



Sugar Plantations in Hawai'i

The first major sugar plantations in Hawai'i were established in the early 1800's. They would ultimately change the economy and ethnic mix of the islands as more and more immigrants from many parts of the world were brought in for labor.

This guide to information about the sugar plantations in Hawai'i is a selection of books and other materials that discuss the impact that sugar had on life in Hawai'i.

If a particular title has RH for its call number, that refers to a reference book, which means it is for use in the library only. YA stands for the Young Adult section. Please check with your local library for available titles.

BOOKS

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Celebrating 100 years of plantation life in Hawai'i, Friends for Ewa, Ewa Centennial Celebration Committee, Ewa Plantation Co., Ltd., Ewa, HI, 1990.

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A handbook on the sugar industry of the Hawaiian Islands, by G.B. McClellan. The Hawaiian Gazette Co., Ltd., Hon., 1899.



VIDEOS

Final harvest: reminiscences of plantation days
Big Island RC&D Council, Hilo HI, 2000
Running time 44 minutes

Kahuku, survival of a plantation town
Hawaiian Electric Company, 1988
Running time 18 minutes

Kenji: boyhood remembrances of plantation life in 1900 Hawai'i
Cine-Pic Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI, 1985
Running time 30 minutes

Kipu, Kaua'i: reunited and remembered
Kaua'i Historical Society, Lihu'e, HI, 1996
Running time 19 minutes

1946: the great Hawai'i sugar strike
Center for Labor Education & Research, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI, 1996
Running time 60 minutes

Plantation roots
Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA, 1997
Running time 30 minutes

Waialua & Hale'iwa: the working people's story
Ethnic Studies Oral History Project, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI, 1977
Running time 30 minutes

OTHER RESOURCES

The Hawai'i & Pacific Section of the Hawai'i State Library houses annual reports from many of the sugar plantations.

Hamilton Library at the University of Hawai'i is the home of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association plantation archives. This collection is found in the Hawai'i & Pacific Section of Hamilton. For more information see their website:
www2.hawaii.edu/~speccoll/hawaiihspa.html

"History of plantation medicine," several articles on medical history on the plantations, *Plantation Health*, April 1961.

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"Sugar came and went, but we're still here..." by Manu Boyd. *Ka Wai Ola o OHA*, June 1998, p. 4.

"Touching the past at Hawai'i's Plantation Village," by Rick Carroll. *Aloha magazine*, October, 1993, pp. 40-43.



NEWSPAPERS

In order to find newspaper articles about plantation life in Hawai'i, search the Hawai'i Newspaper Index. This is available by going to this website: www.hawaii.gov/hidocs/ and then clicking on the Hawai'i Newspaper Index tab. Search by either of these two subjects: **sugar plantations** or **sugar industry**. There are hundreds of articles to be found this way. The articles are from the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* and the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

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H 784.4 M **Musics of Hawai'i** (plantation music) State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Folk Art Program, Hon., HI, 1994 & 1996. Two volumes, book and cassette tapes.

H 811 K **Hilo rains** (plantation life – poetry), by Juliet S. Kono. Bamboo Ridge Press, Hon., HI, 1988.

H 919.693 F **Plantation Village and Cultural Park at Waipahu**, by Friends of the Waipahu Cultural Garden Park. Waipahu, HI, 1980.

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H 996.91 Ok **Exploring the Hamakua Coast: a pictorial guide to the plantation era**, by Ken Okimoto. Watermark Pub., Hon., HI, 2002.

BIOGRAPHIES AND ORAL HISTORIES

RH 309.19694 UNIK **Koloa, an oral history of a Kaua'i community**, Center for Oral History, University of Hawai'i, Hon., HI, 1988.

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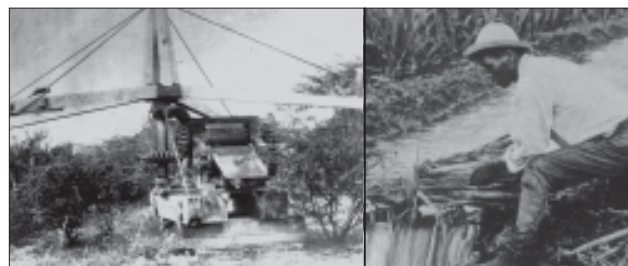
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Kurusu
Sugar town: Hawai'i plantation days remembered, by Yasushi "Scotch" Kurusu. Watermark Pub., Hon., HI, 1995.

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Unbending cane: Pablo Manlapit, a Filipino labor leader in Hawai'i, by Melinda Tria Kerkvliet. Office of Multicultural Student Services, University of Hawai'i, Hon., HI, 2002.

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From the Isle of Skye to the Isle of Maui: a doctor's personal story including plantation medicine and the cause of high blood pressure, by William B. Patterson. Publishing Group, Inc., Makawao, HI, 1991.



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He was a ram: Wong Aloiau of Hawai'i, by Violet L. Lai. Hawai'i Chinese History Center and the Wong Aloiau Association by University of Hawai'i Press, Hon., HI, 1985.

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From plantation poverty to millionaire wealth: a Nisei reflects upon his life in Hawai'i, by Sam Y. Yamanaka. Published by the author, Hon., HI, 1990.



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