

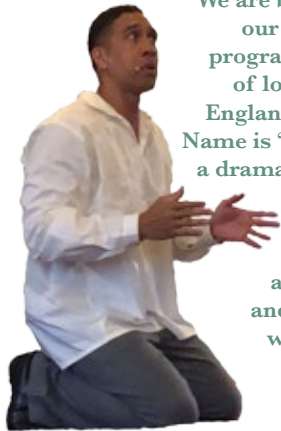
The Maile Wreath

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Coming to New England



We are bringing one of our Living History programs to a variety of locations in New England and DC. "My Name is 'Ōpūkaha'ia" is a dramatic one-person play by Moses Goods. We are currently arranging dates and locations and will be updating a calendar as details are determined.

In a "switch-about" of historic proportions, the Hawaiian Mission Houses History Theater Program will be touring throughout New England this coming October 2019 presenting a Hawaiian cultural event and a theatrical performance of "My Name is 'Ōpūkaha'ia" written and performed by Moses Goods.

After 200 years, we will be bringing a Hawaiian cultural mission back to New England. In commemoration of the bicentennial of the young Hawaiian's death, Hawaiian Mission Houses commissioned Goods to develop and write a one-person play that illustrated the life of 'Ōpūkaha'ia, one of the most important figures in the history of nineteenth-century Hawai'i. This play has had a tremendous emotional impact as it has been performed throughout the state.

Moses Goods, writer and actor, and Po'ai Lincoln, the Cultural Programs Director at Hawaiian Mission Houses, will bring an entertaining and enlightening program that will focus on Hawaiian storytelling, music, and history. The month-long tour will begin at Goshen Congregational Church in Litchfield County, Connecticut, on Sunday, September 29, 2019, and will be presented in venues including Phillips Academy at Andover, Cornwall Historical Society, Old Sturbridge Village, Yale University, and as far south as Washington D. C. A special event will be held on

Saturday, October 12, at the historic South Canaan Congregational Church, the only church still standing that 'Ōpūkaha'ia attended. This event will include the author Christopher Cook, members of 'Ōpūkaha'ia's family, and musicians from Hawai'i.

This launch of the bicentennial commemoration in New England ends with a special Hawai'i Sunday service at Park Street Church in Boston on October 20 followed on Wednesday, October 23 with events marking the day of departure of the missionaries for Hawai'i. These closing events will feature Kahu Ken Makuakāne and several members of Kawaihae'o Church from Honolulu, Hawai'i, performing music and bringing their special aloha to New England.

Many readers know the story of 'Ōpūkaha'ia who fled Hawai'i in 1807 on board an American merchant vassal and found himself in New Haven, Connecticut. As a college-age student in New England he was given a home and support by a succession of families, including that of the Rev. Timothy Dwight the president of Yale College and one of the founders of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM).

The Foreign Mission School in Cornwall, Connecticut, opened in 1817 with 'Ōpūkaha'ia as its star pupil. The American Board and churches across New England supported the school with hopes of returning 'Ōpūkaha'ia to Hawai'i as a key member of a mission to bring Christianity to his native land.

He traveled widely as an active advocate for the mission. He also translated the Book of Genesis into Hawaiian language and began a Hawaiian grammar, spelling book, dictionary, and a Hawaiian alphabet. In February 1818, he contracted typhus fever, succumbed to the disease, and was buried in Cornwall.

The story of 'Ōpūkaha'ia, known in New England as Henry Obookiah, became

a best-seller when published by the Foreign Mission School in late 1818. This hand-sized book titled "Memoirs of Henry Obookiah, a native of Owhyee, and a member of the Foreign Missions School; who died at Cornwall, Connecticut February 17, 1818, aged 26 years" was edited by his mentor and school principal Edwin Dwight from 'Ōpūkaha'ia's letters, notes, and his self-written history. The book gained strong support for sending a mission to Hawai'i.

