

# Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church

## UpDate

Sunday, February 17, 2019

### “Good Success”

*Psalm 1: 1-3*

Youth Reader

Kalalea Herrod

Psalm 1: 1-3

Joshua 1: 18

I Chronicles 22: 13



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*“Blessed is the one . . .  
whose delight is in the law  
of the Lord, who meditates  
on his law day and night.  
That person is like a tree  
planted by streams of  
water, which yields its fruit  
in season and whose leaf  
does not wither – whatever  
they do prospers”*

by Peter Vermilyea

Heneri Opukaha'ia was born on Hawaii in 1792. His parents were killed in a civil war and, as a 15- or 16-year-old, Henry was taken aboard the merchant ship *Triumph*, commanded by Captain Britnall and bound for New Haven. While on board the ship, Henry befriended Thomas Hopu, a Hawaiian cabin boy who taught him English.

While in New Haven, Opukaha'ia studied under Reverend Edwin Dwight, a recent graduate of Yale. During his education, Opukaha'ia was exposed to Christianity and he not only converted but asked for training so that he could spread the gospel on his home islands. This resulted, in part, in the founding of the Foreign Mission School in Cornwall. The school educated 100 students, including 43 Native Americans and 20 Hawaiians.

The community encouraged Henry to systemize the Hawaiian language through the writing of a dictionary and books on common grammar and spelling. Opukaha'ia also began his memoirs.

Unfortunately, before these projects could be completed, Henry fell ill. Diagnosed with typhus fever by Dr. Calhoun of Cornwall, Henry died in February 1818. His last words were reportedly "Alloah [sic] o 'e," translated as "My love be with you."

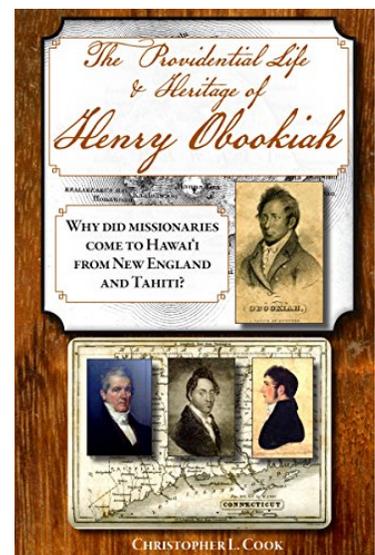
<https://connecticuthistory.org/hidden-nearby-henry-obookiahs-cornwall-grave/>



This Sunday we honor Henry Opukaha'ia, and are invited to support the Henry Opukaha'ia Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid to candidates for ministry attending an accredited seminary and clergy pursuing continuing education (See the worship bulletin insert for more details)

*A must-read for an in-depth, factual, and fascinating understanding of why and how the first missionaries came to Hawaii. Get it on Amazon*

*Written by Kaua'i's own Chris Cook*



**Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church: A church o'hana who is Christlike and grounded in the Word of God, perpetuating our Native Hawaiian culture in Christian traditions, and serving as God's light in the community**