

Quick Guide to Genealogy Sources at the Hawaii State Library, Hawaii & Pacific Section

BIRTH RECORDS

Print Resources:

Index to Territory of Hawaii Births, 1896-1909. 3 vols., kept at reference desk. From Dept. of Health. Indexed by name of Father, Mother and Child. Information includes district area, name of parents and birth date.

Delayed Birth Records Index. 4 vols., kept at reference desk. From Dept. of Health. Birth dates range from 1859-1970. Lists names of persons who applied for a Certificate of Hawaiian Birth ("Hawaiian" meaning born in Hawaii) up to 1970. The library also has testimonies supporting the applications for Certificates of Hawaiian Birth for applicants born between February 1904 and March 1913, on microfilm.

Microfilm:

Index to Birth Notices Published in Hawaii's Newspapers, 1850-1950. 1 reel of microfilm. Compiled by the staff of the Hawaii State Archives.

Index of Birth Certificates. Microfilm from Dept. of Health. Covers July 1909 - Dec. 1948.

Birth Certificates. Microfilm from Dept. of Health. Covers 1909 - 1921. Check the index first.

If you do not have a year of birth, you can often estimate a year from the U.S. Census; see section on Census Records for more details.

Online:

Hawaii State Archives Digital Collections. A limited number of birth records have been scanned by the Archives and are available from their Web site. See the Archives Web page for scope of coverage. The images are still being added as of this posting. To search, go to <http://archives1.dags.hawaii.gov/gsd/cgi-bin/library> and click on the Vital Statistics Collection link.

DEATH RECORDS

Microfilm:

Index to Obituaries Published in Hawaii's Newspapers, 1836-1950. 4 reels of microfilm, kept at reference desk. Compiled by the staff of the Hawaii State Archives.

Index of Death Certificates. Microfilm from the Dept. of Health. Covers July 1909 - January 1949.

Death Certificates. Microfilm from the Dept of Health. Covers July 1909 - December 1920.

Print Resources:

Index to the Honolulu Advertiser & Honolulu Star Bulletin. Indexes obituaries, by year then by name. Compiled by librarians of the Hawaii and Pacific Section, Hawaii State Library. The printed index covers 1929-1994. From 1929 to 1969, search under "Death." From 1970 on, search under "Obituaries." Please note that not every death was recorded as an obituary, and for the early years especially, the listings are very incomplete.

Online:

Ulukau.org is known as the Hawaiian electronic library. The Hawaii State Archives has made some of their indexes available on this website. Titled the **Hawaiian Genealogy Indexes**, they include Deaths- Probate and Deaths –Wills.

Website: <http://ulukau.org/gsd12.7/cgi-bin/algene>

Hawaii State Archives Digital Collections. A limited number of death records have been scanned by the Archives and are available from their website. The images are still being added as of this posting. Follow the Vital Statistics Collection link to search.

Website: <http://archives1.dags.hawaii.gov/gsd1/cgi-bin/library>

Social Security Death Index. Available online through several websites. Use a search engine to locate a version. The records in the SSDI cover relatively recent deaths. The Social Security Act was passed 1935 and the first benefits were paid in 1940.

Hawaii State Public Library System's Newspaper Index. Online from 1989 – to date. Covers obituaries listed in the Honolulu Advertiser and Honolulu Star Bulletin. Search by keyword under person's name and, if known, the year of death, or do a browse search by person's last name.

Website: <http://ipac2.librarieshawaii.org:81/#focus>

MARRIAGE RECORDS

Microfilm:

Index of Marriage Notices Published in Hawaii's Newspapers, 1850-1950. 1 reel of microfilm, kept at reference desk. From the Hawaii State Archives.

Index of Marriage Certificates by Name of Groom. Microfilm from Dept. of Health. Covers July 1909 - June 1949.

Index of Marriage Certificates by Name of Bride. Microfilm from Dept. of Health. Covers July 1909 - June 1949.

Marriage Certificates. Microfilm from Dept. of Health, July 1909 - November 1920.

Online:

Hawaii State Archives Digital Collections. A limited number of marriage records have been scanned by the Archives and are available from their website. The images are still being added as of this posting. Follow the Vital Statistics Collection link to search.

Website: <http://archives1.dags.hawaii.gov/gsd1/cgi-bin/library>

Ulukau.org>>Hawaiian Genealogy Indexes>> Marriage. Dates vary, up to 1929.

