

CURTIS PIEHU IAUKEA COLLECTION**Introduction**

The Curtis Piehu Iaukea Collection consists of personal and professional papers, including correspondence, commissions, diaries, and photographs given to the Hawaii State Archives at various times. The collection initially was deposited in the Archives by Iaukea in 1926 as a loan and then subsequently more material was acquired from his grandsons, Curtis Piehu Iaukea II around 1974 and Edward B. Watson in 1978. In 1936 Iaukea removed some of the material and loaned it to Jean Hobbs to work on his memoirs. This material was later recovered from Jean Hobbs' estate as well as a gift donated by A. R. Nylen, the proprietor of Aala Pawn Shop in Honolulu.

The collection also contains a copy of a typescript of the biography of Curtis P. Iaukea by Lorna Iaukea Watson, his daughter. There are handwritten annotations and corrections in this copy of the typescript.

Access to this manuscript collection is unrestricted

Biographical Sketch

Curtis Piehu Iaukea was born in Waimea, Hawaii on December 13, 1855 to J. W. and Lahapa (Nalanipo) Iaukea. At a young age Iaukea was adopted by his uncle Kaihupa'a, a royal retainer to King Kamehameha III, who raised Iaukea to follow in his footsteps as a retainer.

Being under the care of Kaihupa'a, Iaukea lived near the palace grounds and grew up among the royal family. Iaukea's education, which was sponsored by King Kamehameha IV, allowed him to attend St. Alban's college, predecessor to Iolani School, and an Anglican school in Lahaina. In 1870 Iaukea returned to Honolulu and worked as a steward on Kamehameha V's staff. In 1872 Iaukea was sent to Maui to work at West Maui Sugar Plantation. However when Kamehameha V died five months later, Iaukea returned to the island of Hawaii

In 1874, at the request of King Kalakaua, Iaukea returned to Iolani Palace in Honolulu and resumed his service to the monarchy. Iaukea began as a personal aide to Prince Leleiohoku, then a year later received a commission as Captain in the Prince's Own Corps., followed by numerous other positions in the following years as stated below in the *Historical/Biographical Chronology* section.

During this time, Iaukea met Charlotte Kahaloipua Hanks, daughter of Akini Tai Hoon and Frederick Leslie Hanks. They married on April 7th, 1877 in Honolulu and had 2 children, Frederick Hanks Nalaniahi and Lorna Kahilipuaokalani.

After the death of King Kalakaua in 1891, Iaukea continued to work for the Kingdom under Queen Liliuokalani. Witnessing the overthrow in 1893, Iaukea's various governmental roles from secretary in the Foreign Office to acting Governor, allowed him to be a part of history, serving during the Kingdom, Provisional, Republic and Territorial governments.

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Iaukea's travels took him to several countries, including organizing the Hawaiian legation to Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1897 and accompanying President Dole and his wife to Washington D. C. as secretary and military attaché in 1898. Iaukea received several decorations from foreign dignitaries as well as Hawaiian orders and decorations from King Kalakaua.

With the end of the monarchy in 1893, Iaukea became Liliuokalani's business agent and managing trustee of the Liliuokalani Trust from 1909 to 1923. During this time, there were numerous disputes related to Liliuokalani's trust, which was created in 1909. A major dispute included Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, who brought a suit against the trustees concerning Liliuokalani's will. There were also allegations of her competency and complaints about how her estate would be handled after her death. Kalaniana'ole's lawsuit ended in 1918 after an out-of-court settlement was reached. Liliuokalani's will was not admitted to probate until 1923, six years after her death.

With the passing of Liliuokalani in 1917, Iaukea remained in government serving as Secretary of Hawaii from 1917 to 1921, then chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission from 1933 to 1935, and a member of the Archives Commission from 1937 until 1940. Iaukea also published articles and essays during his career and up unto the time of his death.

