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*The list of members has been omitted in this report, but will be included in the fifty-first report, which is expected to be issued soon.*

HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OFFICERS FOR 1942

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President.....	RALPH S. KUYKENDALL
Vice-President.....	HON. WALTER F. FREAR
Corresponding Secretary.....	JOHN F. G. STOKES
Recording Secretary.....	MAUDE JONES
Treasurer.....	THOMAS W. ELLIS
Librarian.....	MRS. VIOLET A. SILVERMAN
Trustee until 1943.....	THOMAS W. ELLIS
Trustee until 1943.....	PENROSE C. MORRIS
Trustee until 1943.....	J. TICE PHILLIPS
Trustee until 1944.....	MAUDE JONES
Trustee until 1944.....	BERNICE JUDD

TRUSTEE, LIBRARY OF HAWAII  
THOMAS W. ELLIS

COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thomas W. Ellis, Chairman

George S. Waterhouse

William W. Chamberlain

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Miss Margaret Newman, Chairman

Miss Janet Bell

Mrs. Violet A. Silverman

EDITORIAL AND PRINTING COMMITTEE

Miss Bernice Judd, Chairman

Mrs. G. B. Burtnett

Albert F. Judd, III

PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Violet A. Silverman, Chairman

Thomas Nickerson

Victor S. K. Houston

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Miss Maude Jones, Chairman

George T. Lecker

Shichiro Watanabe

PROGRAM AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Trustees of the Society

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Henry P. Judd, Chairman

Clifton H. Tracy

Arthur C. Alexander

THE HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY\*  
Organized 1892

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Library of Hawaii  
Honolulu, T. H.

February 23, 1942

The annual meeting of the Hawaiian Historical Society will be held on Friday afternoon, February 27, 1942, at four o'clock, in the Library of Hawaii. The meeting will be limited to necessary business such as the election of officers.

Since it is possible that many members will not be able to attend this meeting, the report of the Nominating Committee is presented here. The Committee recommend the re-election of the officers whose terms expire at this time. The nominations are:

For President (to serve one year)  
R. S. Kuykendall

For Trustees (to serve two years)  
Walter F. Frear, Maude Jones, Bernice Judd.

Any member may make additional nominations at the annual meeting.

The Society last month completed its first half century and plans had been made by the Trustees, acting as a program committee, for a suitable observance of this anniversary. Owing to the existing emergency, it is impossible to carry out these plans. It will also be impracticable to publish the usual annual report. But attention is called to the fact that the Society's library is continuing to be of service and is open during the regular library hours, and the Librarian, Mrs. Silverman, is available for consultation.

MAUDE JONES,  
Secretary, Hawaiian Historical Society.

*\*A copy of this notice was sent to each member.*

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 1942

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The annual meeting of the Hawaiian Historical Society was held at the Library of Hawaii on Friday afternoon, February 27, 1942, at four o'clock. Due to the existing emergency only a few members were in attendance. The reading of the minutes of the annual meeting of February 26, 1941, was omitted as they had already been printed. President Kuykendall announced that the meeting would be limited to necessary business.

The report of the President was read, accepted and ordered placed on file. The Treasurer submitted the report for the year 1941, stating that the accounts had been audited and found correct. This report showed:

Expenses.....	\$447.77
Balance, Commercial Account.....	446.71
Savings Account.....	605.41

It was moved, seconded and carried that this report be accepted and placed on file. Mrs. Silverman read her report as librarian which included a brief sketch of the Society. It was moved, seconded and carried that this report be accepted and placed on file.

The report of the Nominating Committee, submitted by Reverend Henry P. Judd, renominated Professor R. S. Kuykendall, president for one year; Honorable W. F. Frear, Miss Bernice Judd, Miss Maude Jones, trustees for two years. It was moved and seconded that these nominations be unanimous and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot. This motion was carried.

The Secretary having cast the ballot, the following officers were reelected:

President (one year)	Professor R. S. Kuykendall
Trustees (two years)	Honorable W. F. Frear, Miss Bernice Judd, Miss Maude Jones.