Website: <http://ulukau.org/gsd12.7/cgi-bin/algene> (or click on “Genealogical Indexes” link on the Hawaii State Archives Digital Collections site)

DIVORCE RECORDS

Online:

Hawaii State Archives Digital Collections. A limited number of divorce records have been scanned by the Archives and are available from their website. The images are still being added as of this posting. Follow the Vital Statistics Collections link to search.

Website: <http://archives1.dags.hawaii.gov/gsd1/cgi-bin/library>

Ulukau.org>>Hawaiian Genealogy Indexes>> Divorce

Website: <http://ulukau.org/gsd12.7/cgi-bin/algene> (or click on “Genealogical Indexes” link on the Hawaii State Archives Digital Collections site)

DIRECTORIES

City Directories

Printed volumes for early years: 1884-1900

On microfilm: 1902-1936.

Printed copies: 1938 to date.

Older editions of the Honolulu City Directories list Neighbor Islands in the back.

Telephone Directories

On microfilm: Dates vary by island; Oahu 1894-1978, Hawaii 1912-1978, Maui 1918-1978, Kauai 1929-1978.

Printed copies: Dates vary by island, generally 1950's to date.

Department of Education Directories – 1924-1969. Give names, home addresses and positions held for DOE employees. Later years include only names.

University of Hawaii Directories – Faculty, 1944 to date. Students, 1974-1994

Alumni Directories for local schools. To see which schools are included in the library's collection, use the library's online catalog and type in a subject search under the name of the school, for example: "Punahou School - Alumni"

YEARBOOKS

The collection numbers over 2000 volumes of donated yearbooks, mostly from local high schools, with some intermediate and foreign language schools.

A list of available volumes is maintained online on the Hawaii & Pacific website:

<http://hspls.org/hp/hpyear.html>

IMMIGRATION RECORDS

Microfilm:

Index to Passenger Manifests, 1843-1900. Indexed under General, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese. From originals maintained at the Hawaii State Archives. Arranged alphabetically by name.

Ships Manifests. Passenger lists of immigrants to Hawaii from 1843-90, 13 reels; from 1879-1900, 15 reels. From Hawaii State Archives. Use the index first. Arrangement is more or less by date of arrival of the ship.

Online:

Hawaii State Archives Digital Collections. Index to Passenger Manifests, 1843-1900, online. The images are still being added as of this posting. Follow "Passenger Manifests" link to search. Website: <http://archives1.dags.hawaii.gov/gsd1/cgi-bin/library>

Ulukau.org>>Hawaiian Genealogy Indexes>>Citizenship

Contains indexes to records on Naturalization 1844-1894, Letters of Denization 1846-1898, and Passports 1845-1874.

Website: <http://ulukau.org/gsd12.7/cgi-bin/algene> (or click on "Genealogical Indexes" link on the Hawaii State Archives Digital Collections site)

Ancestry Library through Hawaii State Public Library System. Honolulu Passenger Lists, 1900-1953, are posted on the Ancestry Library genealogy database. This database can be accessed from any public library using HSPLS public access computers (it cannot be accessed from home computers). From the catalog, select Databases, then select Ancestry Library. Once in Ancestry, search by name or click on link for the “US Immigration Collection.”

CENSUS RECORDS

Early Hawaiian Kingdom census records from the Hawaii State Archives are available on microfilm and are filed in the “Hawaiian Genealogy” drawer of microfilm cabinet. These are very sketchy records covering selected geographical areas, often with single names for Hawaiians. In the same microfilm drawer is the **Register of Voters, 1887-88** which gives first and last names, and age of men who were registered to vote. It is arranged geographically, then alphabetically by name within each geographical district.

Microfilm:

Hawaii is included in the US Census beginning in 1900, when it became a US Territory.

1900 Census. There is a printed index “Pulama na Kupuna” at the reference desk, and a Soundex index on microfilm.

1910 Census. There are 2 printed indexes, “Pulama na Kupuna” and Hawaii 1910 Census Index, which lists only by head of household, also kept at the reference desk.

1920 Census. There is a Soundex index on microfilm.

1930 Census. Has no printed index. Use the Ancestry Library database.

Online:

Ancestry Library through Hawaii State Public Library System Databases. Ancestry Library includes the 1900 -1930 Censuses and indexes all names. This database can be accessed from any public library using HSPLS public access computers (it cannot be accessed from home computers). To access this database from the Hawaii State Public Library System catalog, select Databases, then select Ancestry Library.

Heritage Quest through Hawaii State Public Library System Databases. Indexes only head of household. It does not include the 1930 census. Heritage Quest can be accessed from any public library using HSPLS public access computers or from home computers via the Library’s Web site. Click on Databases. You must enter your library card number.

Website: <http://www.librarieshawaii.org/>