COMMEMORATION EVENTS NOT TO MISS:

September 29 -
Goshen Congregational Church,
Goshen, CT

October 4 -
Old Sturbridge Village,
Sturbridge, MA

October 12 -
South Canaan Congregational
Church, Falls, CT

October 16 -
DAR Museum, Washington DC

October 20 -
Park Street Church, Boston, MA

October 23 -
Park Street Church, Boston, MA

WE ARE STILL BOOKING VENUES

If you know of groups, societies, schools, churches, etc that may want to co-sponsor New England performances, please contact

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Main Theme

Collaboration between Native Hawaiians and the American Protestant missionaries resulted in, among other things, the introduction of Christianity, the development of a written Hawaiian language and establishment of schools that resulted in widespread literacy, the promulgation of the concept of constitutional government, the combination of Hawaiian with Western medicine, and the evolution of a new and distinctive musical tradition with harmony and choral singing.

Gathering of the Cousins – Plan to Stay All Day

The tradition continues...this issue of the Maile Wreath formally announces the coming Annual Meeting of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society (Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Hawaiian Mission Houses).

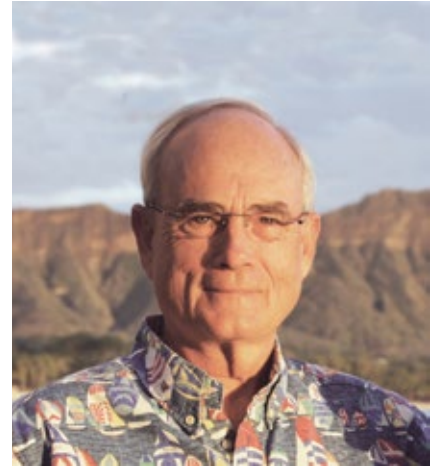
This is reminiscent of the annual General Meeting the missionaries had 200 years ago. Back then, the missionaries were scattered across the Islands at various Mission Stations, and rarely saw each other throughout the year. The families gathered at Honolulu for four to six weeks. The primary objective was to formulate their annual report to the Board in Boston.

Our gathering April 6 will be more fun, and we hope you will attend and plan to stay all day. We are working on a range of activities, for the young and not-so-young, that will be entertaining, educational and enjoyable.

Speaking of 200 years ago...This year, there will be more to do and see in New England in the Fall. Join us and our continental cousins as we commemorate the Bicentennial of the departure of the Hawaiian Mission – September 29, 2019 to October 23, 2019.

We are bringing "My Name is 'Ōpūkaha'ia" to a variety of locations in New England and Washington DC (Dates and locations are being arranged; we will update you as details are finalized).

Then, in the Spring of 2020, we look forward to our mainland cousins and those across Hawai'i joining us to



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commemorate the Bicentennial of the arrival of the missionaries with events in the Islands.

On April 4 2020, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaiian Mission Houses is partnering with Kōkua Kailua (Kailua Village BID), Mokuaikaia Church, Daughters of Hawai'i (Hulihe'e Palace) and others on an all-day closure of Ali'i Drive from the Kailua Pier to Mokuaikaia/Hulihe'e. There will be reenactments on the Pier and a procession, booths lining Ali'i Drive, and performances throughout the afternoon.

In Honolulu, on April 25, 2020, Hawaiian Mission Houses will have a variety of events (Living History performances, discussions, annual meeting, etc). Kawaiaha'o Church is planning for a community luau that evening.

...and a fun time was had by all.

EMAIL's the way...

We need and want your email address so that we can keep you informed of HMM activities like the annual meeting. We will email everyone about the meeting with links for registration, etc.

Email this information to: info@missionhouses.org

or

Call Lisa Solomine at (808) 447-3926

and watch for our new and improved website coming this summer.

NOTE: If you don't use email, you can tell us that and we WILL send you a postal mailing.

1820 Club Mahalo

BY NEAL V. HITCH, PH.D., *Executive Director*



Last summer, several committees moved to support a new membership category called the 1820 Club, with a “donation of \$1820.00, and opportunities for special events that would use collections as a way to engage members during the bicentennial.”

