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Welcome to
Creating Siapo: American Samoa 1967

In summer of 1966, Joan Griffis was recruited by the National Association of Broadcasters to work as an on-air teacher in American Samoa. For the next two years, she worked in Pago Pago, American Samoa, teaching English as a second language, with her lessons being broadcast to high schools on all of the American Samoan islands. She then spent an additional two years at the Feleti Teacher Training school—later the American Samoan Community College—where she and a small staff worked closely with Samoan high school students, helping them prepare for college on the mainland, while also conducting teacher training classes. In 1970, she returned to the continental United States.

Over the course of four years in American Samoa she also shot more than 1,200 slides, with a major interests being traditional Samoan crafts and life. "When it was appropriate we used some of the slides in my televised English lessons," she now says. "Samoa was changing rapidly and many of the traditional crafts were not being taught to Samoan youth."

The eighteen slides in this online collection depict the process of making siapo, as bark-cloth is known in Samoa. The slides were donated by Ms. Griffis to the Pacific Collection in 2009, in conjunction with another major gift to the University of Hawaii Library: A full-size siapo piece made by Mary Pritchard, one of world's preeminent makers of traditional bark-cloth, and the person most often credited for reviving the nearly lost art in Samoa. To view the images in chronological order, click on the "Browse" link at the top of this page, then select "Title" from the browse-by menu.

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WELCOME TO TRUST TERRITORY ARCHIVES PHOTOGRAPHS.

The Trust Territory Archives Photograph Collection is a unique resource of 50,000 photographs and 2,000 slides that documents the history of the American period in Micronesia (1947-1988), and includes invaluable visual representations of island cultures. Much of this material was salvaged from the former Trust Territory Headquarters on Saipan, and owes its very existence to the persistence of former Trust Territory Archivist Sam McPhetres and his team, who were engaged in microfilming the files of the American administration.

The Trust Territory Archives Photograph Collection is made up of two separate collections. The largest set (originally housed in 126 binders) contains photographs by the various government photographers and others, including extensive work by the former Public Affairs Department, public relations photographs, work for Trust Territory publications such as the newsletter, Highlights, the quarterly magazine, Micronesian Reporter, the annual report to the United Nations, and for textbook production are included in this huge file of photographs. The photographs cover a wide range of activities, such as the visits of US Congressional teams, school graduations, cultural events such as the building of a traditional Palauan bai, gatherings of chiefs, meetings of the Congress of Micronesia, speeches by the High Commissioner, agricultural projects, the Micronesian Olympics, United Nations Day celebrations and similar festivals.

The second and small collection (originally 18 binders) within the group is that referred to as the "Peacock Collection." These materials were organized by former Trust Territory Supervisor of the Library Services, Daniel J. Peacock, as a project for the Trust Territory Department of Education. Peacock had photographs made of illustrations in early ethnographic and historic published works on Micronesia. These were arranged by subject and by district, so that one could easily access, for example, canoe building in Yap. In addition, Peacock contracted a skilled professional photographer to do a series of works showing places and people throughout Micronesia. These were interfiled with the photographs of historical illustrations. The Peacock Collection was created as a resource for curriculum development for education staff and teachers. Because most of this material may involve copyright questions, the Pacific Collection decided not to scan these photographs for the new database. They are, however, listed in the Trust Territory Archives online index, and available for viewing at the Pacific Collection.

The Photograph Collection is included in the online index to the overall Trust Territory Archives. When the University of Hawaii Library received the Trust Territory Archives original index tapes, the data was reorganized in MARC format to conform to the University of Hawaii Library cataloging (and to national standards), and entered as a subsystem in the Library's online catalog. The indexing done on Saipan organized photographs by group according to subject. Thus, for example, a collection of twenty-seven photographs indexed as High Commissioner Elbert D. Thomas in Honolulu, 1951-1952, also contains photographs of other individuals from the Trust Territory administration and the old Trust Territory headquarters at Fort Ruger. A folder of photographs was assembled and given a general heading, rather than having cataloging done for each separate photograph, negative or slide.

