# Mahele & Other Land Awards and Land Ownership in Hawaiʻi

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## Land Awards--Indexes

Author:  Hawaii. Commission of Public Lands.  
Title:  *Indices of awards made by the Board of Commissioners to Quiet Land Titles in the Hawaiian Islands*  
Variant Title:  Indices of Land commission awards  
Other Name(s):  Hawaii. Land Commission. Awards.  
Publisher:  [Honolulu] : Star-Bulletin Press, 1929  
Location:  UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian  
Call Number:  HD1211 .H26  
Location:  UH Manoa: Hamilton Main  
Call Number:  MICROFILM V11919

Title:  *Land commission awards : numerical index including testimony and registers.*  
Notes:  Tables from Indices of awards made by the Board of Commissioners to Quiet Land Titles in the Hawaiian Islands, with manuscript references to native and/or foreign testimonies and registers.  
Publisher:  [Honolulu : Star-Bulletin Press, 1929]  
Location:  UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian  
Call Number:  HD1211 .H262 1929a

Main Author:  Hawaii. Land Commission.  
Title:  *Papa kuhikuhi o na kuleana a pau i hookoia e ka Poe Luna Hoona Kuleana Aina = Index of all the claims awarded by the Land Commission.*  
Variant Title:  Index of all the claims awarded by the Land Commission  
Publisher:  Honolulu : Paia ma ka Hale Paialapala Aupuni, 1861  
Notes:  Text in Hawaiian.  
Oahu section (p. [3]-96) also published separately with title: Papa kuhikuhi o na kuleana a pau ma ka mokupuni o Oahu, i hookoia e ka Poe Luna Hoona Kuleana Aina.  
Location:  UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian Rare  
Call Number:  HD1211 .H23
The following lists grants awarded after the Mahele, and refers to “Books” that are at the Bureau of Land Conveyances:

Main Author: Hawaii. Commission of Public Lands.
Title: Index of all grants and patents land sales.
Publisher: Honolulu : Paradise of the Pacific Print, 1916.
Notes: Blank pages included (and called Supplements) for recording current patents. Microfilm. 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.
Local Notes: UHM: Has both book and microform.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Main
Call Number: MICROFILM V11880
### Mahele Awards--Registers

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Mahele award books

Main Author: Hawaii. Land Commission.
Title: Mau palapala hooko.
Publisher: 1846-1855.
Title on microfilm: Award books.
FOR v. 6, pages 71-402 see: Microfilm D10734.
Local Notes: UHM: Vol. 1 and 3 have title: Awards; v.2, 7, 9-10 lack title.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Main
Call Number: MICROFILM S01751

Title: Buke kakau paa no ka mahele aina i hooholoia iwaena o Kamehameha III a me na lii a me na konohiki ana Hale Alii, Honolulu, Ianuari, 1848.
Variant Title: Mahele book
Publisher: 1848.
Subject(s): Land titles Hawaii.
Public lands Hawaii.
Other Name(s): Kamehameha III, King of the Hawaiian Islands, 1813-1854.
Notes: Cover title: Mahele book: source of all titles to land ownership in the Hawaiian Islands.
Includes index.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Main
Call Number: MICROFILM S01752
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: HD196.H3 B85 1848a

This is a registry of the division of land between the government and the konohiki.

Land History

Author: Lyons, Curtis J. (Curtis Jere), 1833-1914.
Title: A history of the Hawaiian government survey with notes on land matters in Hawaii
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: GA87.H3 L9

Author: Hobbs, Jean Fortune, 1905-1953.
Title: Hawaii, a pageant of the soil
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: HD191 .H63

Main Author: Chinen, Jon J.
Title: The Great Mahele : Hawaii’s land division of 1848.
Publisher: [Honolulu] University of Hawaii Press, 1958.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton
Call Number: HD216 .C45
| Location: | UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian |
| Call Number: | HD216 .C45 |
| Main Author: | Hawaii. Oihana Ana Aina Aupuni. |
| Title: | A brief history of land titles in the Hawaiian Kingdom. |
| Publisher: | Honolulu : P.C. Advertiser Co. Steam Print, 1882. |
| Subject(s): | Land tenure Hawaii. |
| Other Name(s): | Alexander, W. D. (William De Witt), 1833-1913. |
| Notes: | Appendix 1 to Surveyor General’s report. Published also in Hawaiian with title: He moolelo pokole no na hoona kuleana aina, iloko o ko Hawaii Pae Aina. |

| Location: | UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian |
| Call Number: | HD1181 .H287 |
| Author: | Barrère, Dorothy B. |
| Title: | The King's mahele : the awardees and their lands |
| Publisher: | [Hawaii : D. B. Barrere], c1994. |
| Notes: | Material extracted from various public records and translated from Hawaiian. Includes bibliographical references (p. iii, v). |

| Location: | UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian |
| Call Number: | HD196.H3 B37 1994 |
| Author: | Spaulding, Thomas M. (Thomas Marshall), b. 1882. |
| Title: | The crown lands of Hawaii; an historical account of land tenure in relation to the public domain known as the crown lands of Hawaii. |
| Location: | UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian |
| Call Number: | AS36 .H3202 no.1 |
| Location: | UH Manoa: Hamilton Main |
| Call Number: | MICROFILM V51314 reel 1 item 1 |

| Location: | UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian Rare |
| Call Number: | HD266.H3 H37a |

