

HAWAIIAN YOUTHS ABROAD

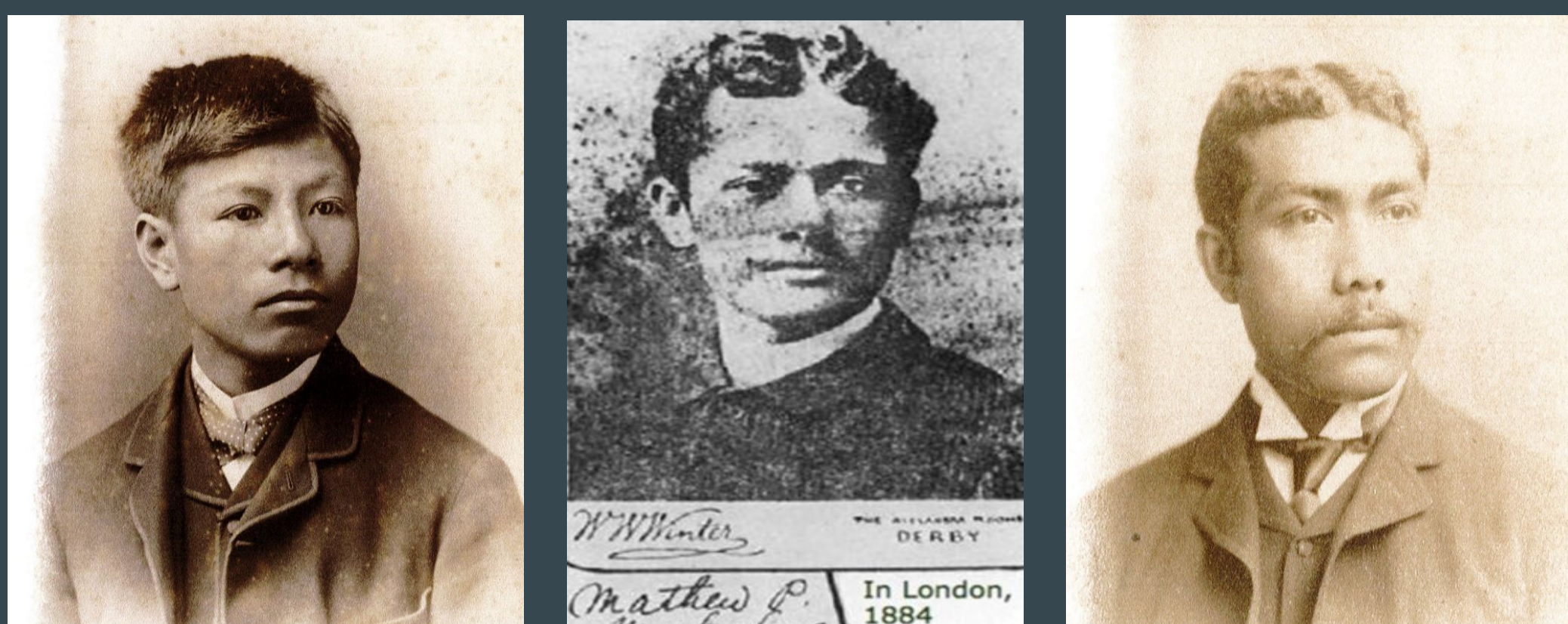
ESTABLISHED 1880 ~ REINSTATED 2018

THE COUNTRY & THE PROGRAM

Between 1880 and 1887, 18 Hawaiians participated in the Hawaiian Youths Abroad program in six different countries around the world: Italy, Scotland, England, China, Japan, and the United States. The 17 young men and 1 young woman were selected by King Kalākaua to become future leaders of an independent and progressive nation, the Hawaiian Kingdom. The program was embedded in the Hawaiian Kingdom Foreign Affairs office, and arguably was designed as both an educational and foreign diplomatic training program to prepare future leaders in core government functions. The program's very creation, design and eventual demise are reflective of the social and political conditions and concerns of the time. Its legislative creation and appropriation are testament to the progressive state of the Hawaiian Kingdom at the time, as a program funded by a country at the time was quite unprecedented in the world. The program and its participants were a source of pride and inspiration by Hawaiian nationals watching their progress at home, while also a source of jealousy and spite by the growing body of traitors illegally infiltrating the Hawaiian Kingdom, which led to the eventual ending of government support for the program just months before the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom government in 1893.



