

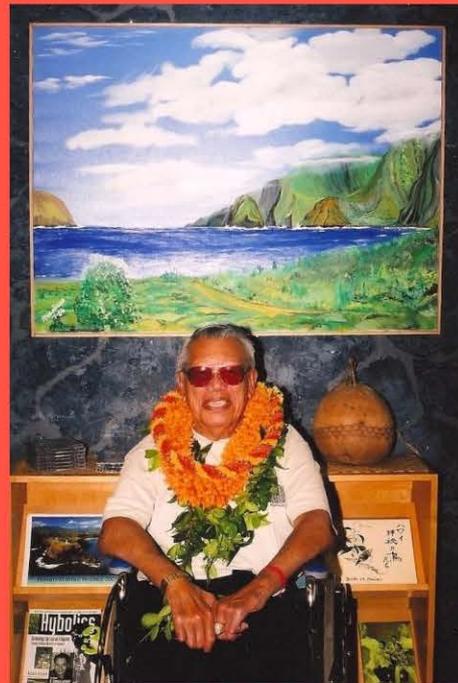
Ka'Ohana O Kalanipapa

*"E Ho'ohanohano a E Ho'omau . . .
. . . To Honor and To Perpetuate"*

Kalanipapa



Bernard Punikai'a



Henry Nalaielua



Makia Malo



20 Years of Paving a New Path

2003—2023



“To look out over this room and see my Kalaupapa ‘ohana surrounded by so many family members and friends makes my heart feel good.”

Above: A crowd of Kalaupapa residents, family members and friends filled McVeigh Hall at Kalaupapa on August 4, 2023, to establish Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa. Photo: Wayne Levin

Below: The Circle of Remembrance, where those in attendance speak aloud the names of family members and friends who have died at Kalaupapa, has become an emotional tradition at Ka ‘Ohana gatherings. Photo: Henry G. Law

Those words were spoken by Kalaupapa leader Bernard K. Punikai‘a as he opened the two-day workshop held in August of 2003 with 70 Kalaupapa residents, family members and friends filling McVeigh Hall. The meeting ended with all in attendance supporting the establishment of Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa as a nonprofit organization dedicated to remembering and honoring each of the nearly 8,000 men, women and children who were taken from their families and mostly relocated to Kalaupapa because of government policies regarding leprosy.

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2023: Our 20th Anniversary

Our traveling exhibits have appeared on every island at least once



Molokai Museum & Cultural Center (upper far left); Molokai High (below)



ADJOURNED WITH A PRAYER

The Minutes of Siloama &
Kanaana Hou Churches

Kalawao & Kalaupapa, Molokai, 1866-1928

J. D. Kahauliko - W. Kahalelaau - S. W. Kualii - J. H. Hao - W. K. Kanalu
William S. Kipi - Ephraim Kanoe - S. K. Kanakaole - John Kaahāhānu
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S. H. P. Kalawāiopuna - M. K. Atakaena
David K. Baker - George Wittrock



Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

Books, educational booklets & brochures

THE HISTORY OF LEPROSY/ HANSEN'S DISEASE IN HAWAII SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE, EVENTS & DATES

Between 1866 and 1969, an estimated 8,000 individuals, at least 90% of whom were Native Hawaiians, were separated from their family and friends and sent to the Mākaeāhala peninsula, commonly known as Kalaupapa. The oldest was 105, the youngest was 4.



Queen in 1966. As shown in probably the size of Queen Kapiolani and her party. In the middle of the Queen and the old Hawaiian Kamehameha has operated the Queen Kapiolani in the sunset on the horizon at the left. 2006. A. A. A.

Ho'Ohana O Kalaupapa
"The Mākaeāhala of Kalaupapa"

Yours Faithfully - Ambrose Hutchison

*Yours faithfully
Ambrose Hutchison*

Recollections of a Lifetime at Kalaupapa

Based on the Memoirs & Other Writings of
Ambrose Kanewālii Hutchison



"Ke Ao Kumu, Ke Ao Pau Ole"

Ka Pilina Mawaena o Nā Kama'āina o Kalaupapa a me Kō Hawai'i Mo'ō Ali'i



"Akahi a lana mai ka mana'o,
The thought has just lightened into a hope,

Ua ola makou Kou lahui . . .
That we, your nation of people, will survive . . .

Ko aloha e Kalani no ka lahui,
Your fond affection, dear Queen, for your people

I ke ao kumu a i ke ao pau ole . . ."
Is a source of light which is constant and never-fading . . .

