Overview of the Collection

Title: George H. Dole Papers
Dates (inclusive): 1846-1902
Bulk dates: 1858-1878
Collection Number: mssHM 57700-57962
Creator: Dole, George H.
Extent: 263 pieces in 3 boxes
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Abstract: This collection contains the papers of George H. Dole (1842-1912) of Hawaii and California, and chiefly consists of family correspondence discussing life in Hawaii, travel in the 1870s, and churchgoing, as well as some correspondence from Riverside, California, in the 1890s. The collection also contains Hawaiian school essays chiefly by Dole.

Language: English.

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Provenance
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Biographical Note
George H. Dole (1842-1912) was born in 1842 in Punahou, Hawaii; his brother, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926, also born in Hawaii, became President of the Provisional Government of Hawaii in 1893, President of the Hawaiian Republic in 1894, and in 1900 was appointed the first Governor of the Territory of Hawaii. George and Sanford's parents, Daniel and Emily Dole, came to Hawaii from Maine as missionaries in 1841. The Doles first lived in Punahou, where they opened a school for children. Emily Dole died shortly after Sanford's birth and two years later, in 1846, Daniel married Charlotte Close Knapp, a fellow missionary in Hawaii. In 1855 the Dole family moved to the island of Kauai and opened a school in Koloa. George and Sanford attended the Koloa School and in 1864, at the age of 22, George left to travel in America. In 1867, after returning to Hawaii, George married Clara Rowell and began employment on several sugar plantations, including the Koloa, Kealia and the Kapaa plantations. In 1889, George, his wife, and their twelve children (a thirteenth child was born in 1890) moved to Riverside, California. George worked for the Riverside Naval Orange Company and various insurance agencies. In 1900 George invested money in the Minnehaha Oil Company located in Bakersfield, California. George H. Dole died in California in 1912.

Scope and Content Note
The collection is made up of two sections, correspondence and essays (both arranged alphabetically by author). The bulk of the collection is by George H. Dole, with almost half of his correspondence to his wife Clara Rowell Dole and several letters to his children. Thirty-one of the forty-five school essays were written by George H. Dole. Many of the items, both correspondence and essays, include the use of the Hawaiian language. George and Clara sign some of their letters with their Hawaiian names (George as Heoki and Clara as Kaalala).

Correspondence: The 218 pieces of correspondence deal mainly with family events and daily activities, including churchgoing and visits with friends. The Hawaiian correspondence gives physical descriptions of Hawaii, commentaries on the Hawaiian government and details regarding the workings of sugar plantations. Some of the letters of George, Daniel and Charlotte describe their trips to America, giving an interesting look at travel in the 1870s. Daniel and Charlotte, while in
America, visited Utah and met with Brigham Young. Two letters record their conversation with Young, in which they discussed polygamy and other church beliefs; the letters also give a description of the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. Thirty-nine of the 102 pieces of George’s correspondence are typewritten letters from Riverside, California. The California correspondence deals with the Doles’ visits to northern California and the birth of one of their grandchildren. The letters also give some descriptions of Riverside in the 1890s. The letter from George H. Dole to William E. Rowell is an invitation to invest money in the Minnehaha Oil Company in Bakersfield, California (enclosed with the letter is a summary sheet for the proposed oil company).

Essays: The essays were written by several of the children who attended Daniel Dole’s schools in Punahou and Koloa. The essays are about various subjects, a few regarding Hawai’i’s government and history. The essay entitled “The Last War of Kauai” discusses the events following the death of King Kamehameha II. The essay entitled “Dear Sir” is an explanation of Hawai’i’s government, and the unknown author gives some opinions regarding politicians of the time. The four newsletters were also written by students. Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole was the editor, and probably author, of The Koloa Evening Transcript.

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically in two sections: Correspondence (Boxes 1-2) and Essays (Box 3)

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.

Subjects
Dole family.
Dole, George H.
Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard), 1844-1926.
Gregg, David L.
Kamehameha II, King of the Hawaiian Islands, 1797-1824.
Kamehameha V, King of the Hawaiian Islands, 1830-1872.
Wylie, Robert Crichton, 1798-1865.
Young, Brigham, 1801-1877.
Punahou School.
Education -- Hawaii.
Missionaries -- Hawaii -- 19th century.
Petroleum industry and trade -- California.
Plantations -- Hawaii.
California -- History -- 1850-1950 -- Sources.
Hawaii -- History -- To 1893 -- Sources.
Hawaii Island (Hawaii) -- History -- Sources.
Hawaii -- Kings and rulers.
Hawaii -- Politics and government -- To 1893.
Hawaii -- Social life and customs -- 19th century.
Hawaii -- Religion -- 19th century.
Hawaiian language.
Kauai (Hawaii) -- History -- Sources.
Maui (Hawaii) -- History -- Sources.
Molokai (Hawaii) -- History -- Sources.
Oahu (Hawaii) -- History -- Sources.

Forms/Genres
Essays -- Hawaii.
Letters (correspondence) -- Hawaii.
Love letters -- Hawaii.
Newsletters -- Hawaii.

Alternate Authors
Dole (Family)
Dole, Charlotte Close Knapp, 1813-1874.
Dole, Clara Rowell.
Dole, Daniel.
Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard), 1844-1926.

Indexing: Added Entries
Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard), 1844-1926.
  • Addressee for 2 letters (1871) by Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874. HM 57769-57770.
Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard), 1844-1926.
  • Addressee for Daniel Dole letter (1870, June 27-28). HM 57815.
Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard), 1844-1926.
  • Addressee for George H. Dole letter (1899, Apr. 11). HM 57909.

