Dole Family Papers: Finding Aid

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Title: Dole Family Papers
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Abstract: This collection contains the papers of the Dole family of Hawaii, including transcripts of daily diary entries for family members (covering 1850-1884); family correspondence, documents, and photograph albums. Subjects include daily life, missionary work, church meetings, the Punahou School, and Hawaiian royalty and government.
Language: English.
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Cataloger's Note
1. Sanford B. Dole is not indexed as a subject as he is a subject of the majority of the collection. He is the addressee of nine letters, which are listed in Indexing: Added Entries. He is the author of five letters. Other subjects that are not specifically indexed, due to the amount of material dealing with them include: Queen Liliuokalani, the Hawaiian government, the overthrow of 1893, annexation by the U.S., etc.
2. The originals of the diaries are at the Mission Houses Museum Hawaiian Mission Children’s Society in Honolulu, Hawaii.
Biographical Note
Sanford Ballard Dole was born in Punahou, Hawaii, in 1844 two years after his brother George. Their 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 days after giving birth to Sanford 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, which Sanford attended. Dole attended Punahou school for one year, and then Williams College in 1866-1867. He worked in a law office in Boston for another year and moved back to Hawaii in 1868 where he practiced law. In 1873, Dole was appointed Commissioner of Private Ways and Water for the district of Kona. Also in 1873, Sanford married Anna Prentice Cate; they had no children but in 1879, they adopted a native 13-year old girl named Lizzie Napoleon. Sanford won the 1884 and 1886 elections to the Hawaiian legislature as a representative from Kauai. King Kalakaua appointed Dole a justice of the Supreme Court of the Kingdom of Hawaii on December 28, 1887, and to a commission to revise judiciary laws on January 24, 1888. After Kalakaua's death, his sister Queen Liliuokalani appointed him to her Privy Council on August 31, 1891. After the overthrow of the Hawaiian Queen in 1893, Dole was named president of the Provisional Government of Hawaii and in 1894, after a constitutional convention was held, became president of the Republic of Hawaii. After the United States government decided to annex Hawaii, Sanford was appointed governor of the territory by President McKinley in June 1900. He resigned that position in 1903 to accept an appointment by President Roosevelt to presiding Judge of the Federal
District Court of Hawaii. He held that position until 1915. Sanford Ballard Dole died in 1926.

His brother, George, married Clara Rowell in 1867, and began working on several sugar plantations. They had thirteen children including Walter Dole and Herbert Dole. The family moved to Riverside, California, in 1889. George H. Dole died in California in 1912.

Scope and Content

The collection is organized in the following manner: 1. Diaries (Box 1); 2. Family Correspondence (Boxes 2-3); 3. Genealogy Information, Photographs, and Ephemera (Box 4); and 4. Photograph Albums and Scrapbooks. The first three series are arranged alphabetically by author; the photograph albums and scrapbooks are arranged chronologically.

The Diaries series contains 22 diary transcripts of daily diary entries by Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, George H. Dole and Clara Rowell Dole (covering 1850-1884). Charlotte Dole’s diary talks about her husband’s work as a missionary, other missionaries, church meetings, the Punahou School, and Hawaiian royalty. George H. Dole’s diaries include a trip to the United States in 1864-1865, as well as details about his work on several sugar and rice plantations including crop numbers, Chinese workers, effects of weather, etc., and events taking place in Hawaii.

The Family Correspondence series contains 128 pieces of correspondence, the majority of which are written by Clara Rowell Dole to her husband, George, her sons, Walter and Herbert, and brother-in-law, Sanford B. Dole. Most of these letters were written from her home in Kapaa, Kauai, while her husband was away and her children were attending Oahu College (Punahou School). She talks about her daily activities, the school, her children, an outbreak of measles, the Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese workers, and some about Hawaiian royalty and government. There are five letters written by Sanford B. Dole, three to his brother George and two to his nephew Walter, and he is the addressee of nine letters. The rest of the correspondence includes letters by Clara and George’s children and family and friends. The majority of these letters written by their eldest son, Walter, are from his time at Cornell University.

