police Department honors officers
- [18] Hanalei Museum still under repair; State Legislature to help fund repairs
- [19] Sea Bees at Pacific Missile Range work on clearing the beach
- [20] Iwa meeting is light and breezy
- [21] Kauai writes new chapter on soggy books at Kauai Community College
- [22] Free tax help-March 9, 1983
- [23] Iwa relief funding slashed by State Senate
- [24] Tree work on Tunnel of Trees/ Banana plants recovering
- [25] Sheraton reopens on March 8 to a full house
- [26] Arthur Kinney reports on Prince Kuhio Park repairs
- [27] Uncle Louie (Louis Almodora) "visitor greeter" at Salt Pond Park -
- [28] Kilauea residents "helped themselves" March 11, 1983
- [29] Prince Kuhio Park will open to celebrate his birthday March 26
- [30] "Pure luck" no one died- Kauai Times
- [31] Kauai viewed in visitor's poetry
- [32] Public dump sites now closing/ FEMA sends checks to island

- [33] People of Anahola forgotten
- [34] Anahola? Where is it?
- [35] Poipu Beach Hotel reopens/ Lions present check for Iwa fund
- [36] More Hurricane meeting notes
- [37] Papaya farmers hurting - can't wait for state aid
- [38] Hawaii State Teachers Association: schools need disaster plans
- [39] Koloa folks critical of Iwa response
- [40] Expert faults forecasters
- [41] Ham operators praised - Honolulu Advertiser March 30, 1983
- [42] Kauai telephone operations back to normal-The Garden Island, March 30, 1983
- [43] Million dollar Iwa claim- insurance company sued
- [44] Kauai amateur ham radio club weathered Iwa
- [45] Communication stressed in hurricane response meeting
- [46] Future of Port Allen uncertain
- [47] State to evict Serenity House / more road repairs
- [48] Olokele most efficient sugar company/ New enterprise at Kokee Park
- [49] At the Capitol: Kauai gets funds
- [50] Task force plans hot line
- [51] New district engineer -his new priorities
- [52] Beach House restaurant, demolished, seeks permit to rebuild
- [53] Port Allen to be repaired; hiking trails still damaged
- [54] New weather satellite replaces one destroyed by Iwa
- [55] El Nino blamed for hurricane disaster
- [56] Kauai County building repairs
- [57] Emergency sirens - 11 on island, only 6 worked
- [58] Salvation Army: soup, soap, salvation
- [59] Kauai Coast Guard reborn- Congress helps
- [60] State giving Kauai funds for damage/ Surf after Iwa
- [61] Storm proofing coastal hoes
- [62] Waimea wharf photograph-it may become a remnant
- [63] Marie M. Mitchel - Mama Mitchell - her stories
- [64] Civil defense - lessons learned from Iwa
- [65] Sheraton lost 40 feet of shoreline to Iwa, gains 20 feet of Poipu shore
- [66] Haraguchi Rice Mill-victim of Iwa, hoping to rebuild
- [67] Lihue Lutheran Church - rebuilding photographs
- [68] Lihue Lutheran Church-new steeple attached
- [69] Hurricane tips from FEMA
- [70] Hanalei Bay Resort reopens for July 4th
- [71] Rebuilding the rocky shoreline in Poipu
- [72] Hawaii Air Guard honors Kauai men for Iwa service
- [73] State offers advice - 2 storms already in the Pacific
- [74] Nawiliwili Machine Shop- before and after photos
- [75] Are you ready for a blow?
- [76] Kalapaki Bay's Kauai Surf Side Deli reopens

- (77] Royal low bidder for jeep trails needed to clean Kokee
- (78] Ways to clean up after a storm
- (79] Hurricane lessons for everyone
- (80] "I survived Iwa" tee shirt design

Newspapers : full issues:

The Garden Island: November 29, 30, 1982
December 1, 6, 10,13, 14 1982
Special issue s: December 3, 1982;
January 25, 1983, February 1, 1983

Kauai Times : December 1, 8 , 1982

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