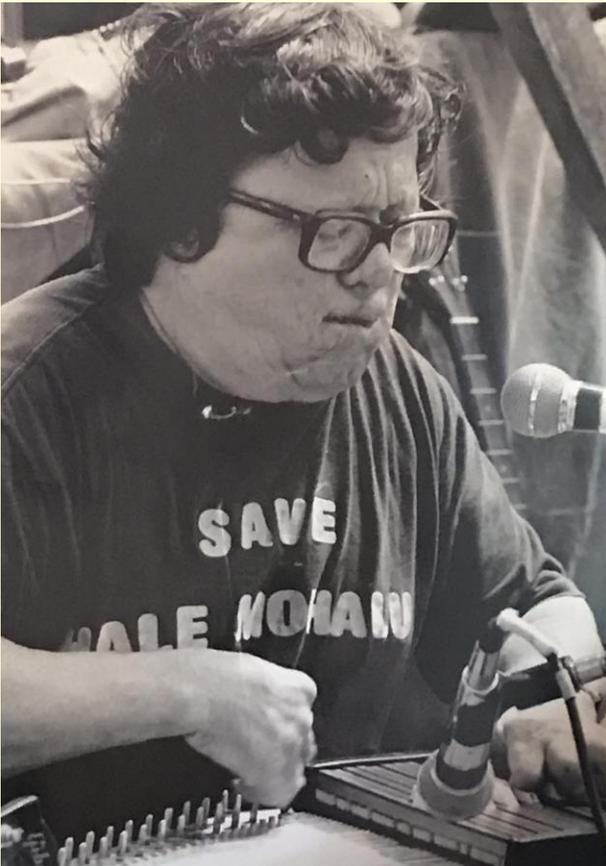
—Na David Kahoeka, 22 oia makahiki, Kalawao,
Ua lawe 'ia aho mai "He Lei He Aloha No Lihulani"
Ke Aloha Aina, Iā 22 o Mei 1897.

Ua unuhi 'ia e Carol L. Silva.

Ho'Ohana O Kalaupapa
"Ho'ohānāhāno o E Ho'omau . . .
... To Honor and To Perpetuate"

“The Soul of This Land”

“Some people who are trying to learn about their family history will come to find out they had relatives at Kalaupapa.”



“If they feel at all the same way that we do, they will be proud that their family was part of the `āina, part of the soul of this land.”

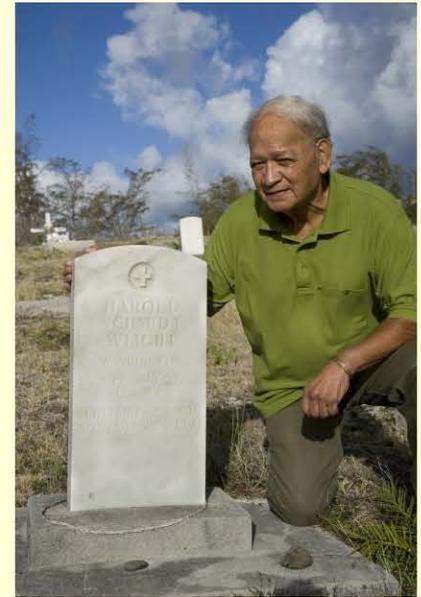
-- Bernard K. Punikai`a

Circle of Remembrance at the site of the Kalaupapa Memorial



Photos by Wayne Levin (above and upper left); Henry G. Law (left)

The Restoration of Family Ties



**Emma Kamahana & family (above);
Ed Weight (top right), Wiliama Namahoe**

Photos: Wayne Levin (Kamahana, Weight),
Valerie Monson (Namahoe)

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa family gathering on Oahu



Photo by Valerie Monson

Other Programs/Services of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa:

***Webinars**

***In-person educational presentations upon request**

***Community events for the Kalaupapa community**

***Research for families of Kalaupapa**

***Limited visits to Kalaupapa for families, now focusing on families who have never visited**

***Website: www.kalaupapaohana.org: Our online library**

***Research project with Windward Community College students**

***Annual Newsletters**

***E-bulletins throughout the year of essays about people and events throughout Kalaupapa history**

***Continued planning for the Kalaupapa Memorial**

All services provided at no charge

Ongoing Partnerships and/or Support:

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The Mellon Foundation * Molokai Museum & Cultural Center

Office of Hawaiian Affairs * Damiaan Museum, Belgium

Individual donations/other support from families and friends of Kalaupapa and other organizations

The Kalaupapa Memorial



The Kalaupapa Memorial: An Idea Takes Shape

“Yes, the State of Hawai`i should put up a monument for the patients of Kalaupapa. The State of Hawai`i should thank all of those people who were sent to Kalaupapa for giving up all that they had – they gave up everything.”