Details about ship arrivals and departures are included in both the diaries and correspondence series.

The Genealogy Information, Photographs and Ephemera series includes legal documents including last will and testaments, some letters, genealogical charts, and manuscripts regarding the Dole, Rowell, Noyes, and Thurston families as well as photographs and ephemera. There are also several documents and letters regarding the estate of Sanford B. Dole and the distribution of his estate to family members. There are four photographs: two of William Rowell, one of Sanford B. Dole, and one of several Dole family members taken in 1899. The ephemera includes some genealogical items (family trees) as well as two copies of newspapers, from San Francisco and Los Angeles, featuring articles about Sanford B. Dole as President of Hawaii and Hawaii becoming a Territory of the United States (1898).

There are three photograph albums and five scrapbooks, the majority of which belonged to Walter Dole. These deal with the Dole family in Hawaii including photographs of the family and scenes in Hawaii; there is also material about the Dole family while they were living in Riverside, California. There are many articles about Hawaiian politics, the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani and the Hawaiian royalty, and Sanford B. Dole. Much of the photograph album and scrapbook contents deal with George and Clara Dole’s sons’ sports careers with Cornell University and Stanford University (football and track). There are also a few articles about James D. Dole, of Dole pineapple fame, and a cousin of the family.

Arrangement

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Indexing: Added Entries

Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard), 1844-1926.
- Addressee of George H. Dole letters (1869-1871).
- Addressee of Walter Dole letter (1888, Mar. 13).
- Addressee of May E. Green letter (1856, Jan. 17).

Indexing: Subjects

Bishop, Charles Reed, 1822-1915.
- Subject in Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874 diary (1850-1866). HM 76328.

Dole, Daniel.
- Subject in Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874 diary (1850-1866). HM 76328.
- Subject in George H. Dole diaries (1864-1866). HM 76329, HM 76331.

Dole, James D. (James Drummond), b. 1877.
• Subject in Scrapbook (1896-1944). HM 76510.
  Emma, Queen, consort of Kamehameha IV.
  • Subject in George H. Dole diary (1874). HM 76333.
Kalakaua, David, King of Hawaii, 1836-1891.
  • Subject in George H. Dole diary (1874). HM 76333.
Kamehameha III.
  • Subject in Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874 diary (1850-1866). HM 76328.
Kamehameha IV.
  • Subject in Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874 diary (1850-1866). HM 76328.
Lunalilo, King of Hawaii, 1835-1874.
  • Subject in George H. Dole diary (1874). HM 76333.
Missionaries – Hawaii
  • Subject in Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874 diary (1850-1866). HM 76328.
Punahou School.
  • Subject in Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874 diary (1850-1866). HM 76328.
  • Subject in George H. Dole diary (1864). HM 76329.
  • Subject in Scrapbook (1891-1903). HM 76508.
  • Subject in Scrapbook (1896-1944). HM 76510.

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

Subjects
Bishop, Charles Reed, 1822-1915.
Dole family.
Dole, James D. (James Drummond), 1877-.
Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard), 1844-1926.
Emma, Queen, consort of Kamehameha IV, King of the Hawaiian Islands, 1836-1885.
Kalakaua, David, King of Hawaii, 1836-1891.
Kamehameha III, King of the Hawaiian Islands, 1813-1854.
Kamehameha IV, King of the Hawaiian Islands, 1834-1863.
Liliuokalani, Queen of Hawaii, 1838-1917.
Lunalilo, King of Hawaii, 1835-1874.
Cornell University -- Sports -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Punahou School.
Stanford University -- Sports -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
Chinese -- Hawaii.
Education -- Hawaii.
Japanese -- Hawaii.
Missionaries -- Hawaii -- 19th century.
Plantations -- Hawaii.
Portuguese -- Hawaii.
Sugar growing -- Hawaii.
Women -- Hawaii -- Correspondence.
Women -- Hawaii -- Diaries.
Hawaii -- Annexation to the United States.
Hawaii -- History -- Overthrow of Monarchy, 1893 -- Sources.
Hawaii -- History -- To 1893 -- Sources.
Hawaii -- History -- 1893-1900 -- Sources.
Hawaii -- Kings and rulers.
Hawaii -- Politics and government.
Hawaii -- Social life and customs -- 19th century.
Hawaii -- Religion -- 19th century.
Kapaa (Hawaii)
Kauai (Hawaii) -- History -- Sources.
Oahu (Hawaii) -- History -- Sources.
Riverside (Calif.)