FEATURED PHOTO:

Department of Public Affairs -Publication Division, <u>Children</u> <u>walking down path.</u> (N-PA002-149).





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Rapanui: The Edmunds and Bryan Photograph Collection

Henry P. Edmunds and William A. Bryan were both photographers of the early 20th century. Although they lived very different lives, they shared the experience of Rapanui, or Easter Island, during the early 1900s. Both of them took remarkable photographs documenting Rapanui's archaeological wonders and everyday life, and some of these fascinating images are presented here.

For those of you interested in learning more about Henry P. Edmunds, the Bishop Museum of Honolulu, Hawai´i has an extensive collection of his photographs.

STATISTICS:

Total photos in database: 190
Total images in database: 979



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Bands, Nose piercing, Siwai, Unidentified Persons

Date: Unknown

Slide Number: DO 0229

Collection: "Siwai: Components of Man's Hat" (D00221-D00231)

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Poster, Pacific Collection call number: ART P001

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Mrs. Anna Topp's poster was distributed in Palau as part of her search for her son, Irving Topp, who was shot down on Koror, Palau on May 4, 1945.

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WELCOME TO THE GEORGE GRACE COLLECTION.

Dr. George Grace is a professor emeritus at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, where he served on the faculty in the Department of Linguistics from 1964 until 1991. In 1955, while a doctoral candidate at Columbia University, Dr. Grace began work for the Tri-Institutional Pacific Project (TRIPP) — a project of Pacific anthropological research funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and administered by Yale University, the University of Hawaii, and Honolulu's Bernice P. Bishop Museum. His task was to produce a classification of the Austronesian languages of Oceania, with particular attention to the position of Polynesian languages. In 1955, after several months of library research in New York, Dr. Grace departed for Melanesia, and for the next year traveled throughout the region conducting fieldwork. During his travels -- which included stops in Hawaii, Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Papua (a.k.a. West Papua/Irian Jaya) and the Solomon Islands -- Dr. Grace also shot a number of photographs, documenting a wide array of subjects within the region. In 2007, Dr. Grace donated his Melanesian field notes, photographs and related papers to Hamilton Library's Pacific Collection. This online collection contains the complete set of photographs and papers that comprise the George Grace Linguistic Research and Slides of Melanesia collection.

To view the papers that have been digitized for this online collection, including a chronology of Dr. Grace's life and work, click on "online documents" above. To read his curriculum vita, including a bibliography of publications, <u>click here to visit his website</u>.



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WELCOME TO THE MARGO DUGGAN COLLECTION.

Margo Duggan served in the United States Marine Corps in World War II, from 1943 through 1945. In late 1949 she began work as a civilian employee of the United States Trust Territories Administration. Between 1949 and 1954, she worked on or visited a number of locations in the Marshall, Mariana, and Caroline Islands, including Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Ngeaur, Koror, Peleliu, Yap, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kwajalein, Majuro and Ebeye. She also spent time at the Trust Territory headquarters in Hawaii.

Margo Duggan's photographs document an important moment in the history of Micronesia, as the various island nations emerged from the life and death struggles of World War II and began the process of redefining their political status.

To read a brief biography of Margo Duggan, written by her nephew Ned Daly, please <u>click here</u>. (Adobe PDF reader required.)

To read more about the provenance of the Margo Duggan Collection and the creation of this online resource, please see the <u>About</u> page.

Those interested in the Trust Territory era might also wish to visit the Pacific Collection's <u>Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Photo</u> **Archive**.

STATISTICS:

Total slides in database: 1075

Total images in database: 2246



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WELCOME TO NUCLEAR DIASPORA: BIKINI AND ENEWETAK.

The slides in this collection derive from the anthropological fieldwork of Dr. Leonard "Len" Mason and Dr. Robert Kiste, both of whom served as longtime faculty members at the University of Hawaii-Manoa prior to their retirement from fulltime teaching (Mason in 1969 and Kiste in 2002).