**Public Land Trust**

| Location: | UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian |
| Call Number: | HJ9840.5 .A26a no.86-17 |

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**Public Land Trust**

| Location: | UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian |
| Call Number: | HJ9840.5 .A26a no.86-17 |
Hawaiian Home Lands

Author: Hawaii. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.
Title: Application waiting list summary : for applications up to ...
Subject(s): Homestead law--Hawaii.Hawaiians--Claims.
Contents: [v. 1.] A-K -- [v. 2.] L-Z.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian Folio
Call Number: KFH454 .H37
Hawaiian Collection has various years.

Main Author: Kauanui, J. Kehaulani.
Title: Rehabilitating the native: Hawaiian blood quantum and the politics of race, citizenship, and entitlement
Notes: Thesis (Ph. D.)--University of California, Santa Cruz, 2000.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: DU627.6.A5 K38 2000a

Author: Jaworowski, Susan.
Title: Elected Hawaiian Homes commissioners? : Weighing the options after Rice
Publisher: Honolulu, Hawaii : Legislative Reference Bureau, [2000]
Subject(s): Hawaiian Homes Commission--Officials and employees.Elections--Hawaii.Land trusts--Hawaii.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: JK9301 .H3 2000 no.2

Author: United States Commission on Civil Rights. Hawaii Advisory Committee.
Title: A broken trust : the Hawaiian homelands program : seventy years of failure of the Federal and State governments to protect the civil rights of Native Hawaiians
Variant Title: Hawaiian homelands program
Publisher: [Honolulu, Hawaii?] : The Committee, [1991]
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: KFH139.L3 A87 1991

Author: Hawaii. Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands.
Title: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands : an overview.
Publisher: [Honolulu : The Dept., 1997]
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: HD1337 .H266 1997

Author: Loudat, Thomas A.
Publisher: [Honolulu : Hawaiian Claims Office, Dept. of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, 1994]
State land Inventory

Author: Hawaii. Division of Land Management.
Title: State land inventory.
Publisher: [Honolulu] : The Division, [1992]
Notes: "Report no. CEBC1C1R, run date: 07/22/92." Lists tax map key, identification, zoning, county general plan, encumbrance type, document number, name of user, land area, existing use, district, and title status of each parcel.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: HD243.H3 H35 1992

In last column, BEIZ=CEDED LANDS. A, X=NON CEDED LANDS, ACQUIRED AFTER STATEHOOD.

Special Lists

Title: University of Hawai`i summary of university lands.
Publisher: Honolulu : University of Hawai`i, Office of the Senior Vice President for Administration, 1999
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian Reference
Call Number: HD243 .H3 U58 1999

Author: United States. Pacific Command.
Title: Hawaii military land use master plan
Publisher: Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii : U.S. Pacific Command, 1995
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: UA26 .H38 U67 1995a

Author: United States. Office of Governmentwide Real Property Relations.
Title: Executive summary and inventory of real property owned or controlled by the United States under the custody and accountability of federal civilian agencies in the State of Hawaii
Publisher: Washington, D.C. : The Office, 1993
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: HD243.H3 U56 1993

Author: Charles Blackard and Associates.
Title: An inventory of real property owned or controlled by the United States under the custody and accountability of the Department of Defense in the State of Hawaii
Publisher: Hot Springs Village, Ark. : The Firm, Notes:
Author: Hawaii. Dept. of Land and Natural Resources.
Title: Inventory of public lands. Prepared by Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands, state of Hawaii.
Publisher: [Honolulu, 1961?]
Subject(s): Public lands--Hawaii.
Contents: Report no. 1. Inventory of public lands set aside to the United States by Acts of Congress, executive orders, and proclamations.- Report no. 2. Inventory of public lands controlled by the United States pursuant to permit, license, or permission from Territory of Hawaii.- Report no. 3. Inventory of public lands set aside to the United States and leased by the United States to others.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: UA26.H38 C43 1993

Author: Hawaii. Dept. of Land and Natural Resources.
Title: Report to the Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii on land disposition, subleases approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources, executive orders, dispositions to public utilities, quitclaims
Publisher: [Honolulu, Hawaii] : The Dept., [1991]
Subject(s): Land use--Hawaii/Public lands--Hawaii.
Location: UH Manoa: Hamilton Hawaiian
Call Number: HD183.L3 A18

Hawaiian Collection has similar reports beginning in 1962.