**Forms/Genres**

Diaries Hawaii -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) Hawaii -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 20th century.
Notes.
Photograph albums Hawaii.
Scrapbooks Hawaii.

**Additional Contributors**

Dole, Charlotte Close Knapp, 1813-1874.
Dole, Clara Rowell.
Dole, Daniel, recipient.
Dole, George H.
Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard), 1844-1926.

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**Diaries**

**Box 1**

- Dole, George H. Diary: typescript (1864). HM 76329
- Dole, George H. Diary: typescript (1865). HM 76330
- Dole, George H. Diary: typescript (1866). HM 76331
- Dole, George H. Diary: typescript (1867). HM 76332
- Dole, George H. Diary: typescript (1874). HM 76333
- Dole, George H. Diary: typescript (1877). HM 76334
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1868). HM 76335
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1869). HM 76336
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1870). HM 76337
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1871). HM 76338
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1872). HM 76339
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1873). HM 76340
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1875). HM 76341
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1876). HM 76342
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1878). HM 76343
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1879). HM 76344
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1880). HM 76345
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1881). HM 76346
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1883). HM 76348
- Dole, George H. and Clara Rowell Dole. Diary: typescript (1884). HM 76349

**Family Correspondence**

**Box 2**

- Family Correspondence, Card – Dole, Clara Rowell to Walter Dole
  - Card, Anna M. 3 letters (1890-1891) to Walter Dole. HM 76350-76352
  - [Dole, Charles.] 1 letter (1883, Nov. 10) to Walter Dole. HM 76353
  - Dole, Clara. 2 letters (1885-1886) to Walter Dole. HM 76354-76355
Dole, Clara, Charles Dole, and Beatrice Dole. 1 letter ([1883] to Walter Dole. HM 76356
Dole, Clara Rowell. 1 letter (1867, May 12) to Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874. HM 76357
Dole, Clara Rowell. 22 letters (1885-1888) to George H. Dole. HM 76358-76379
Dole, Clara Rowell. 14 letters (1880-1886) to Herbert Dole. HM 76380-76393
Dole, Clara Rowell. 1 letter (1886, Feb. 3) to Marion Dole. HM 76394
Dole, Clara Rowell. 1 letter (1871, Oct. 26) to Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926. HM 76395
Dole, Clara Rowell. 18 letters (1880-1886) to Walter Dole. HM 76396-76413

Box 3

Family Correspondence, Dole, Clara Rowell to Walter Dole and Herbert Dole – Sewall Dole, Clara Rowell. 11 letters (1883-1885) to Walter Dole and Herbert Dole. HM 76414-76424
Dole, Clara Rowell. 1 letter (1880, Sep. 3) to William Rowell. HM 76425
Dole, George H. 2 letters (1865) to Charlotte Close Knapp Dole, 1813-1874. HM 76426-76427
Dole, George H. 1 letter (1865, June 11) to Daniel Dole. HM 76428
Dole, George H. 2 letters (1886) to Herbert Dole. HM 76429-76430
Dole, George H. 6 letters (1869-1871) to Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926. HM 76431-76436
Following (HM 76432 and HM 76435) are letters by Clara Rowell Dole to Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926. On verso of last page (HM 76433) is a note by Clara Rowell Dole to Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926.
Dole, George H. 5 letters (1883-1885) to Walter Dole. HM 76437-76441
Dole, George H. 9 letters (1883-1885) to Walter Dole and Herbert Dole. HM 76442-76450
Dole, J. Albert. 1 letter (1898, Feb. 25) to George H. Dole. HM 76451
Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard), 1844-1926. 3 letters (1888) to George H. Dole. HM 76452-76454
Dole, Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard, 1844-1926. 2 letters (1881) to Walter Dole. HM 76455-76456
Dole, Walter. 10 letters (1887-1896) to Emily Dole. HM 76457-76466
Dole, Walter. 2 letters (1894) to George H. Dole and Clara Rowell Dole. HM 76467-76468
Dole, Walter. 1 letter (1888, Mar. 13) to Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926. HM 76469
Green, May E. 1 letter (1856, Jan. 17) to Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926. HM 76470
Merritt, Laura. 1 letter (1866, Oct. 1) to Harriet Johnson. HM 76471
Merritt, W. C. 1 letter (1887, Apr. 4) to George H. Dole. HM 76472
Rowell, Malvina J. 1 letter ([1846], Jan. 19) to [Clara Rowell Dole]. HM 76473
[Rowell,] Marion. 1 letter (1886, Jan. 26) to Marion Dole. HM 76474
[Sewall,] Isaiah. 1 letter (1886, Dec. 1) to George H. Dole. HM 76475
Sewall, Mary E. 2 letters (1885-1887) to George H. Dole. HM 76476-76477
-----, Ellen. 1 letter (1888, Apr. 8) to Herbert Dole. HM 76478