It was moved and seconded that the matter of printing or mimeographing the reports for distribution be left to the trustees with power to act. This motion was carried.



Mr. Frear called attention to the fact that Professor Alexander had read the first paper presented before the members of the Hawaiian Historical Society fifty years ago. He also stated that February 27 was the sixtieth anniversary of the Honolulu Social Science Association.

President Kuykendall stated that Mrs. Orine Burtnett had made her notes on the history of the Hawaiian Historical Society available for use.

The meeting was adjourned.

MAUDE JONES  
Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT  
February 27, 1942

To the Members of the  
Hawaiian Historical Society:

When the past year opened, the prospect was that it would be a notable one in the history of this organization, for during the year the Society completed its first half century, and it was expected that the observance of the semi-centennial anniversary would be an occasion of more than ordinary interest. The year has indeed been one of extraordinary interest, marked in its latter part by events of startling historical significance, which have completely subordinated the peaceful activities planned for our semi-centennial.

The Hawaiian Historical Society was organized on the eleventh day of January, 1892, but the history of the Society began two weeks earlier, on December 29, 1891, with a preliminary meeting of a few gentlemen interested in the ancient and modern history of these islands, and no doubt the subject had been discussed in private conversations even before that preliminary meeting. One of the first important steps taken by the Society was the consummation of a cooperative arrangement with the Honolulu Library Association, predecessor of the Library of Hawaii, and that arrangement has been maintained to the present time, to the mutual advantage of both organizations.

Soon after the last annual meeting, the Trustees, who were designated as the program committee for the year, began the work of arranging a program for the semi-centennial observance. Two or three worthwhile projects were arranged for. One of these was a history of the Society during its first half century; another was an index of all the Society's publications for the same period; still another was an account of some of the outstanding treasures in our library. For the present, these projects are postponed, but it is expected that they will be resumed and completed after the danger to our country has been overcome.

During the past year, the Society's library has been moved from the Punchbowl street side to the Likelike street side of the Library of Hawaii building. This move which was made without any expense

to the Society, is to our advantage, as it gives us a much better lighted and more commodious room.

The attack of December 7 and the possibility of a repetition of such depredations has raised the question as to the possibility of safeguarding our library from bombs and gunfire. The problem is a very difficult one, but it has received consideration and an effort is being made to devise some means of affording adequate protection at least to the more valuable items in our collection. The subject will, no doubt, have the attention of the Trustees during the ensuing year.

The Society has lost some members by death and resignation, but the loss has been to a considerable extent offset by the addition of new members, and it is confidently expected that our membership will be well maintained during this period of emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. KUYKENDALL

President.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
February 21, 1941, to February 19, 1942

*Income:*

Balance in Commercial Account as of February 21, 1941.....	\$ 428.98	
Dues .. .. .	416.00	
Dues, Kauai Historical Society.....	49.00	
Sales of Reports.....	30.50	924.48

*Disbursements:*

Dues, California Historical Society.....	10.00	
Dues, Pacific Historical Review.....	4.00	
Dues, Hawaiian Volcano Research Association....	5.00	
Mellen Associates (Meeting notices, meeting reports) .. .	23.74	
Bishop Trust (Safe deposit box).....	3.60	
Printshop of Hawaii (525 copies 49th Annual Report).....	235.74	
Foster & Futernick (Binding periodicals, repairing book).....	169.67	
Purchase of books.....	26.02	477.77
Balance in Commercial Account as of February 19, 1942.....		446.71

*Endowment Fund:*

Balance in Savings Account as of February 21, 1941.....	382.77	
Interest on Savings Account.....	8.06	
Interest on Bonds.....	80.00	
Dividends on von Hamm-Young stock.....	78.33	
Dividends, Pacific Gas & Electric Stock.....	56.25	605.41

*Assets:*

Two \$1000.00 Theo. H. Davies bonds, par.....	2,000.00	
Seventy-five shares von Hamm-Young preferred stock.....	1,517.60	
Fifty shares Pacific Gas & Electric preferred stock.....	1,506.95	
Cash in Commercial Account.....	446.71	
Cash in Savings Account.....	605.41	\$6,076.67