The United States conducted more than eighty nuclear weapons tests on and around Bikini and Enewetak Atolls between 1946 and 1958. The early images in this collection document the lives of Bikinians after they were relocated first to Rongerik Atoll in 1946 and later to Kwajalein (1948), Kili and Jaluit (1949). These early photos were all taken by Len Mason, who returned in 1957 to do further work on Kili and Jaluit. (Please see the <u>online glossary</u> for geographic details on various islands and atolls. For geographic naming conventions used on this site, see the <u>about page</u>. To view a map of the Marshall Islands, click here. PDF viewer required.)

Robert and Valerie Kiste first went to Kili in July, 1963. Prior to the Kistes' arrival there, they and Len Mason traveled to Guam and Saipan. One set of slides in this collection documents the trio's trip across the Trust Territory, beginning with Guam and Saipan in the west and proceeding east to the Marshall Islands. Images from this period also include Ujelang Atoll, where the people of Enewetak were relocated in 1947. In 1964, after completing his fieldwork with the Bikini and Enewetak peoples, Kiste took another set of slides on Ujae and Lae, prior to leaving the Marshalls. His research throughout this period was the foundation for his 1967 doctoral dissertation, Changing patterns of land tenure and social organization among the ex-Bikini Marshallese.

Two additional sets of slides were taken on subsequent trips. In 1979, Dr. Kiste visited Majuro, where a number of Bikinians were living at the administrative center. In 1988, Len Mason visited Kili on the occasion of the commemoration of the 42nd anniversary of the Bikinians' initial 1946 relocation.

In 2005, Dr. Kiste donated his field notes, collected genealogies, research materials and slides (including those shot by Len Mason and others) to the Pacific Collection, University of Hawaii Library. For more detailed information on the arrangement of this collection, digitization procedures, and further research references, please see the about page.

STATISTICS:

Total slides in database: 878















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WELCOME TO THE JACK TOBIN COLLECTION.

Dr. Jack A. Tobin (1920-2010) first went to the Marshall Islands in 1950 as a student of Dr. Len Mason, to work on the Pacific Science Board's Coral Atoll Project (CAP) -- an initiative meant to study the needs of atoll dwellers with limited resources and growing populations. Arno Atoll was chosen as the first CAP research site, and the first 225 photos in this online collection derive from Dr. Tobin's time there. (To read Dr. Tobin's typescript description of this project, click here. Len Mason's final report, Anthropology-geography study of Arno Atoll, Marshall Islands is available in the Pacific Collection; to view the online cataloging record click here. Other reports in this series are cataloged under the series title Scientific Investigations in Micronesia.)

Later in 1950, Tobin was hired as an anthropological field consultant by the Civil Administration Unit of Naval Operations. During the Trust Territory Administration era, he served as the sole district anthropologist for the Marshall Islands, a position he held through 1957. Between 1967 and 1975, he served as community development advisor to the Marshall Islands.

Dr. Tobin extensively documented his time in Micronesia, both in written and photographic form. The photos in this collection date from 1950 through 1985, with the majority taken between 1950 and 1972. These images include not only the Marshalls, but also various atolls and islands throughout what was then the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

In addition to his own photographs, Dr. Tobin also amassed a large collection of military images, most of which deal with issues surrounding nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands.

Starting in 2004, Dr. Tobin began transferring his research materials to the Pacific Collection at UH-Manoa's Hamilton Library. Shortly before his passing in June 2010, he transferred the bulk of his materials to the Library, including twelve linear feet of manuscript materials and roughly 2,000 photos and 35mm slides. For more detailed information on the materials in the physical collection, what has been included online and how it is arranged here, see the "about" pages.

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Total photos in database: 1930

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Welcome to the Steve Thomas TRADITIONAL MICRONESIAN NAVIGATION COLLECTION.

The Steve Thomas Traditional Micronesian Navigation Collection is comprised of unpublished papers, audiovisual and photographic materials (including oral history transcripts and 35mm slides), publications and miscellaneous items related primarily to traditional navigation on the Western Carolinian island of Satawal, which is located within Yap State, Federated States of Micronesia.