Genealogy Information, Photographs, and Ephemera

Box 4

Genealogy Information, Photographs, and Ephemera
Dole, Charles A. 1 letter (1894, May 13) to George H. Dole. HM 76479
Includes: manuscript re: Dole family genealogy. Two copies. And three pages of notes on the Dole family and three pages of notes on the Thurston family. 5 items.

Includes: note about finances of the estate of Sanford B. Dole, 1927, Dec. 20. 2 items.


Dole, Samuel T. 2 letters (1906) to George H. Dole. HM 76483-76484

Rowell, Dorothy C. Statement to Creditors and Heirs of W. E. Rowell Estate: manuscript (1918, Apr. 17). HM 76485

Includes: letter by Dorothy C. Rowell to Walter Dole, 1918, July 29. 2 items.

Smith, Warren, Stanley & Visousek. 1 letter (1927, Dec. 27) to Norman Dorset Dole re: estate of Sanford B. Dole. HM 76486

Walker, Maybelle. 1 letter (1928, Feb. 12) to Miriam Dole. HM 86487

----- Genealogical Record of Some of the Noyes Descendants [sic]: manuscript [after 1903]. HM 76488

----- Miscellaneous Genealogy Notes [undated]. HM 76489

9 items.

----- Note re: Dole Genealogy [undated]. HM 76490

----- Note re: Noyes Family [undated]. HM 76491

----- Notes re: Chicago Branch of Dole Family [undated]. HM 76492

----- Notes re: City of Dole [undated]. HM 76493

----- Notes re: Dole and Poor Families [undated]. HM 76494

----- Notes re: Dole Family [undated]. HM 76495

Includes newspaper clipping. 2 items.

----- Notes re: Dole Family [undated]. HM 76496

----- Notes re: Dole Genealogy [undated]. HM 76497

----- Rev. Nathan Dole: [excerpt from “Journal of Missions”] (1855, Aug.). HM 76498


Photograph: Sanford B. (Sanford Ballard) Dole, 1844-1926 and family (1899). HM 76500

Photograph: William Rowell [c.1890]. HM 76501.

Photograph: William Rowell (1911, June 27). HM 76502

Ephemera: Dole Family (1928). 4 items.

Ephemera: Newspapers (1898). 2 items.

Photograph Albums and Scrapbooks

Volume Photograph album (1855-1944) [In fragile condition]. HM 76503

Volume Photograph album (1886-1943) [Cover is loose]. HM 76504

Volume Photograph album (1897-1937). HM 76505

Volume Scrapbook (1831-1935). HM 76506

Volume Scrapbook (1888-1929). HM 76507

Volume Scrapbook (1891-1903) [Unbound - loose pages]. HM 76508

Volume Scrapbook (1893-1942). HM 76509

Volume Scrapbook (1896-1944) [In fragile condition - some loose pages]. HM 76510