**-- Paul Harada, policeman,
St. Francis Church leader,
founding member of
Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa**

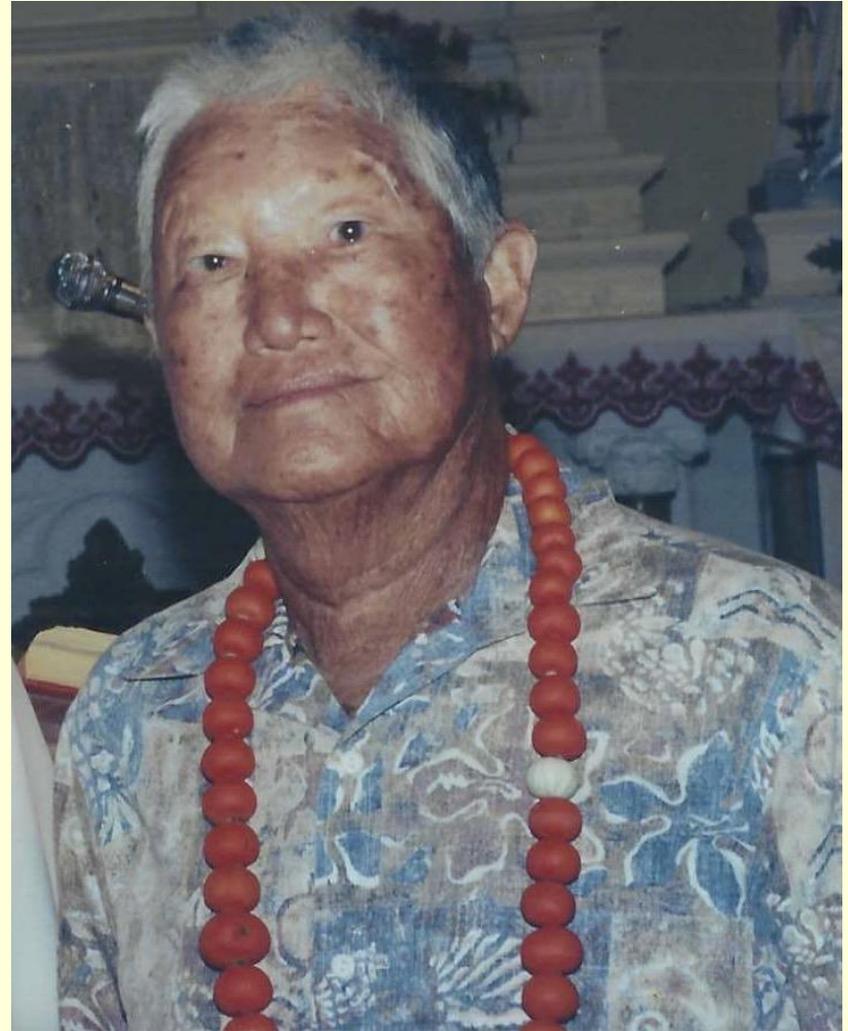


Photo by Valerie Monson

**“Wouldn't it be great if we could have a Memorial at Kalaupapa like the Vietnam Memorial that would list the names of all the people who were sent here?”
-- Ed Kato, artist, calligrapher, choir member**



Photo by Valerie Monson

Summer 2003

“Everybody’s name...I want to see their names on the Memorial.

I want my children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren to know that we were here.”

-- Kuulei Bell, Mormon Church leader, Kalaupapa Postmaster, First President of Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa



Photo by DeGray Vanderbilt

“It’s bringing your family back home, discovering who you are, where you belong.”

-- Pi`olani Motta, whose mother was born at Kalaupapa and grandparents died there