ORIGIN OF THE COLLECTION

As a young man piloting a small sailboat across the Pacific, Steve Thomas developed a fascination with ancient methods of navigation. He learned of a seafaring culture that, beginning 6,000 years ago, used arcane navigation arts to guide initiates unerringly across the Pacific with no compasses, no charts. Thomas ventured to the tiny coral atolls of Micronesia in search of these mysteries, this ancient language of the sea. There he found the last navigator. May Piailug, one of the last surviving palu, belongs to a dying breed of navigators who used only natural signs -- stars, waves, birds -- to guide their sailing canoes across thousands of miles of open ocean. Steve Thomas is the author of The Last Navigator and creator of the film of the same name. He has donated his amazing collection of slides of Satawal (Micronesia) and surrounding areas -- including canoes, island scenes, feasts, dancing, traditional arts and more -to the Pacific Collection, University of Hawaii at Manoa Library.

FEATURED SLIDE:

Steve Thomas, Mau Piailug on Beach - 2





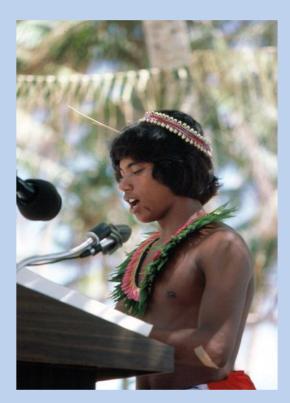
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Reference Number: 1-A-07-04

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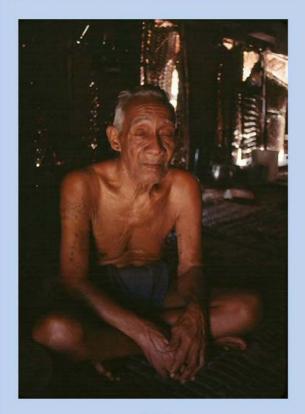
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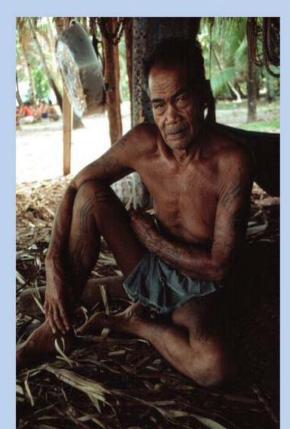
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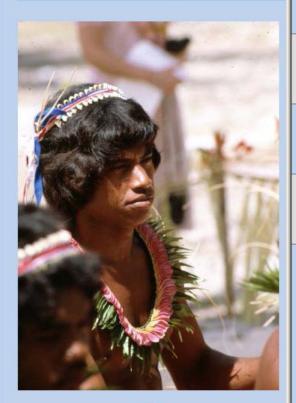


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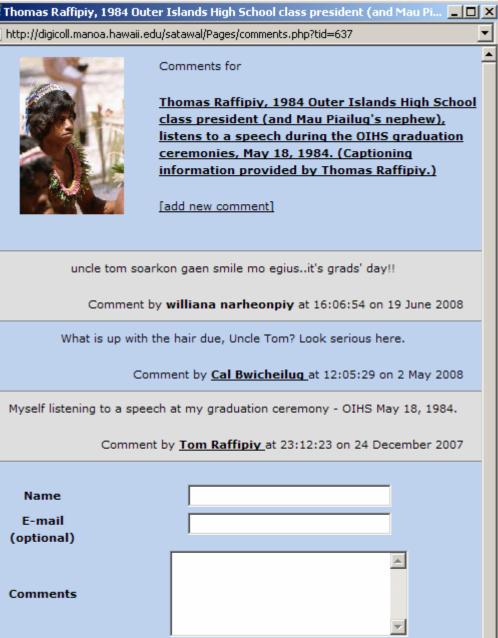
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THOMAS RAFFIPIY, 1984 OUTER ISLANDS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS PRESIDENT (AND MAU PIAILUG'S NEPHEW), LISTENS TO A SPEECH DURING THE OIHS GRADUATION CEREMONIES, MAY 18, 1984. (CAPTIONING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THOMAS RAFFIPIY.)