In 1936 Iaukea contracted Jean Hobbs to write his memoirs. Parts of Iaukea's collection were loaned to Hobbs for the project. However in 1939, Iaukea filed a civil suit against Hobbs for failing to write his memoirs. The suit was discontinued in 1950.

On March 5, 1940, Curtis Piehu Iaukea passed away in Honolulu, survived by his son, daughter and four grandchildren. Mrs. Iaukea had died the year before in 1939.

Historical/Biographical Chronology

1855	Born: Waimea, Hawaii, December 13
1870	Graduated: Iolani College
1877	Married: Charlotte K. Hanks, April 7
1878	Captain, The Prince's Own Corps, April 15 Colonel, Kalakaua's Personal Staff, November 29
1879	Tax Collector, Koolaupoko, Oahu, August 18
1880-1881	Secretary, Foreign Office
1883	Member, Privy Council, April 6 Commissioner, Great International Fisheries Exhibition, London, April 7 Special Envoy, Coronation of Czar Alexander of Russia, Court of St. Petersburg Special Envoy, Germany, France, Spain, Serbia, other European Countries, India, April 7-July 28 Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Japan August 27
1884	Member, Board of Health
1884-1886	Collector General, Customs, September 20, 1884 to September 30, 1886

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1886	Chamberlain, Royal Household, August 30 Commissioner, Crown Lands, Land Agent, August 30 Disbursing Agent, Royal Guard, August 30 Adjutant General, Royal Forces, October 4 Private Secretary, Kalakaua, October 4
1886-1887	Governor, Oahu, October 4, 1886 to August 5, 1887
1887	Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Great Britain, April 11 Commissioner, Crown Lands, Land Agent, August 4
1891	Commissioner, Crown Lands, Land Agent, March 3 Member, Privy Council, March 7 Colonel, Liliuokalani's Personal Staff, March 12
1893, 1894, 1896, 1898- 1900	Member, Board of Prison Inspectors, September 15, 1893 Reappointed: September 1, 1894, July 4, 1896, July 4, 1898 to July 1, 1900
1894	Special Police Constable, Kona District, Oahu, September 1
1895	Major and Quartermaster on General Staff of Republic, November 27
1897	Attaché and Secretary to Hawaiian Legation at London (Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee)
1898	Attaché and Secretary, Accompanied President Dole to Washington
1904	Tax Assessor, Oahu
1905-1909	Trustee, Queen's Hospital, August 3, 1905 to July 1, 1909
1906	Member, Road Board, March 7
1906-1908	County Sheriff, Oahu, November 10
1909-1923	Managing Trustee, Liliuokalani Trust
1913-1915	Territorial Senate, Oahu
1917-1921	Secretary of Hawaii, Appointed by President Wilson, May 3, 1917 to October 12, 1921
1919-1920	Acting Governor, December 30, 1919 to March 30, 1920
1927-1931	Cook Sesquicentennial Committee, May 9, 1927 to May 9, 1931
1933-1935	Chairman, Hawaiian Homes Commission, March 28, 1933 to December 7, 1935
1937	Pensioned by Legislature Official Commentator on Matters and Affairs of the Monarchy
1937-1940	Board of Commissioners, Public Archives, October 23, 1937 to March 5, 1940
1940	Death: Honolulu, Oahu, March 5

Scope and Content Note

The papers in the Curtis Piehu Iaukea Manuscript Collection span the years 1875 through 1969, which includes correspondence and materials published after the death of Iaukea. The collection consists mostly of personal papers and documents after the monarchy era, including material on the Liliuokalani Trust and Kalaniana'ole lawsuit. There are also Iaukea's commissions and appointments received during his career from 1875 to 1917.

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The collection contains newspaper clippings, correspondence, legal documents, certificates, published materials, negatives and photographs. Loose newspaper clippings not part of the scrapbooks have been copied onto archival paper. Oversized material have been separated from various folders within the collection and placed in boxes and folders to accommodate their physical size.