Photo by Wayne Levin



Summer 2003

Kalaupapa community petition for a Memorial

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Date:	Print Name:	Signature	Patient	Worker
5/21/03	Thomas Nelson	Thomas Nelson		✓
5/21/03	Beeching Mays	Beeching Mays	✓	
6/21/03	Kean Lee	Kean Lee		✓
5/21/03	Dianne Wilkins	Dianne Wilkins		✓
7/11/03	Russ Meyer	Russ Meyer	✓	
12/23/03	Eugene Shupard	Eugene Shupard		✓
6-30-03	PAUL HERBIA	Paul Herbia	✓	
5/21/03	Shirley Hays	Shirley Hays	✓	
5/21/03	Joyce Nishimura	Joyce Nishimura		✓
5/21/03	DIANE C. WELLS	Diane C. Wells		✓
5/21/03	Pauline Mehaule	Pauline Mehaule		✓
5/21/03	Ueli Kinglich	Ueli Kinglich		✓
5/21/03	STEPHEN TOLLESON	Stephen Tolleson		✓
5/21/03	Wm R. CRAIG	Wm R. Craig		✓
5/21/03	Pauline Chow	Pauline Chow	✓	
5/21/03	Ellen Storm	Ellen C. Storm		✓
6/6/03	Shirley Goringo	Shirley Goringo		✓
6-6-03	WINIFRED HARADA	Winifred Harada	✓	
6-7-03	LILY KAUNA	Lily Kauna	✓	
6-7-03	KUILLES BELL	Kuiles Bell	✓	
6-11-03	JACK KINGLICH	Jack Kinglich	✓	
6-11-03	LILL NAUKOOLA	Lill Naukoola	✓	
6-11-03	MELBA ROUND	Melba Round		✓
6-19-03	DUBERT DUBOIT	Dubert Duboit	✓	
7/11/03	Charita LaCruz	Charita LaCruz	✓	
7/11/03	Edwin LeGros	Edwin LeGros		✓
7/11/03	Barbara Paul	Barbara Paul		✓
7/11/03	Louise King	Louise King		✓
7-14-03	Rosa Pascaia	Rosa Pascaia		✓
7-14-03	John Brada	John Brada		✓
7/14/03	Pauline L. Mehaule	Pauline L. Mehaule		✓
7/14/03	Kathleen Kooyas	Kathleen Kooyas		✓
7/14/03	William P. King	William P. King		✓
7/14/03	W.P. JONES	W.P. Jones		✓
7/14/03	SOCIETY	Society		✓
7/14/03	ROSIE KAHILIKIWA	Rosie Kahilikawa		✓
7/14/03	Guy Hughes	Guy Hughes		✓
7/14/03	ZILPAT + DENNIS	Zilpat + Dennis		✓

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7/1/03	EUGENIA HINEK	Eugenia Hinek	✓	
7/1/03	JEROME S. HAKAHI	Jerome S. Hakaahi		✓
7/1/03	YVONNE CASTALES	Yvonne Castales	✓	
7/1/03	Uoy K. Kahilikawa	Uoy K. Kahilikawa	✓	
7/1/03	Julie Sigler	Julie Sigler		✓
7/1/03	Nellie McSwain	Nellie McSwain	✓	
7/1/03	JOHN SIGLER	John Sigler		✓
7/1/03	Harvey L. Arce	Harvey L. Arce		✓
7/1/03	SEBASTIANA FERNANDEZ	Sebastiana Fernandez	✓	
7/1/03	LAWSON DABONGUI	Lawson Dabongui		✓
7/1/03	Mrs. NATHAN R. 9740 S	Mrs. Nathan R. 9740 S	✓	✓
7/1/03	W. NARA	W. Nara		✓
7/2/03	HELEN K. NAKAOKA	Helen K. Nakaoka	✓	
7/2/03	JAMES A. BRADY	James A. Brady	✓	
7/2/03	BENJAMIN D.	Benjamin D.	✓	
7/2/03	ANDREW TAGRAY	Andrew Tagray	✓	
7/2/03	Nancy Brode	Nancy Brode	✓	
7/2/03	XERILEO AGUIRRE	Xerileo Aguirre	✓	
7/2/03	SARAH BENJAMIN	Sarah Benjamin	✓	
7/2/03	X DAVID BRODE	David Brode	✓	

2003 petition

Ka'Ohana O Kalaniana'olaha

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Kalaniana'olaha



**August
4-5,
2003**

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Wayne Levin

Workshop Theme:
*“Together Our Voices
Are Strong”*

**Chairman of the Board
Bernard K. Punikai`a**

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President Kuulei Bell



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Vice President Winnie Harada



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**Treasurer
Gloria L. Marks
with
Meli Watanuki**



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Director
(and future President)
Boogie Kahilihiwa

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Director Makia Malo



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Levin

Makia, a founding member of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, speaks at another annual meeting with Monica Bacon



**Rose Kailipone Nailau (Pea),
ancestor of Colette**

Among family members and friends on the first Board of Directors: Colette Machado



The Harada Brothers: Taka, Paul and Glenn



Photo by Wayne Levin



**Jean Shimose, niece
of Kenso Seki,
placing flowers on
her uncle's grave**

Photo by Wayne Levin



**Wesley Hori,
grandson of
Henry Hori, who
inspired the
building of the
Kalaupapa Cross
at the Crater**

Photo by Wayne Levin



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Group leads fight for Kalaupapa memorial



HEATHER WINES | Gannett News Service

Piolani Motta of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, a group representing Hansen's disease patients, relatives and friends, said a monument can give a real sense of how many people were isolated there.

