

Finding Aid

to

Bob Schleck – Seven Kauai Projects

1987 – 2008

Kauai Historical Society

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Scope and Content

This collection is a small sample Schleck's years of involvement caring for the places and peoples of Kauai. There are seven areas included: Koloa Marketplace, Lihue Historic Core and Civic Center areas, the Hanalei Road and Taro cultivation, the Kilauea Lighthouse, Maha'ulepu, and the Lihue Plantation Mill and Haleko Road. All were major issues in the late 1980s and into the early 2000s. The material in this archive is limited in volume, while showing his ability to network with others to improve our communities.

Biography

Robert J. Schleck's appreciation for historic sites began when he helped restore an old building his father had acquired in Wanakee, Wisconsin.

He moved to Kauai in 1969. In 1971 Bob began working for Mabel Wilcox to inventory the family collections at Grove Farm – George Wilcox's plantation home. Miss Mabel Wilcox, his niece, was a lifelong preservationist. She bequeathed the homestead, Waioli Mission and Mahamoku Beach houses, and other historic sites to the community, with Bob helping her with the planning process.

As Director of the Museum, Bob's ability to manage projects and obtain grants to fund preservation was a perfect fit – he opened the historic locations to the public and developed programs highlighting the unique history of Kauai. He authored The Wilcox Quilts in Hawaii, and was the driving force of obtaining and maintaining the largest collection of operating Hawaiian stream locomotives in the world.

Recognized as a leader, he served as Co-Chair of the Kauai County Building Restoration Committee for 22 years; President of the Hawaii Museums Association, and on the board of the Lihue Cemetery. The Kauai Historical Society valued his 45-year membership, and his participation as an active Board member. He was an expert in preservation and motivation, assisting many others with their projects.

After Hurricanes Iwa and Iniki, his knowledge, supervision and foresight helped fully restore the Waioli Corporation's properties for generations to enjoy. Bob was often called upon to help others with projects – and his guidance was always appreciated.

Bob Schleck is remembered as being ready to help in preservation, historical research, assist in island conservation, and motivation. He passed away on October 15, 2018. His contributions to Kauai are too numerous to count.

This material with donated to the Kauai Historical Society anonymously, and is open to research.

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| 1 | 1 | Finding aid and deed of gift |
| | 2 | Koloa Marketplace : 1987-2006
Kauai County Planning Department Use permit U-88-6 sets hearing date September 9, 1987 for a commercial complex of 51,280 square feet at the intersection of Maluhia and Koloa roads, includes a County of Kauai Planning Department Staff Report
Letter from the Planning Department to Pacific Operations and Development Company approval dated September 28, 1987, with two documents related to various details about the Koloa Marketplace project
Koloa Community Association letter dated January 4, 2006 to the County Planning Department regarding collector road status for Weliweli Road related to the development of the Historic Koloa Village development in Koloa
Kauai County Planning Department hearing date January 24, 2006, Staff report includes changes, departmental comments, footprint of the development increased to 76,200 square feet of retail space, 15 p.
Carol Ann Davis email to Bob Schleck on March 10, 2006 concerning changes to the Koloa Marketplace development plans
Bob Schleck letter to the Kauai Planning Commission opposing any development along the main road in Koloa, June 2, 2006 |
| 3 | | Lihue Historic Corridor, 1999
List of heritage buildings
Kona Heritage Corridor Feasibility Report July 1999, 50 p. |
| 4 | | Lihue Town Charrette: 2002 Urban Design for Lihue Town
prepared by AIA Hawaii; presentation dates June 22 and 29, 2002; with four emails to Bob Schleck June 17 th through 25 th and July 19 th 2002 |
| 5 | | Lihue Civic Center Improvements Master Plan: preparation of materials:
January 21, 2004: Conceptual alternatives nos .1 and 2, including maps, received by email
January 22, 2004: reviews 2 plans from the developer
December 7, 2004: Lihue Town Core Draft Vision Statement, Goals and Objectives, prepared by Pat Griffin
January 10, 2005 Agenda for January 26 th public meeting announcement: Lihue Town and Lihue Civic Center Projects |
| 6 | | Hanalei Road 2002 : Hawaii Department of Transportation announces public hearing July 17, 2002 for the Comprehensive Roadway Plan for Kuhio Highway Route 560 from Princeville to Kee Beach, includes map
Hanalei Roads Committee: Building on the Past, Traveling to the Future - announcing the meeting on the 25 th year of the Comprehensive Roadway plan Route 560 – Princeville to Kee Beach |