This took some time to get off the ground, and on February 1, 2019, the Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives held our first 1820 Club reception. It is an honor to recognize the 32 members who donated \$1820.00 or more to be included in this new membership category. The early evening reception included a special exhibit of First Company artifacts, including two shipping trucks, one labeled “#6, Rev. H. Bingham, Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands” and one labeled “L.C. Levi Chamberlain, Missionary House, Pemberton Square, Boston.”

Though seemingly inconspicuous, these artifacts are some of the earliest collection objects associated with the site, and they are rarely seen placed upon a pedestal and exhibited.

The evening ended with an ‘ai pono dinner at the “long table,” speeches, and a round of toasting. One of the “special” treats of the event was the presentation of our first 1820 Club Whiskey. Each club member received a one-of-a-kind micro-distilled “young New England spirit” labeled for the 1820 Club as Bread and Spirits, a reference to the Sunday, October 24th, 1819, James Hunnewell journal entry that recorded “Capt. Blanchard went to Boston at 11 A.M. [and] returned from town with a supply of bread & spirits for the missionaries.”

Staff at the Hawaiian Mission Houses deeply appreciate the giving and regular support of our participating members. We place a great deal of value in our members and our expectations of our new 1820 Club events are that they would be fun, special, and engaging. And we hope to see even more 1820 Club members at our next event!

The Annual Meeting, It's An All-Day Affair

Mark your calendar and be in Honolulu on April 6 to celebrate the 167th Annual Meeting of the Hawaiian Mission Children’s Society.

Whether you last attended as a child or have started coming more recently to hear new research about our families, this lead up to the Bicentennial next year promises to be one you won’t want to miss. Meet our new Executive Director Neal Hitch and get an update on ...the hale, the new books, our trip to New England next fall, and plans for 2020.

The weekend starts on Friday with breakfast with President Peter Young and the Executive Director. It’s an informal time to learn about the hopes and dreams for the site as we head into our third century! If you want a behind-the-scenes visit to the archives before it opens at 10 a.m., be sure to make that reservation so John Barker, Curator of Archives, is expecting you. Historic House Tours are free for descendants all day on April 5. The houses will be open after the meeting on April 6; however, there will not be regular tours that day.

Friday night be sure to arrive at 5 p.m. for pupu and drink, and a special History Theatre production (\$25, reservations requested). “At Your Service” our Cemetery Pupu Theatre last year, won a Po’okela (Hawai’i’s theatre award), and this is your opportunity to meet Lucy Peabody (portrayed by Karen Kaulana) and William C. Parke (portrayed by Christopher Denton).

Saturday, arrive at 9:30 a.m. to register and meet your cousins. The 10 a.m. meeting and roll call will have a special visitor this year. After family photos and lunch, the afternoon activities will include lei-making, Ni’ihau shell stringing (\$30 per kit), and lauhala and other take-homes. At 2 p.m. Uncle Wayne and the Howling Dog Band will take the stage as the newly elected Board of Trustees holds its first meeting of the year.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

Special Cemetery Theatre and Evening Tour



Lucy Peabody and William Cooper Parke make a special appearance at Hawaiian Mission Houses!

\$25 per person, pupu and drink included.
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. cocktails and program.

HMCS needs YOUR family additions:

The Roster of Enrolled Members of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society is updated each year. While we no longer print and mail it (we are almost 6,000 strong now!), it is on the website for you to review. Are your newest members enrolled? Babies (or older!) and spouses are welcomed. Use these forms or find fillable pdfs online. We have your ancestors' records; we need your help with the current generations! (Hawaiian Mission Children's Society, 553 S. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 or e-mail mlentz@missionhouses.org.)

Send us your email address!

In today's world and with rising postage costs, we want to reach you with up-to-date news of our trip to New England, local happenings, and visits to the neighbor islands. Please share your email with us today.

Don't forget to visit!

There is always something fun going on at the Hawaiian Mission Houses. You can drop off your updated information, check on your membership, look around in the gift shop, and stay for a house tour.



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Coming to a library near you...