BY DENNIS CAMIRE

Advertiser Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — It was 65 years ago when Shoichi Hamai was one of thousands of people diagnosed with Hansen's disease in Hawai'i and shipped off to a remote island colony to live his life in isolation. Yesterday, he asked for an official remembrance for the members of his unique community.

"I was sent to Kalaupapa when I was 15 years old," he said in a statement prepared for the House Resources national parks subcommittee. "It is good to remember those who have suffered and have died in Kalaupapa."

A group of patients, relatives

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"Can I Sign for My Mother?"

-- Gertrude Seabury Ka'auwai



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Elyabeth Kahilika
Uraia Hoopi Lu Seabury
Yvonne Aikwee
Calvin Puhina
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Frank Silva
Bonifacio Mendes Marks
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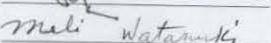
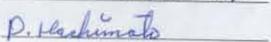
"Sign for Pilipili, sign for Bill, sign for Pearl."

-- Makia Malo

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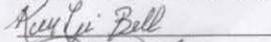
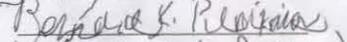
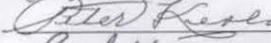
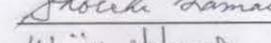
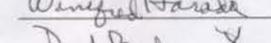
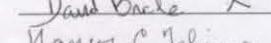
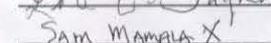
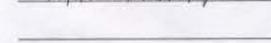
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	_____	(WILLIAM MALO)
	_____	(MARY MALO)
	_____	(PEARL MALO)
	_____	(EARL MALO)
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	_____	(BERNARD K. ASIKAMA)
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	_____	(NANCY C. CHANG)
	_____	(LOUNDES TAGHOY)
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**Then-US Rep.
Mazie Hirono
presents ho`okupu for
the future Kalaupapa
Memorial during a
visit to the site of the
Old Baldwin Home**

Photo by Valerie Monson

Congress should OK Kalaupapa memorial

THE ISSUE

The state has apologized to leprosy patients exiled to Kalaupapa with the reading of a resolution approved by the state Legislature.

AT long last, the state has apologized for the horrendous, century-long exile of thousands of leprosy patients to a secluded peninsula on Molokai. A resolution approved by this year's legislature was read to former patients last week, and Congress should follow with enactment of a bill authorizing a monument to be placed at Kalaupapa.

State Sen. J. Kalani English read aloud the resolution, which acknowledged the banishment of patients of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, from 1866 to 1969, when the forced exile came to an end. Many of the patients remained on the peninsula, which had become their home.

As the resolution noted, mothers and fathers were forced to surrender their children diagnosed with leprosy to Kalaupapa, while children born to parents at Kalaupapa were taken away at birth and sent to other relatives or to orphanages. Many parental relationships were broken forever.

Eight thousand patients were exiled to the peninsula, and federal legislation would allow a monument bearing their names to be placed at Kalaupapa, which Congress established as a national historical park in 1980. In late 2006, the House approved authorization of the monument proposed by then-Rep. Ed Case, and it approved it again this February under the sponsorship of his successor, Rep. Mazie Hirono. A similar bill introduced by Sen. Daniel Akaka was endorsed by a Senate committee in May and advanced to the full Senate, which should give its approval by the end of this year.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, a nonprofit organization of patient-residents, has been collecting the 8,000 patients' names from state archives for placement on the memorial. Federal and/or state funds are likely to be needed to pay for the memorial once the cost has been determined.



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"The memorial has strong local support, and I am not aware of any opposition or controversy," said Akaka, D-Hawaii. "We are happy to hear from the administration that they are willing to work with us on designating a place (for the memorial)."

"The experience of the ... Hansen's disease patients sent to Kalaupapa is a painful part of Hawai'i's history, one our country should never forget," said Akaka, a committee member.

"A memorial listing the names ... is the least we can do to honor their lives and sacrifices," said Rep. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawai'i, who sponsored the bill in the House.

Editorials

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 16, 2008

A fitting monument to Kalaupapa's forgotten

The broad history of the Hansen's disease colony on Molokai's Kalaupapa Peninsula is well-known: Patients separated from home and forced into isolation; the heroism of Father Damien and those he inspired; the evolution of the colony from a place of tragedy to an international symbol of inspiration and hope.

But the most important part of that history — the patients themselves — is fading away in the land of their exile.

About 8,000 people were sent to Kalaupapa and Kalawao, from the first 12 people, all Hawaiian, on Jan. 6, 1866, to the last one in 1969.

An accounting of their names remains incomplete. On the peninsula itself, only about 1,300 graves have been identified, and many of those

are no longer visible.