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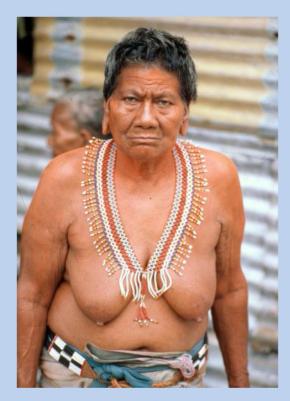
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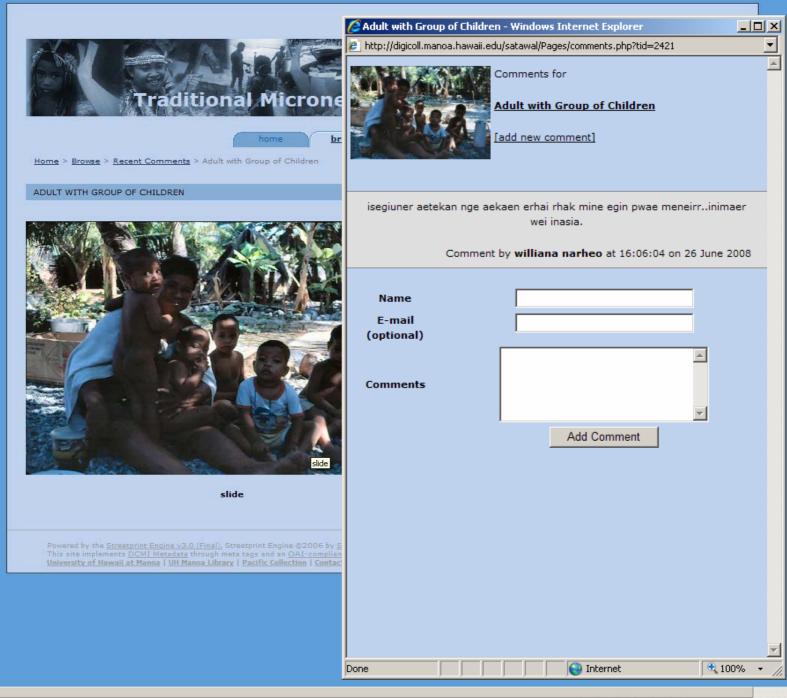
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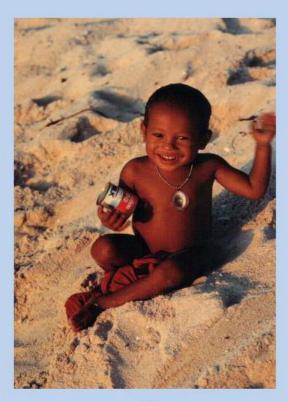