John Barker and Ashlie Duarte-Smith delivered sets of our Bicentennial books to each library on O'ahu. They are pictured here at the downtown Main Library with Linda Sueyoshi, Branch Manager.

Partners in Change and *Kōkua Aku, Kōkua Mai* have been delivered to libraries on O'ahu and are on their way to the neighbor island libraries, too. Everyone who pre-ordered the books should have received them by now – do you have yours? As HMH releases copies to retail outlets, the prices will go UP, so be sure to order yours at these discounts (\$60 for both versus \$90 retail).

Reading the smaller book one chapter at a time gives one an overall picture of how the missionaries and the ali'i worked together as the nation grew and changed. On the other hand, how does one approach a 600-page book with twelve pages of indexing, full of information you want to know, but so overwhelming in size? *Partners in Change* is brimming with wonderful stories.

One approach for descendants is to find the company of one's ancestor and read about the folks who arrived together.

HOW DO WE READ IT?

- Start with your own family or your friend's family;
- Start with some piece of hearsay and see what the books says about the incident or person; or
- Simply sit down and start reading a bit each day

An Armstrong descendant visited the site in Honolulu last week and met his great-great uncle's friends' great-great granddaughter. (Stop and reread that if you need to!) Both realized that their families arrived in Hawai'i together, traveled to the Marquesas, were initially assigned to different islands on returning to Hawai'i but then both served on Maui within proximity to each other. Who were the others in that Fifth Company and what were they like? Where did they live?

A fifth-generation Ephraim Clark descendant opened the book to page 181 and read a note by W. P. Alexander sent to Clark's daughter on his death, "I loved him with all my heart and feel that I have lost a very dear relation." In front of this modern-day Clark, the seventh generations of both families were happily playing. Clearly Clark and Alexander knew each other as members of the mission; until they read this page, however, the younger generations did not know the men were close friends 150 years ago as their own families are today.

What nuggets will you find?



Nā Lani 'Ehā

Four nights of Hawaiian music honoring the Heavenly Four composers.

The Hawaiian Mission Houses presents our final Mele Series in honor of our sibling ali'i composers; Princess Likelike, Prince Leleiohoku, Queen Lili'uokalani, and King Kalākaua, collectively known as Nā Lani 'Ehā.

Each of the four royals will have an evening featuring their compositions performed by an array of professional musicians. There will be Hula Hālau from our community, local choirs, and classical quartets performing alongside the featured bands and vocalists to fully represent the soundscape of the Kalākaua Dynasty. The first performance is on May 25 for Princess Likelike, the second on July 27 for Prince Leleiohoku, the third on September 21 for Queen Lili'uokalani, and the last on November 16 for King Kalākaua as his birthday celebration. Guests may attend individual evenings, but this will be an event worth attending each concert and discounted tickets are available for season passes.

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May 25, 2019
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HISTORIC SITE HOURS

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm

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Historic House Tour: \$12
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Chamberlain Exhibit, Printing Office,
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Tue – Sat, 11 am, 12, 1, 2, 3 pm

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Last Saturday of the month.
10 am – 4 pm
Discounted admission of \$5 with valid
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OFFICIAL NOTICE:

The 167th Annual Meeting of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society

will be held

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

*on the grounds of Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site
and Archives*

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting Weekend

History Theatre, Roll Call, lei-making, and more.
Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6

Hawaii Book and Music Festival

Hear Director Emeritus Tom Woods, Ph.D. discuss
the bicentennial books and visit the HMH booth to
strike a printed sheet.

Saturday, May 04 and Sunday, May 05

History Theater - in Hilo

"Yesterday's News" at Lyman House
Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14

Nā Lani 'Ehā Music Series

Princess Miriam Likelike
Saturday, May 25

Cemetery Pupu Theatre Maui

Waiola Church Cemetery
Lahaina, Maui
Friday, July 12

Cemetery Pupu Theatre Maui

Makawao Cemetery
Saturday, July 13

Nā Lani 'Ehā Music Series Prince William Leleiohoku

Saturday, July 27

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Saturday, September 14, 2019

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