Nonetheless, worthy preservation efforts are under way.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa's Kalaupapa Memorial Names Project is attempting to collect all the names and develop a genealogical database. And on Tuesday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to authorize the monument, to be erected in the National Historical Park at Kalawao and/or Kalaupapa. A similar bill is pending in the U.S. Senate.

The monument would bear the names of the original 5,000 people sent to Kalawao between 1866 and 1896, as well as the 3,000 sent to Kalaupapa in its later history.

It would be fitting that, in a place where they were sent to be forgotten, their names would be enshrined forever.

Editorials represent the opinion of the newspaper, whose Editorial Board consists of: Dick Adair, Stephen J. Downes, Anne Harpham, Jeanne Mariani-Belding, Mark Platte, Vicki Viotti and Lee P. Webber.

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President Obama signs The Kalaupapa Memorial Act into law, authorizing Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa to establish the Memorial



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Kalaupapa, Hawaii 96742

Aloha Mr. Kahilihiwa:

Congratulations! As you know, at its meeting on July 26, 2013, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) approved a 65 year lease to Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa ('Ohana) to construct a memorial at Kalaupapa. In addition to the 65 year term, the Board added a condition that by year 20 of the lease, the 'Ohana will provide the Board with a management plan. The specific terms of the Board's approval will be documented when the minutes of the meeting are adopted at a future Board meeting.

I know the 'Ohana has been pursuing this long term lease to facilitate fundraising efforts. You now have the approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources for the lease. The Department looks forward to a positive and productive partnership to make the memorial a reality.

Please continue to work with Dan Quinn at Division of State Parks to process the lease.

Sincerely,

William J. Aila, Jr.
Chairperson

After we received the federal legislation...

***Three unanimous approvals from the Board of Land and Natural Resources: 2013, 2014 and 2018;**

***Unanimous approval from the State Land Use Commission that the Memorial is an appropriate use of the land in 2015.**

The Kalaupapa Memorial



**“The Memorial Will Be Their Everlasting Presence,”
-- Ka`iulani Puahala Hess,
parents lived at Kalaupapa**



“I Want to See All the Names”

-- Olivia Breitha,
author & activist sent to Hawai'i in 1937



“I want to see all the names. These people are my friends – even though many of them died before I came here and I didn’t know them personally, in spirit we are all together. I know their hearts and souls.”



Photo by Valerie Monson

“I think we deserve to be remembered. We are part of this world. We didn’t want to be sent here. It was for the safety of other people Greater love hath no man than to give up his life for a friend. That’s what we did.”

– Cathrine Puahala



Photo by
Valerie
Monson

“It’s good for people to remember who were here before us. It is just like those who went to war and died, there are monuments with their names on it. My mother was also sent to Kalaupapa.”

-- Peter Keola



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Valerie
Monson



“When you see all the names on the Memorial, it will be like everyone from Kalawao and Kalaupapa is standing right in front of you. It will bring tears to my eyes.”

-- Boogie Kahilihwa

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Green light nears for red-light cameras

Fines will start at \$200 in the two-year pilot project at 10 Oahu intersections

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A system to issue traffic tickets for running red lights using automated cameras at problematic Honolulu intersections should be ready for

use in May after a nearly year-long delay. The state Department of Transportation announced Tuesday that engineering work to assess suitability of cameras at 10 intersections began in January and should

be done by March, followed by installation of the camera system, then activation in May. For the first 30 days of operation, the system will send warnings to registered owners of vehicles caught on camera running red lights. After that, citations that include traditional red-light infraction fines starting at

\$200 for an initial offense will be issued using the system authorized by state lawmakers as a two-year pilot project. Ed Stiffen, deputy director of the agency's Highways Division, said the program's goal is to reduce accidents by encouraging better driver decisions and that red-light cameras could be expanded

at problematic intersections around the state if the pilot program proves useful. "The goal is safety," he said. "Bottom line, we want to make sure that we stop one of the behaviors that are killing people in our system. If we can stop red-light running at these intersections that we have, we can take away one of those

aspects that impact safety throughout our system." Crash history was a factor in HDOT selecting 10 preferred intersections, and four alternates, for camera installation. Among intersections intended for the system are Likelike Highway and School

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KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL

'A PLACE FOR HEALING'



The rendering above shows the proposed Kalaupapa Memorial to bear the names of the 8,000 Hawaii residents diagnosed with Hansen's disease and exiled on the remote Molokai peninsula.