Indexing: Subjects
Gregg, David L.
  • Subject in essay "Dear Sir" (1860, Aug. 28). HM 57962.
Kamehameha II, King of the Hawaiian Islands, 1797-1824.
  • Subject in George H. Dole essay "The Last War of Kauai" (1860, Jan. 11). HM 57933.
Kamehameha V, King of the Hawaiian Islands, 1830-1872.
  • Subject in essay "Dear Sir" (1860, Aug. 28). HM 57962.
Minnehaha Oil Company.
  • Subject in George H. Dole letter (1900, Aug. 10) to William E. Rowell. HM 57916.
Wyllie, Robert Crichton.
  • Subject in essay "Dear Sir" (1860, Aug. 28). HM 57962.
Young, Brigham, 1801-1877.
  • Subject in Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874, letter (1871, May 20) to George H. Dole, Clara Rowell Dole and Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926. HM 57745.
  • Subject in Daniel Dole letter (1871, May 25) to George H. Dole, Clara Rowell Dole and Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926. HM 57802.

Correspondence
Box 1
Correspondence from Charlotte, Clara, and Daniel Dole (HM 57700-57815
Dole, Charlotte Close Knapp, 1813-1874. 3 letters to Clara Rowell Dole.
(1870-1871) HM 57700-57702.
Dole, Charlotte Close Knapp, 1813-1874. 32 letters to George H. Dole. (1858-1868)
HM 57703-57734.
Dole, Charlotte Close Knapp, 1813-1874. 8 letters to George H. Dole and Clara
Rowell Dole. (1870-1871) HM 57735-57742.
Dole, Charlotte Close Knapp, 1813-1874. 26 letters to George H. Dole, Clara
Rowell Dole and Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole. (1870-1871) HM 57743-57768.
Dole, Charlotte Close Knapp, 1813-1874. 2 letters to Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard)
Dole. 1871 HM 57769-57770.
  With HM 57769 is a letter to Sanford from his "Cousin Ned."

Dole, Clara Rowell. 1 postcard to George H. Dole. (1902, May 24) HM 57771.
Dole, Daniel. 17 letters to George H. Dole. (1863-1870) HM 57772-57788.
Dole, Daniel. 13 letters to George H. Dole and Clara Rowell Dole. (1870-1871)
HM 57789-57801.
  With HM 57800 is a letter to George H. Dole and Clara Rowell Dole by Charlotte Close
Knapp Dole, 1813-1874.
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Box 2

Correspondence from George Dole (HM 57700-57815)

Dole, George H. 1 letter [1878] to Clara, Charles Dole and Emily Dole. (1878) HM 57816.

Dole, George H. 79 letters to Clara Rowell Dole. (1863-1902) HM 57817-57895.

In HM 57831, illustrations of house plans and a drawn map are included.

Dole, George H. 6 letters to Daniel Dole. (1859-1864) HM 57896-57901.

Dole, George H. 5 letters to Daniel Dole and Charlotte Close Knapp Dole. (1861-1871) HM 57902-57906.

Dole, George H. 1 letter to Herbert Dole. [1878] HM 57907.

Dole, George H. 1 letter to Marion Dole. (1878), Feb. 10 HM 57908.

Dole, George H. 1 letter to Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole. (1899, Apr. 11) HM 57909.

Dole, George H. 1 letter to Sanford Dole, Kenneth Dole and Elwyn Dole. (1900, Sep. 6) HM 57910.


In HM 57912, a sketch is on the second page.

Dole, George H. 1 letter to Walter Dole, Herbert Dole and Charles Dole. (1874, July 2) HM 57913.

Dole, George H. 1 letter to Walter Dole, Herbert Dole and Marion Dole. (1878), Jan. 9 HM 57914.

Dole, George H. 1 letter to Walter Dole, Herbert Dole, Marion Dole et al. (1877, Oct. 7) HM 57915.

Dole, George H. 1 letter to William E. Rowell. (1900, Aug. 10) HM 57916.

Enclosure: summary sheet regarding the Minnehaha Oil Company, Bakersfield, California.

Dole, George H. 1 letter to ----- . [1864 or 1865] HM 57917.

Essays

Essays (HM 57918-57962)


Dole, George H. Agriculture on Hawaii nei [sic]: essay. (1860, Mar. 7) HM 57920.

Dole, George H. Asia: essay. [Between 1846 and 1855] HM 57921.


Dole, George H. The Fig Tree: essay. [Between 1846 and 1855] HM 57929.

Dole, George H. Guano: essay. (1859, Sep. 7) HM 57930.


Dole, George H. The Last War of Kauai: essay. (1860, Jan. 11) HM 57933.

Dole, George H. Orthoepist [sic]: essay. [1856] HM 57934.


Dole, George H. Senneca [sic]: essay. (1856, Dec. 23) HM 57942.
Dole, George H. Wines: essay. (1858, Aug. 3) HM 57949.
Koloa Academy. The Koloa Méo; No. 2: newsletter. (1863, Mar. 23) HM 57951.
Koloa Academy. The Koloa Méo; No. 3: newsletter. (1863, Apr. 23) HM 57952.
Koloa Lyceum. The Koloa Evening Transcript; No. 5: newsletter. (1862) HM 57953.
S----, D----B----. A Visit to the Caves at Haena: essay. [1860] HM 57957.
-----, An Adventure: essay. [Signed with Hawaiian word for fish]. (1860, Aug. 29) HM 57961.