The first three HVA scholars who all studied in Italy: Robert Wilcox, James Kanehelo Booth and Robert Boyd. This is the only known photo of James Booth, found on our 2019 program visit to the Royal Military Academy in Torino, Italy.



The second cohort of HVA scholars who studied in England: Abraham Piianaia, Matthew Makalua and Joseph Kamauoha.

WHAT MADE IT POSSIBLE

HYA in 1880s was only possible because of (1) decades of well-established and unprecedented Hawaiian diplomacy, relationships & infrastructure around the world, (2) our progressive educational system and institution making, and (3) Hawaiian huaka'i genealogy.

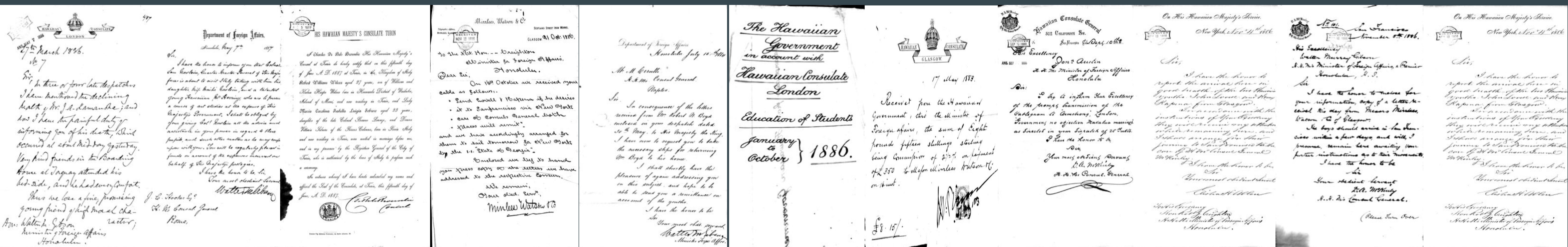
International Engagements, Network & Infrastructure: Our treaties Our consulates Our diplomacy

Hawaiian Kingdom (Higher) Education System: Literacy, curriculum & progressive institutions

Hawaiian (ali'i) Huaka'i: For education For diplomacy For adventure

THE SCHOLARS

James Kanehelo Booth
Italy, 1881
Robert N. Boyd
Italy, 1881
Robert W. Wilcox
Italy, 1881
Isaac Harbottle
Japan, 1882
James Hakuole
Japan, 1882
James Kapaa
China, 1882
Henry Kapena
Scotland, 1882
Hugo Kawelo
Scotland, 1882
John Lovell
Scotland, 1882
Joseph A. Kamauoha
England, 1882
Matthew Makalua
England, 1882
Abraham Piianaia
England, 1882
Thomas Spencer
United States, 1882
Thomas P. Cummins
United States, 1885
David Kawanakoa
United States, 1885
August Herring
Italy, 1887
Henry G. Marchant
United States, 1887
Maili Nowlien
Italy, 1887



THE RE-ESTABLISHED PROGRAM IN AN OCCUPIED COUNTRY

The Hawaiian Youths Abroad program is an appropriate case study and point of examination exploring both Hawaiian Kingdom progress and illegal attempts to exterminate such progress. The Hawaiian Youths Abroad program was embedded in the Hawaiian Kingdom Foreign Affairs office, and was designed as both an educational and diplomatic program to train future leaders to serve in core government functions. The program's very creation, design, and eventual demise, are demonstrative of the social and political conditions and concerns of the time.

