

Finding Aid

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**Hofgaard Family Records:
From Norway and Denmark to Mana, Kauai**

1310 - 1843

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Scope and Content

Hofgaard family historians have extensively researched records in Norway, Denmark, and found records from Kjedelflikker, Sweden. "Hotgaarden" was a large farm belonging to royalty where Erik and Waldmar stayed in 1310. The other option for the family name is Norwegian, with a possible date of 1636. In later years, "Hofgaard" or "Hofgaarden" were fairly common names found in many church records from the early 1600s, in both Denmark and Norway.

The records in this collection begins in 1630 and early history continues on the four page document ending in mid-1900s.

Documentation continues in the foreword on two pages provided by E.A. Tomle that outlines research by Sorenskriver Gustav Hofgaard (1819-1890) who gathered the early information. The next researcher was Adjunkt Martin Arnesen of Fredrikshald, about 1870, whose work was acquired by Konsul P. Hofgaard in Fredrikshald producing the first family ancestry. Christopher Blom Hofgaard made a new family tree in 1894. Konsul P. Hofgaard had a genealogist revise the material and in 1908, a group of family members agreed to support a publication.

"History" – begins with a visit in 1875 to Gustav Cathrinus Hofgaard, who helped update the 1843 family tree and with assistance from other family members the tree was brought up to date. On a trip to Norway in 1891 a visit with Konsul Paul Hofgaard provided additional information. The visitor to Norway in 1891 is not identified.

An excellent collection of photographs follow, arranged on 8 sheets with complete descriptions of people and places on Kauai, only one photograph is dated 1926. Two early photographs were included in the records by the Bonnett family, which are reproduced here and scanned into the Kauai Historical Society database.

The donation letter from Mrs. Bonnett includes early family history and typed transcription is provided for research purposes.

These records came to the historical society on May 16, 1996, donated by Mr. and Mrs. William Bonnett. These records are open to research. Processed by Marylou Bradley in August, 2021 with funding provided by a Rise Up Grant
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The materials in the file are arranged in this order:

- Deed of gift, finding aid
- Hofgaard Family History – introduction : four pages
- Foreword : two pages
- History : three pages
- Donation letter from Jackie Cannon Bonnett, along with typewritten copy

Photographs: [arranged with page numbers]

- [1] Gertrude and Herbert C.B. Hofgaard, with Ester & Didrie Crozier, my mother
(Gertrude is Lex Brodie's Mother)
- [2] C.B. Hofgaard, Margaret Crozier, 1926 / "Paowini" Missionary Avenue,
Waimea Kauai – 2 photos
- [3] Marie Hofgaard / 3 photographs of "Paowini" – wash house & kitchen, etc.
- [4] Home interior "C.B. Hofgaard carved most of the furniture (Norwegian style)
- [5] Living room
- [6] C.B. Hofgaard's office in "Paowini"
- [7] Dining room – Paowini
- [8] Missionary Avenue, Waimea / The Foreign Church, Waimea / C.B. Hofgaard
Store and Limber yard - 2 photographs
- [9] C.B. Hofgaard Store, Mana, 1887
- [10] Gregors Borchgrevink at Polihale (poor quality)

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May 6, 1996

Dear ladies of the Kauai Historical Society:

My husband and I were in to see you while visiting Kauai in April. I had pictures of my grandparents in the 1880s I have made a couple of copies to send to you.

My grandparents went to Kauai on their honeymoon from Norway. With them on their honeymoon were my great grandmother and my grandmother's four sisters, one of whom, Marie Meklum was going to marry C.B. Hofgaard. He had a store in Waimea and another in Mana.

My mother Margaret Borchgerek Cannon lived in Mana as a child. They moved to Riverside, CA in the early 1900s because of schooling. My father and mother went back to Kauai in the 1920s and he worked for C.B. Hofgaard in Waimea. They lived in Kekaha. I was born in Makaweli Hospital in 1926. My brother, Wilson Cannon Jr., was 6 – having been born in California. We all moved to Maui in 1927 when Dad went to work for Kahului Store.

While on Kauai we visited the new Waimea United Church of Christ. It was a Congregational Church when I was baptised. My Mother and brother were also baptised there. We looked around the cemetery adjoining the church and sad to say it is in poor condition. Many headstones missing. But it has many Kauai people's names I recognized from what my Mother had told me. There was also Judge Holgaard's headstone and grave – my Taute Marie and some of their children.

I don't know whether you want any of this info – and I hope you can use the pictures.

Aloha! Jackie Cannon Bonnett