Series Descriptions**1. Personal Papers: 1883 -1964** 1.66 cu. linear feet

This series contains material written by and/or about Curtis Piehu Iaukea as well as material that was collected and compiled by him and his daughter that are related to Hawaiian history. There is also some biographical information, such as genealogy, parts of Iaukea's memoirs, and notes from his daughter.

There are several diaries dated 1883, 1900, 1901, 1909, 1910, 1918 and pages from a 1926 journal. Scrapbooks are also included in this series, which date from 1902 to 1906 and 1922.

2. Professional Papers: 1875-1939 1.63 cu. linear feet

This series contains meeting minutes, notes, correspondence, certificates, and appointments from Iaukea's numerous positions. Records are organized chronologically within a particular position or office held by Iaukea. The bulk of the records in this series relates to Iaukea as managing trustee of Liliuokalani Trust and events surrounding that time period including the lawsuit brought on by Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole.

3. Manuscript Copy: n.d., 2 linear inches

This series is a copy of the typescript of Lorna Watson's biography of her father. There are some handwritten annotations and notes on this copy.

4. Photographs: 1882-1948 5.5 linear inches

This series includes photographs of people and places, though most are unidentified. There are a few negatives, but majority are black and white photographic prints.

*** NOTE: Oversized Materials**

Items that were separated from various folders within the Personal and Professional Papers of the Iaukea Collection due to their physical dimensions are located in various locations, see separation sheets.

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Papers of the Hawaiian Historical Society, No. 17, The Printshop Co., Ltd. 1930

The Queen's Estate, Hawaii Bar Journal: Hawaii State Bar Association, 2009

Iaukea, Sydney L. *The Queen and I: A story of dispossessions and reconnections in Hawaii*, University of California Press, 2012

Subjects:

Iaukea, Curtis Piehu, 1855-1940

Other contemporaries and manuscript collections in the Archives:

Liliuokalani Collection M-93

Other government records collections in the Archives:

Correspondence and Record Books of the Chamberlain (1840-1895)

Foreign Office and Executive

Chronological Files (1850-1900)

Hawaiian Officials Abroad (1842-1900)

C.P. Iaukea

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Series M-70: Curtis Piehu Iaukea

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	
M-70-1	1	I. Personal Papers: 1883-1969 (includes published materials)	
		A. Astrological readings	
		B. Biography	
	2	Genealogy	
		Memoir papers	
	3	Correspondence and Memo regarding the publication of Iaukea's memoirs	
	4	Copies of certain chapters with notes	
	5	Lorna Watson's [daughter] notes and compiled historical information	
	6	Notes by Iaukea and others	
	7	Personal [Iaukea] accounts of events President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Radio Address, July 28, 1934	
	8	C. Calling and other cards	
		D. Correspondence	
	9	Personal correspondence, n.d., 1883-1936	
	10	Family correspondence, 1939	
M-70-2	1	E. Death: condolences, newspaper clippings, obituaries	
		F. Diaries	
	2	Loose, 1909 and 1926	
	3	1883	
	4	1900-1901 [trip to Boston]	
	5	1909	
	6	1910	
	7	1918	
		8	G. Donations, personal [given by Iaukea] Correspondence, 1920-1939
		9	H. Financial papers Pension
	10	I. Invitations, 1883-1900	

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M-70-2	11	I. Personal Papers: 1883-1969 (includes published materials)		
		J. Music		
M-70-3	1	K. Newspaper clippings Clippings written by Iaukea, n.d., 1933 and 1939 Clippings Article drafts Correspondence		
		2	Clippings about Iaukea, 1922-1944 and 1964	
		3	Hawaiian History, articles relating to	
		4	L. Organizations and recognitions “Eyes for the Navy” signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt	
	5	M. Postcards & pamphlets about Hawaii		
	6	N. Published/unpublished materials Publications/unpublished materials by Iaukea Articles/drafts, n.d., 1887 and 1930-1937		
			7	Publications or notes about Iaukea, n.d., 1887, 1917, 1929 and 1936-1937 Publications about Hawaiian History
			8	Articles
	9	Publications (pamphlet, book)		
	10	Henri Berger		
	M-70-4	11	O. Scrapbooks n.d., 1888-1889	
12			n.d., 1902-1903, 1906, 1912 and 1922 [FRAGILE – NO SELF SERVICE COPYING]	
1		P. Wedding anniversaries Articles Correspondence Resolution, April 7, 1927		
2	3	II. Professional Papers: [1878]–1939 (chronological by office)		
		A. Kalakaua’s Personal Staff, n.d. [1878]		
		B. Special Envoy to Russia, Germany, France, Japan, etc., 1883		