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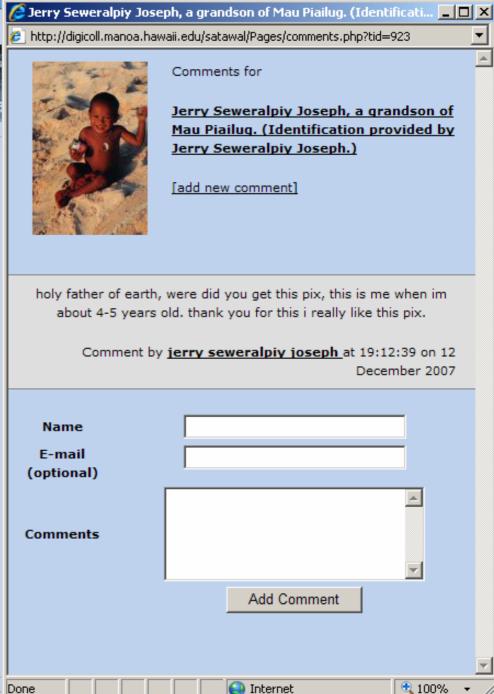
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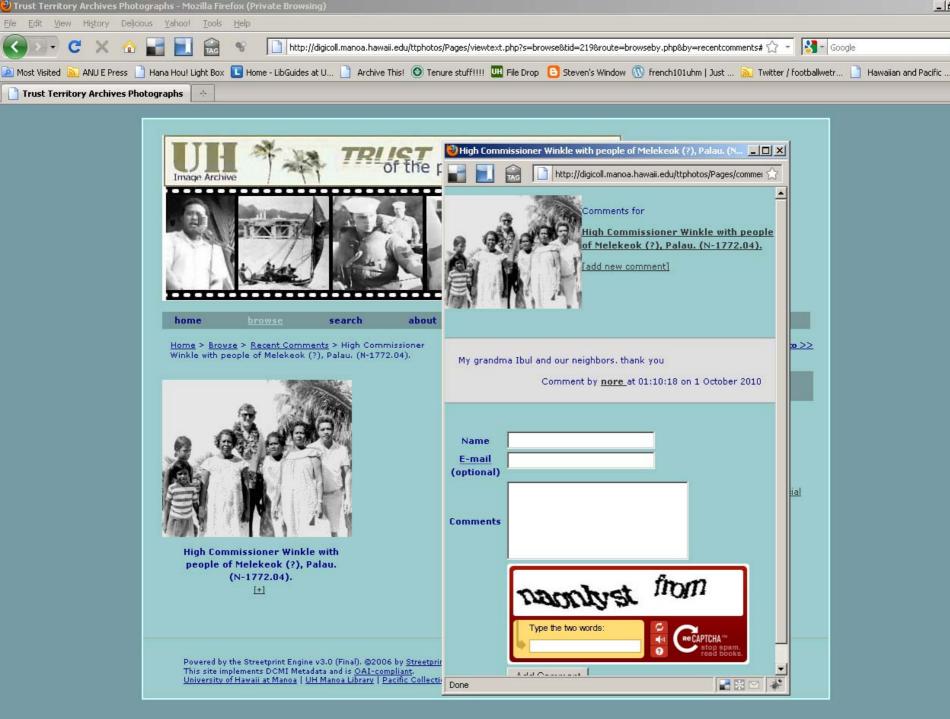
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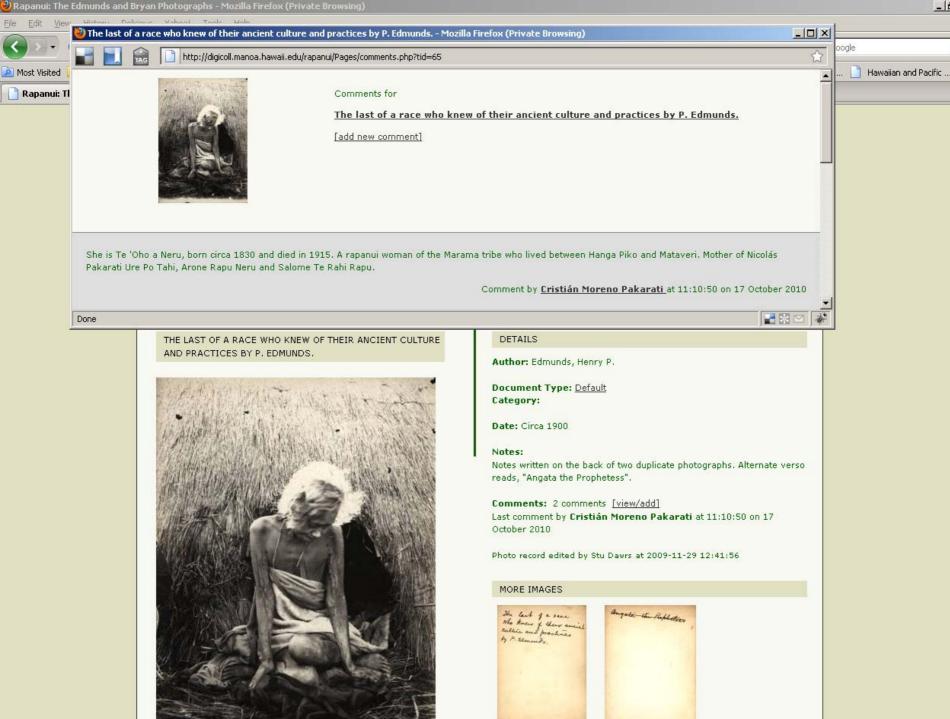
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