

BOARD OF GENEALOGY OF HAWAIIAN CHIEFS

Created August 9, 1880, with the approval of Act 7, Laws of 1880. Purpose of the Board was clarified by Act 21, Laws of 1882, approved August 3, 1882. Abolished by Act 3, Laws of 1887, approved November 21, 1887.

Original Board members were: Virginia Poomaikelani, President; Manu Kahuna-aiole, Consultant; and J.A. Nahaku, Secretary, all commissioned February 4, 1882. Others who served as Board members were F.H. Austin and F.L. Clark, commissioned February 16, 1887, and Joseph Liwai, Secretary, commissioned March 7, 1887.

Rules of the Board were approved by the King in Cabinet Council, March 29, 1882. The Rules are printed in the Report mentioned below.

A Report to the Minister of the Interior, printed in both Hawaiian and English versions, dated April 30, 1884, probably for presentation to the Legislature, outlines the work and expenses of the Board from its inception up to that date. Copies are filed with the Government Publications collection.

A folder in the Interior Department Miscellaneous file contains a few records of the Board of Genealogy.

After its dissolution, some of the records of the Board apparently came into possession of the Kalaniana'ole family and probably came to the Archives as part of the Kalaniana'ole collection. The records were apparently scattered to various collections in the Archives at an early date.

Many of the materials from the Kalaniana'ole collection bear a small paper label, outlined in red and bearing the pencilled inscription "A166". At present, some of these may be found in the Kalaniana'ole collection (M-80), the Queen Kapiolani collection (M-82), the Hawaiian chants and mele collection (M-432), the Genealogy book collection, and the miscellaneous census records. Some of these may have been records of the Board of Genealogy.

The collected records of the Board of Genealogy consist of the following:

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Miscellaneous papers.-

3 pay receipts, November 11, 1884.

Letter from King Kalakaua, submitting his genealogy, Sept. 4, 1886.

Minutes of the Board, Aug. 4, 1887. 3 items.

Letter from Minister of the Interior, July 29, 1887. In English.

Minute book of the Board, May 2 to August 4, 1887.

Translations of the Hawaiian materials, except the pay receipts.

The Minutes of the Board deal chiefly with the genealogies of Elizabeth K. Pratt, John A. Cummins and David Kalakaua, including the testimony of sworn witnesses.

These records were formerly filed as Genealogy book G-27. The translations, probably by Henry E.P. Kekahuna, were formerly filed as G-7.

PHOTOCOPIES of the translations are provided for public use.