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. ELLIS,  
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct:

D. W. ANDERSON, Auditor.

February 24, 1942.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN  
1941

To the Officers and Members of the  
Hawaiian Historical Society:

This year the library as well as the Society celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. When the Society was started, Mr. Hoes, a navy chaplain, and one of the original founders, spent a great deal of time gathering together a collection of books which forms the nucleus of the present library. It has been augmented through the years by gifts and purchases until now we have a fine library of Pacificana. The library has served many people in its fifty years and will continue to function to the best of its ability. Its location has been changed many times and November 1941 saw another change take place. It is now beside the Hawaii & The Pacific Division in the mauka-ewa wing of the Library of Hawaii. This room is attractively painted in green; the stacks are all painted to look alike and the light is exceptionally good making this a nice room to work in.

The pace set by national defense and this year by the war has meant that the use of the library has been curtailed as everyone is too busy for extra work. The reference work done for outside sources has been interesting but meager. Mr. Gunder Olson of the Hawaii National Park has written a book, *History of the Volcano House*, and we were able to supply him with facts, figures and quotations on this subject; a bibliography of our early newspapers was sent to Mr. Habib who is making a bibliography of our Outlying Possessions and Territories; another bibliography was sent to a gentleman in Chicago who is making a bibliography of *The History of Printing in America*.

The newspapers, continuations, and other books that needed repairing were sent to the coast to be mended. Not as many books were sent this year as usual, I am sorry to say, as we will now have to wait until the war is over to have this work done unless we can get a few continuations done locally. I believe the Kamehameha Girls' School can do some bindery work but is not equipped for extensive repairs. One of the most valuable books done was the *Sandwich Island Gazette*, Vol. 2 printed in 1838-39; some of the pages were so brittle that they were covered with Japanese tissue and the book rebound, thus renewing the life of

the book immeasurably. The repair work on the newspapers is practically completed and the book repairs are gradually decreasing. We will now have to start repairing the books in Hawaiian.

One of the questions before the librarian has been the evacuation of the rare books in the Society's library. These books have been put in our fire-proof safe and a metal file but as these plans aren't entirely satisfactory, further study of the problem is being made.

Some cataloging and revising have been done during the year and continues whenever there is time.

The Society has received as gifts several interesting items, such as: a manuscript note book of a List of Members of Hawaiian Historical Society up to April 7, 1892 from Mr. Houston. This gift should have been acknowledged last year but was unfortunately omitted. Tom Blake, writer of *Hawaiian Surfboard* gave the Society his personal copy in which he has made notes and put additional pictures; Mr. William C. Yates, son of Emma Theodora Paty Yates, presented us with a fine copy of the *Sandwich Island Gazette and Journal of Commerce* edited by S. D. Mackintosh, Vol. 1, 1836-37, and a copy of his mother's *Reminiscences of Honolulu*, an interesting account of her early life here; Mrs. Erdman sent us two volumes of *Men of Hawaii*, one of *Builders of Hawaii*, one of *Women of Hawaii*, a *Pan Pacific Who's Who*, and also returned some reports, as did Miss Ethel Damon. Mr. Billam-Walker gave the Society two autographed copies of his *Half-minute Hawaiiana*. The Society purchased *Punahou, 1841-1941* by Mary C. Alexander and Charlotte P. Dodge, *Born in Paradise* by Armine von Tempski, the *Index to the Oregon Historical Quarterly*, *Coming of the White Women* by T. C. Elliott, and the *Correspondence and Journals of Captain Nathaniel J. Wyeth 1830-6*, edited by T. G. Young.

We appreciate the service given us by the Bishop Museum, the University of Hawaii and others who send us their publications each year.

The library has weathered the storms of its first fifty years and is now ready to begin its second fifty years with many thanks to its good friends.

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLET A. SILVERMAN

Librarian.