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M-70-4	4	II. Professional Papers: [1878]–1939 (chronological by office) C. Collector General of Customs, 1884-1885	
	5	D. Envoy to Great Britain, 1887	
	6	E. Chamberlain, Royal Household, 1888	
	7	F. Queen Liliuokalani’s Personal Staff, 1891-1916 Correspondence [addressed to the Queen]	
	8	G. Board of Prison Inspectors, 1893-1894	
	9	H. Private of Citizen’s Guard, 1895	
	10	I. Tax Assessor, Oahu, n.d. [1903-1904]	
	11	11	J. Campaign for Senate and Senate Office Correspondence, 1904-1906 Bill for Injunction, October 25, 1904
			Senate Office, 1912 and 1915
			Campaign, newspaper clippings, & correspondence Loose, 1922-1923
			Bound, 1922
	15	K. County Sheriff of Oahu, n.d., 1906 and 1908 [FRAGILE – NO SELF SERVICE COPYING]	
	16	R.W. Breckons, papers relating to	
	M-70-5	1	L. Managing Trustee of Liliuokalani Trust Correspondence Bound with index, Dec. 30, 1909 - July 21, 1911 [FRAGILE – NO SELF SERVICE COPYING]
			Loose, 1909-1937
Minutes, 1915 and 1918			
Queen Liliuokalani Deed of Trust [copies], 1909 and 1910 Will [copies], 1908-1910 Equity Case [copies], 1910			
Statements from Trustees, 1910, 1915 and 1918			
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		II. Professional Papers: [1878]–1939 (chronological by office)
M-70-5	6	Kalaniana'ole Suit Correspondence, 1915 and 1918
	7	Court documents [copies], 1910-1918
	8	Schofield Barracks 9 th Field Artillery Hawaiian Motto by Queen Liliuokalani, 1917
	9	Donations Relics given to Bishop Museum House Concurrent Resolution 33 – recognizing the Trust for giving the portraits of King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani to the government of the Territory of Hawaii
M-70-6	10	M. Secretary of Hawaii, 1917-1921
	1	Acting Governor, 1920
	2	N. Chairman, Arrangements Committee for Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's funeral, 1922 Order of procession Correspondence Genealogy of Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole
	3	O. Jury Commissioner, 1923-1924
	4	P. Cook Sesquicentennial Committee, 1927-1929
	5	Q. Recommendation for Governorship, 1933
	6	R. Board of Public Archives, 1939 Report
	7	S. Commissions, n.d., 1875-1905 Notes Certificates
	8	T. Royal Orders and Acknowledgements, n.d., 1882-1885 Notes, Newspaper article [1951] Certificates

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M-70-6	9	III. Manuscript Copy: n.d. U. Photocopy of Lorna Watson's manuscript By royal command: the official life and personal reminiscences of Colonel Curtis Piehu Iaukea at the court of Hawaii's rulers
M-70-7	1	IV. Photographs: 1882-1948 Album – Iaukea with Woodruff and Maunix
	2	Autobiography – photographs labeled to be used in
	3	Curtis Piehu Iaukea
	4	Curtis Piehu Iaukea - groups
	5	People
	6	Scenic Flowers at Iaukea's funeral Iolani Palace Kilauea Volcano
		*Negatives HC 32167 [see M-70-7-4] HW 32168 – HW 32179 [see M-70-7-6]