

# NĀ HOALOHA O LĀNA'I (THE FRIENDS OF LĀNA'I)



*Ka Lokahi Church at Kō'ele.  
Built by Lāna'i's Ranch Families  
in 1930—A cherished part of  
Lāna'i's heritage.*

LĀNA'I CULTURE &  
HERITAGE CENTER

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## Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center—Office of Hawaiian Affairs Grant Makes Move Possible

The Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (Lāna'i CHC), opened as a community non-profit entity on October 1, 2007. Since opening, we have hosted more than 8,000 people (Lāna'i residents and visitors) in programs of the heritage center. Community members, businesses, and agencies have donated cultural artifacts (Hawaiian to Plantation era items), and substantial funding to the operation of Lāna'i's own museum-heritage program. We have outgrown our space, and through a generous grant from the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, we have begun planning renovations of the middle section of the old Dole Administration Building (Room 118 vicinity), to house our new exhibits. Another room will also be renovated to serve as a curatorial management facility, to ensure care of the growing collections of the heritage center.

Without the support of Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC, and the grant from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, our move to a new location would not be possible. Our goal is to ensure that the rich cultural legacy of Lāna'i remains an integral part of our community. We need the continued support of Lāna'i's families—the preservation of Hawaiian and plantation family artifacts, photos, records, and history can only occur, if families donate them to the heritage center.

To find out how to support the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center, or to join *Nā HoaloHa o Lāna'i*, call (808) 565-7177 or email [info@LanaiCHC.org](mailto:info@LanaiCHC.org). Your membership and donations offer you access to special programs, and opportunities to experience the history and landscape of Lāna'i. Financial donations are tax deductible, and you will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to pass on the legacy of Lāna'i's heritage to future generations.

The Lāna'i CHC website ([www.LanaiCHC.org](http://www.LanaiCHC.org)), designed and managed by Onaona Maly, is now host to never before available facets of Lāna'i's history. Our goal is to digitize a wide range of Lāna'i's historical documents, and plantation and family records—including Hawaiian language accounts, land ownership documents, the history of the pineapple plantation and families of Lāna'i, and the stories of Lāna'i City—to create an online archive. Families with ties to, and interest in the history of Lāna'i will be able to research details of our island heritage from anywhere on earth. Lāna'i is leading the way in Hawai'i with development of this electronic community archive. Visit the website to get caught up on new developments.

The Lāna'i CHC is located in the Old Dole Administrative Building, at 730 Lāna'i Avenue our exhibits are open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A core group of operational volunteers help to make our programs a success, they include (in alphabetical order): Winnie Basques, Mikala Borders, Irene Cockett-Perry, Lorraine Dyer, Nani Kanipae-Wilson, Sally Kaye, Kawena Maly, Onaona Maly, Warren Osako, and Momi Perry-Suzuki. All of our board of directors volunteer their time as well, and are dedicated to helping the Lāna'i CHC formulate and implement its programs. We are always looking for more help, and when the new Lāna'i CHC facility is opened, we will have a wide range of volunteer opportunities available for those who would like to help preserve and share Lāna'i's history, index and archive our collections, and help to manage our ethnobotanical gardens. Please consider helping in these areas. ☸ ☸ ☸

## Lāna'i CHC Preparing to Renovate a Portion of the Dole Administration Building as a New Home

We are happy to share an architectural rendering of the proposed exterior renovations of the old Dole Administration Building, prepared by Lāna'i raised, architect, Charles H. Palumbo (Charlie). We've been working to finalize our design plans for minor renovations to the exterior of the building, and clean renovations to the interior in order to provide Lāna'i's artifacts and historical collections with a safe home, and well organized exhibit rooms.

Walking up the path from Lāna'i Avenue, the planters will include rows of pineapple, a native plant and "lei" garden, and kalo (taro) and 'uala (sweet potato) mounds. At the top of the steps, a double door will provide visitors to the heritage center with access into the main exhibit

room. The exterior windows will include exhibit panels to provide afterhours visitors with information on Lāna'i's history. The interior exhibits will cover Lāna'i's natural history, Hawaiian traditions, the mission, ranching and sugar plantation history, and the legacy of Lāna'i's families and pineapple plantation era.



Exterior view of the renovations proposed for the old Dole Administration Building (Charles H. Palumbo, Architect).

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*Mahalo Nui to Donors who have Contributed to the Lāna'i CHC Programs and Collections. Your help ensures that Lāna'i's history will be passed on ☸ ☸ ☸*

*A Generous Grant from the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has financed the Lāna'i CHC program, making this 23 year vision a reality on Lāna'i.*

*Lāna'i CHC—Honoring the past, enriching the future. ☸ ☸ ☸*

## Support and Donations Received in 2009

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**Mahalo nui!** — with the help of our neighbors, friends and visitors to Lānaʻi, this community vision will succeed, and help pass the rich cultural legacy of our island on to future generations.

## Maunalei Sugar Co. & Keomoku Village (1899)

History from our Files:

A rich, yet only partially understood history has been documented for the Keomoku Village, now marked by Ka Lanakila Church, built in 1903, two years after the failure of the Maunalei Sugar Company. The village was once the center activities on Lānaʻi, and host to the largest population on the island. In the Hawaiian Language newspaper, Kuokoa, a June 30, 1899 article, described the building of Keomoku Village, and development of the Maunalei Sugar Company. Written, by G.W. Mahelona, descendant of an early land owner on the island, the article (translated by Kepa Maly) provides us with one of the most detailed descriptions of Lānaʻi at that time.

### "Progress on Lanai"

Greetings to you, Editor:—I am here, looking at the work occurring on this land of ours, the cultivation of sugar cane, is being done. The railroad and the wharf warehouse work is moving forward. Waterholes are dug, six have been made, and the sugar cane is presently growing. Sixty or more acres are laid out with planting slips, 200 acres have been cleared with the plows, and shall be properly covered in the months between August to December. The water of Maunalei and the mountains is what is being sought out. If it progresses well it will be mixed with the brackish water, to make good water for growing the sugar cane. There have been 46 houses built for the laborers, for supplies and the



Kahalepalaoa Landing, Lānaʻi (1902).  
Charles Gay Family Collection.

livestock, and a store, coffee house and hotel, and the houses are all shingled. There are also wire fences. The suffering of the people of Lanai is ended, here, can be purchased all types of things.

On Sunday, at 7 o'clock, the journey set out for the mountains of Lanai-hale, the place where Kaululāau glued shut the eyes of the ghosts, leaving only Pahulu. At 11 o'clock, we reached the mountain, and held a service and sermon, and when finished there was an enjoyable luncheon; at 2 o'clock, we turned and went below to Palawai. Monday, we traveled about the land and to the places where fresh water is dug for, arriving at Koele, the residence of Fredrick Hayselden and Talula who welcomed us for lunch, visiting and seeing the dishes from which Kalakaua had eaten; they continue the cherished work from the time of their own father. So to be praised. There was much food, and fat sheep... Tuesday, we looked about the land. There are many families, some with 13 children, 17 children, who have no home or no land. I gave an acre to one family, to enclose, to make a cistern, and build a house. also to cultivate the land, planting oranges trees, avocados, mangoes, breadfruit and all kinds of edible fruits. Wednesday, we returned to lunch with Talula and Hayselden. They gave us a fat sheep for supper. We then returned to sleep at Maunalei, in the home of Mr. Hoohuli... We will not return to the uplands till the work is finished—the wells, the wire fencing, the planting done, then to return for a time. G.W. Mahelona... Kahalepalaoa, June 25, 1899

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