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- 7 Hanalei Road – background information 1978-1978
 Two letters from by Professor Timothy Earle who researched the history of Hanalei taro farming for his doctoral thesis:
 Correspondence to Sampson S. Mar of Wilson Okamoto & Associates dated March 7, 1978 stating changes in the taro ditch system, which still maintains its 1850 footprint would damage existing taro cultivation and limit expansion of taro farming. Copied to Bob Schleck
 Correspondence to the Acting Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation regarding probable road work impact on taro farming areas, dated March 9, 1978. Correspondence forwarded to Sophie Cuff on April 10, 1979, with attachments
- 8 Kilauea Point Lighthouse 2002 Restoration Committee
 Description of project and background information packet dated February 20, 2002. Letter to Bob Schleck dated March 12, 2002 with meeting notes
- 9 Malama Maha'ulepu : March 2002
 Mission of Malama Maha'ulepu
 Why Save Maha'ulepu? Malama Maha'ulepu Newsletter Summer 2003
 Could History be Repeated?
 Booklet: Maha'ulepu : Kauai's Heritage Coast – setting, resources and history by Malama Maha'ulepu, a community project, 27p.
- 10 Lihue Plantation Mill, Haleko Road, Lihue Kauai: 2004 Nomination form:
 America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. Prepared by Pat Griffin. Includes Historic Hawaii Foundation Nomination, newspaper article April 4, 2001, supporting documents and maps, letters of support from Waioli Mission House and Grove Farm Homestead, Barnes Riznik and the Kauai Historical Society
 List of winning entries – emailed to Bob Schleck on May 27, 2004
 Lihue Plantation Locomotive Rail Line Proposal, Nuhou Corporation and Grove Farm property list May 8, 2001, 2 pages
- 11 State Representative Hermina Morita testified against the Bureau of Land and Natural Resources application for vehicular and utility access mauka of an existing taro farm in Waioli, Hanalei July 25, 2003. She recommended additional protections to protect taro operations, via letter to Mayor Bryan Baptiste
 July 29 email from Belles Graham Proudfoot & Wilson, attorneys at law to Bob Schleck, and email from Donald Wilson, regarding conversation with Joann Yukimura
- 12 Waipa Master Site Plan and Development Program, June 2004, 54 pages, with 54 pages of supporting documentation, provided by Jay Furfaro

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- 13 Taro 2006:
 U.S. Department of Agriculture June 13, 2006 to Waioli Corporation with 7 computer-generated maps for taro farms using GIS (Geographic Information Systems)
 Chronology by Mike Miller about access to his property, 1986-2001, 13p.
 Waioli Valley Protection Meeting, with Tony Faye, Jay Furfaro and telephone conference with Gaylord Wilcox, notes supplied by Robert J. Schleck; includes thanks you note to Jay Furfaro
 Resolution drafts written by Belles Graham Proudfoot & Wilson, attorneys at law, received by Bob Schleck on October 20, 2006, 4p.
- 14 North Shore Taro Conference [No. 1] August 21, 2006 Princeville Resort, with agenda, list of attendees, presentations by Princeville, Waipa, Waioli and Nuhou Corporations, Water Resources Project Identification and Funding for the Hanalei Valley China Ditch Project – prepared by the County Water Department; The Importance of Taro or Kalo – 4 pages. Conference Summary by Laurie Ho, Group Facilitator and Recorder, and a CD entitled North Shore Taro
- 15 Taro, 2007:
 January 26, 2007 Jay Furfaro invites Bob Schleck to attend North Shore Taro Conference No. 2 on February 13, 2007
 Hanalei Taro/Ranch Lands – Waipa maps, dated February 2, 2007 three maps of the Hanalei Bay area, two maps entitled Existing Zoning for Hanalei “Taro Lands”
 Two letters of support for amending Chapter 10, article 2 written by Shirley Iha and Bonnie Lake, dated April 30, 2007 and May 2, 2007
 North Shore Taro Lands folder – including working copies of the resolutions adopted by the County of Kauai on May 8, 2007, with Exhibit D – Affected area in county zoning map, added by the county

 May 17, 2007 Kauai County Council notification letter to Waioli Corporation, includes copies of Resolutions 2007-072 and 2007-073, adopted on May 8, 2007, from Peter A. Nakamura, County Clerk
 August 13, 2007 letter from Gaylord Wilcox to Jay Furfaro and Bob Schleck with 3 maps of the Hanalei Taro cultivation areas
 Community Talk Story on GMO Taro – flyer for September 27, 2007 event
- 16 North Shore Taro Conference No. 2 February 13, 2007 – agenda, draft notes, goals and objectives; with conference summary prepared by Laurie Ho
- 17 North Shore Taro Conference No. 3 June 7, 2007 – agenda and participant list, focus issues will be Cultural Landscape, Farmer Recruitment/Development and Water Issues. Meeting summaries provided by Jay Furfaro and Johanna

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- 18 Kauai Council votes to support State Legislature Taro bills, March 28, 2008
Jay Furfaro letter to Senator Gary Hooser regarding passage of three resolutions supporting taro cultivation
- 19 Trust for Public Lands – Information Packet
Facilitator and recorder support personnel for North Shore Taro Conferences provided by the Trust for Public Lands