Funding is being considered to recognize 8,000 residents diagnosed with leprosy

By Mindy Pennybacker
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Of the 8,000 Hawaii residents diagnosed with leprosy who were banished to Kalaupapa from 1866 to 1969, there are nine people remaining today who have the right to live at the isolated Molokai peninsula,

said Valerie Monson, former executive director of the nonprofit Ka 'Ohana o Kalaupapa. "We always say there are still nearly 8,000 people with us, and we often feel their presence," Monson said Monday in a phone in-

terview, speaking on behalf of the organization. Since its founding in 2009, the organization has helped about 900 relatives — many of whom hadn't known a member of their family had suffered from Hansen's disease — reconnect with their

ancestors and their stories, bringing to light a crucial segment of Hawaii's buried past. Until this century, most of the patients' names had been unknown, she said, noting that there are only about 1,000 graves in Kalaupapa with legible

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they established. Despite, who also began visiting Kalaupapa in the 1970s, when the community was about 40 patients strong, said hearing their history and seeing "what some of the patients dealt with because for me as emotional and spiritual thing." "Thinking her legislative colleagues for their broad support for the bill. "One way or another, there is a relationship to Kalaupapa for everyone in this state," she said. "But you don't understand it until you make the journey there."

In other testimony, Marcia Kahlilawa spoke about her father, who was born in Kalaupapa but taken from his parents, when he served time, and raised elsewhere in orphanages and foster homes.

Revisiting Kalaupapa at 84, "with those people who were able to open up and share a part of himself that was locked away," Lyons wrote, "with those people he realized he was not alone; that is why I know that the Memorial will serve as a place of reconciliation and healing for descendants."

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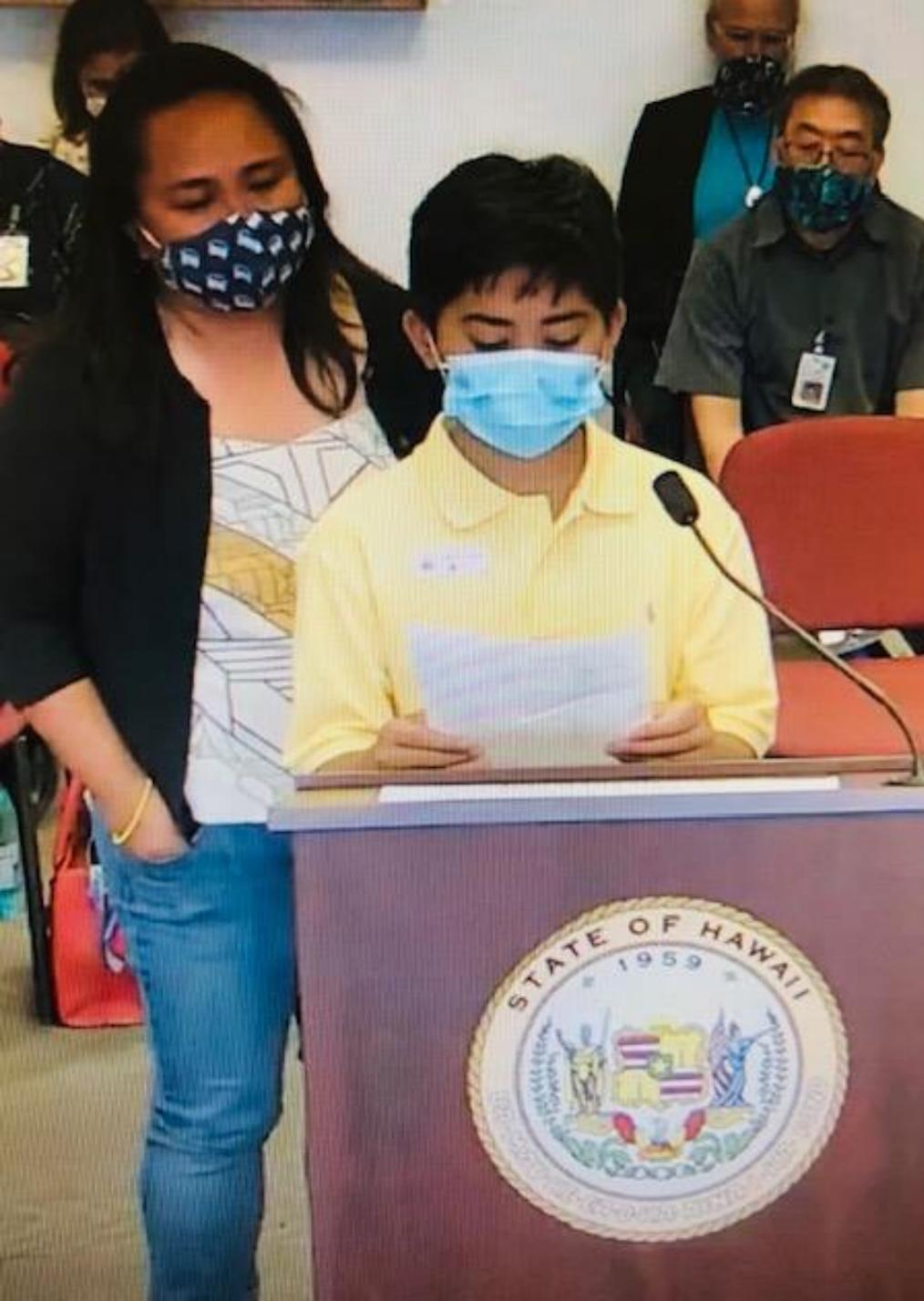
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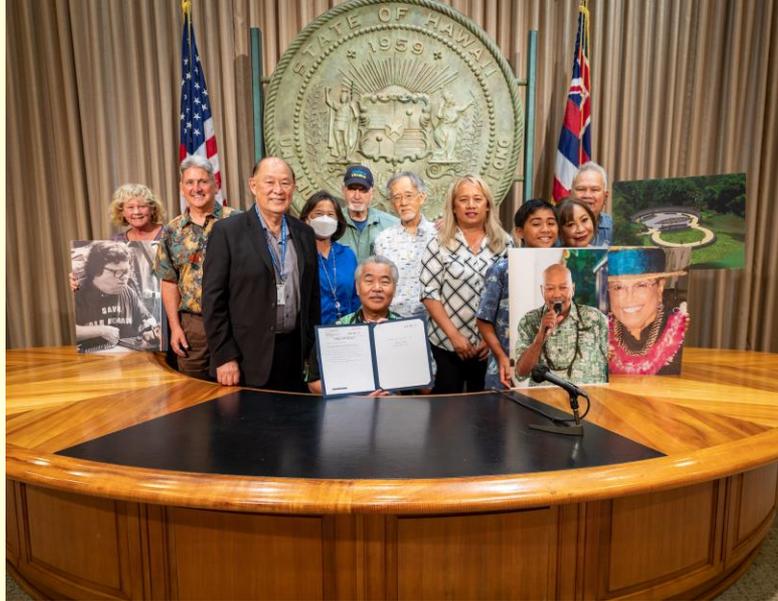
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**Ka 'Ohana President
Charmaine Woodward and
her son, Nainoa – then 11 –
testify in support of the
State Legislature
appropriating \$5 million for
The Kalaupapa Memorial**



