

Home Rule for All People of Hawai‘i

In 1900, things were very different than they are today. Many people know portions of the story but not the whole thing. In this article we will outline the timeline of events to bring us all to one understanding about the former Home Rule Party of 1900.

During political turbulence regarding the Committee of Thirteen and the *coup d'état* of the Hawaiian Kingdom, both Kanaka Maoli and people whose loyalty stood with the kingdom were force-subjugated by US Naval powers, to adhere to the false government that was quickly established to take over the governance of the Hawaiian Islands.

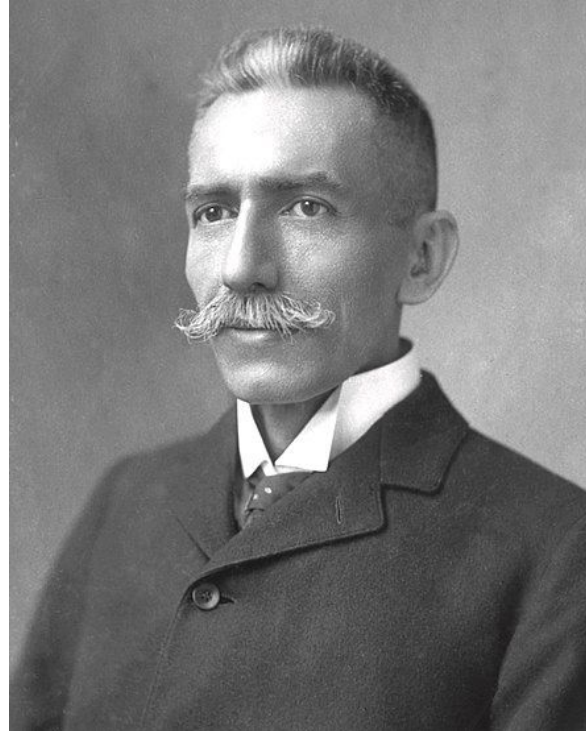
It was at this time that the Kū‘e Petitions were circulated throughout the islands, receiving More than 38,000 signatures.

Many of those signatures came from the multitudes of people who came from other countries, such as immigrants from America, England, Portugal, the Philippines and China.

Many groups assembled, and the two groups that were the strongest, Hui Kālai‘āina and Hui Aloha ‘Āina, both of which had the same ultimate goal. However annexation was inevitable without an equitable standing for those who were loyal to the kingdom.

After the forged annexation had taken place in 1898, loyalists to Hawai‘i became concerned that neither the Democrat nor Republican Parties would be efficient enough to represent the Voice of the People. This was, and still is true today. The two party system has roots in the same bird of political corruption and although individual candidates within those parties may truly be concerned, the parties themselves are only concerned with the economy of the corporate United States; further removing them from the people.

In June 1900, Robert Wilcox was one of many who gathered supporters and created the *Independent Party* - which later became known as the *Home Rule Party*. In his speech, he said, "The question of the restoration of the



Robert Wilcox, Home Rule Party of 1900
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Monarchy is gone from us forever. We are now a people, however, who can vote. You all know we have two-thirds of the votes in this country." The following day, the Home Rule Party was established.



Photo Credit: Nā Mo'olelo o Kou 'Āina Mākuahine by Bryan Kamaoli Kuwada

<https://hehiale.wordpress.com/2017/01/17/na-moolelo-o-kou-aina-makuahine-our-kupuna-on-sovereignty-and-the-overthrow/>

When did Aloha 'Āina Party return?

Since that time, many attempts have been made to reinstate the Aloha 'Āina Party. With credit and gratitude to those who have tried in the past, it is the current administration who were finally able to achieve official party

Status, on the 12th day of March 2020. Just a few weeks after, candidates began to step up for the 2020 election season, many of whom were just as new to politics as the party was new in formation. Although it was a rocky road, the party persevered and will continue.



The Light Behind the Mountains

While there is no one way to gain the Voice of every person, there are many ways to find the common lines of unity that ties us all together.

Every individual that lives in Hawai‘i today, has a place and a reason to be here. Every person who lives here in Hawai‘i has rights, as well as needs to assure the safety of a living future for their descendants.

Those who have shown a capability to see all people as an equal, were carefully selected by destiny, to manifest a greater sense of unity in our community. We are often told that there is light on the other side of the tunnel, and the photo above shows us that the light has always been there, waiting for us on the other side.

Age Old Politics in Hawai i

Way back in the age of settlement in Hawai‘i there lived a ruler of Hawai‘i Island named Keawenui.

Keawenui was a great ruler who was well respected but everyone questioned how his son was going to turn out. That boy did not have an ounce of his father’s bravery, in the eyes of many.

When the boy was about the age of puberty he was brought into his father’s Hale Mua, or men’s house. The boy immediately questioned the items hanging on the walls, and nodded his disapproval of such things. Although he loved his father, the boy felt as though these things were unnecessary and that there had to be a more peaceful approach to being a leader. What he was looking at was his father’s arsenal.

Still young when his father died, the leadership was left to the boy’s

Profiting from the removal of invasive species



The DLNR ran out of funding before they could eradicate the invasive Albizia tree. However that tree is a hardwood tree that can be used as lumber. So is the eucalyptus.

This means that we wouldn't have to pay high lumber prices because it doesn't have to be shipped here. It would build local business, generate jobs, and bring revenues through sales. It would also be considered a rare wood since there is a limited supply.

Upcoming events in the Lāhui

Saturday February 20th - 9am
Pokai Bay

Moku o Kapuaiwa Alii Rocky Naeole, Alii Joe Jerviss, Alii Abe Kaio with Alii Nathan Paikai, Alii Sonny, Shaena, Aleka will support Lena Girl with the "Community Clean up of Heiau Kuililoloa at Pokai Bay, Waianae, Oahu.

uncle until such a time that the boy was ready to take on the task of becoming the leader that his father once was.

Figuring that he wanted to travel to gain perspective, the boy set out on a voyage to surrounding islands. He enjoyed playing makahiki games and had become quite skilled at dodging spears. During his travels, the young man defeated all of his opponents along the way.

On his journey, another ruler - the ruler of O'ahu had become interested in the pōhaku in front of the young man's canoe. The other ruler, Kakuihewa, wanted that stone badly.

He conspired and challenged the young man repeatedly, until he finally lost all governance of O'ahu to this young man. In victory, the young man returned home to claim his role as leader. Ultimately, this young man became a name that most Hawaiian households look upto today. He became one of the greatest rulers in the history of Hawai'i and is well known for his love of the common+unity that we all share. This young man's name was Lono.

Membership Drive

During the month of January, the Aloha 'Āina Party has increased by 12 members. We'd like to thank every participant who shared our membership form. If you missed your chance to share, here is the link for membership:

<https://forms.gle/WHRo7zWZes6A4Ca37>