***Agreed by NPS, State Parks, Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa and G70 advisors with SHPD in attendance that sufficient work has been completed for Ka ‘Ohana to return to the Land Board for the executed lease – Ka ‘Ohana accepts the final draft lease approved by the Deputy Attorney General (December, 2020), but no Land Board meeting has yet to be scheduled.**

***Unanimous approval by the State Senate and House approving \$5 million to plan and build the Memorial (May, 2022)**

***Governor David Ige signs the Kalaupapa Memorial funding bill into law (June, 2022)**

“Build It While We’re Alive”

-- Boogie Kahilihiwa, Pauline Chow & Gloria Marks



Photo by DeGray Vanderbilt

David and Chris Mahelona are descendants of Jonathan Napela and 30+ others at Kalaupapa: they have not found a tombstone for any of their 'ohana

“The Memorial would be the second-best place for us to leave flowers for our family buried on the Kalaupapa peninsula.

“Unfortunately, the best place will never be found.”



Photo by Wayne Levin



“There are so many families who will never find a tombstone here and they need to see the names.

“The Memorial will allow the families to rest.”

-- Dita Ramler whose great aunt, Rose Ahuna who lies in an unmarked grave at Kalaupapa

**Timmy Leong and daughter,
Napua, help reconsecrate
a field of nearly 2,000
unmarked graves at Kalawao
with Kahu David Kaupu**



To all of you at Ka'ohana
o Kalaupapa for working so
hard on behalf of all those
that lived on Kalaupapa, I
thank you, "Mahalo nui loa".

I am 87 and it is my greatest
hope to rub my hands ~~my~~ over
my great grandmother's name at the
memorial - "Constantina Fernandes."
It is so sad that "government" does
not feel our pain and move on
to get the memorial finally done!
It is my prayer that your next
news letter will be more
encouraging. Again I am so
grateful to all of you for your
endless patience and continued
hard work. God bless all of you.

"My Greatest Hope"

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**-- Kalaupapa descendant
now living in Illinois**

“All of us have a challenge, and that is to join together, to bring (the) dream of a Memorial at Kalaupapa, so that the future will never forget the sacrifices made.”

-- Governor John Waihe`e



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“The Pride of a Nation”



Photo by Henry G. Law



Painted Stone by Ed Kato

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