

Minutes of a journey to Ewa Waialua, Kaneohe & around
the East end of the island [Oahu], Jan. 26-Feb. 1, 1841.

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Jan. 26, 1841. At about 12 o'clock A.M. my mule being saddled I set out on a journey around the island. After an adieu to my family & seating myself on a large bear skin thrown over a large wood frame of a saddle with spurr [sic] upon my heel, I started directing my course by the back road which passes by Mr. Smith's meeting house. Trotting some, galloping, and walking I reached the bridge extending cross the estuary just beyond Mr. Smith's meeting house. Here my stupid animal showed a purpose at variance with mine and refused to proceed. He turned short to the left. I pulled his head round and got him pointed anew to the bridge and to show him I was in earnest put the spurr [sic] to his side which made him start forward a little, but the fear of something which his assish mind had conjured up as being in the way inspired him anew with the Spirit of opposition, and he run [sic] astern a little & then thrust his head round in an opposite way from the course. Urged by bit & spur he was by his rider faced round again. A native standing by perceiving that the dispute was not likely to end soon kindly offered to interpose & lend a friendly hand. The interposition was acceptable and taking the reins of the bridle, the animal was led over the danger & I proceeded.

Pretty soon I was overtaken by two men on horseback, and they passed by, I not being inclined to keep company fell behind. Descending the pali at Moanalua, my saddle came as near slipping over the horses head as the girth would admit. I was obliged to

dismount and when I had got to the foot of the steep and had crossed a small stream that laved its base, I adjusted the saddle and mounted again.

I passed thro^[sic] the district of Moanalua, & was overtaken by Nalimu before I had reached the high land in the region of Salt lake. It was Providential that I was overtaken, for it pretty soon began to rain and the cloke^[sic] which I got from him was pretty effectual in sheltering me from the rain which for a little while fell copiously, and would have thoroughly drenched me but for the cloke.^[sic]

I ascended the high land and went a little out of my way, but was soon set right by a native which came along. The slower continued and the mule had such a spirit of leekness under the falling drops that he was determined not to quicken his pace even under the goadings of the spurr.^[sic] The way was slippery and the animal was truly prudent, and ~~the~~^{the} in descending to Hualawa a wrong step might have given both the horse & his rider an unpleasant berth, I reached the low land without accident & by this time the rain had subsided, though myself ~~the~~[&] the animal under me were still dripping.

At Waiau I stopped a few minutes to converse with some people in the road. One of them was a Catholic. He denied that Catholics pray to the Virgin Mary.

At half past 4 o'clock I arrived at Mr. Bishop's. I visited his sugar mill where the natives were grinding cane. The mill has been as yet a bill of expense and is likely to be so. I looked

at the herd. The cattle in general look well. He has upwards of 20. The whole herd consists of about 50 head old & young. Part of them belong to others. I am inclined to think that his is the largest part of the herd. Besides a herd he has a large flock of goats.

I visited his Sugar mill, which goes by water, they were grinding cane. There are two kettles well set, & in good order for boiling. The whole concern cost about 800 dollars. It is half the property of Kekuanooa. He has not made the business of sugar making profitable and he wishes to sell and has offered it for \$400. As he has not been able to dispose of it, he has undertaken to superintend the work himself this season, not being able to get ~~any one to~~ take the management for him. The people who furnish the cane have half of what is produced, & the other half goes to the mill. Out of this half for the mill all expenses are paid for wood, grinding & superintending. The neat profits after this are divided between Mr. Bishop & Kekuanooa. As Mr. B. intends to work the mill himself this year, he will gain the profits of manufacture, which are one quarter of the whole produce of the mill. That is the mill's half is divided between the manufacturer & the owners.

Wednesday Jan'y. 27th 1841. Set out from Ewa about 7 o'clock and arrived at Waiialua at 1/4 before 1 o'clock P.M. Mr. Emerson had gone up Koolau & I found Mrs. E. & the children alone. She greeted me & pretty soon provided dinner. After dinner & looking round the premises I walked over to Mr. Locke's attended by Mr. E. ^[sic] two sons. They made themselves very familiar and the youngest was full of talk

wishing to engross much attention. Mr. Locke was absent, attending to schools.

I walked to look at the plantation. He has about 14 acres of beans. They in general look well. Some of them are in bloom, and in some parts the bean is half grown. In some parts the bean is only fairly leaved out. He hopes to have a crop of from 30 to 50 barrels. In the course of the afternoon Mr. L. returned. I took tea & spent the night / being quite tired I found the bed refreshing to me.

Thursday Jan. 28, 1841. About noon a man who had been sent to Honolulu returned and I was gratified to receive a letter from my wife, also an umbrella and a small bundle contg. a flannel waistcoat a pair of socks & a pair of slippers. After breakfast I walked to witness Mr. L. & his boys at work. They were plying their hoes industriously on the rows of beans / cutting up the weeds and levelling the furrows. They labor about 5 hours of each day. In the afternoon they attend to school instruction.

I dined at Mr. Emerson's. Had a soup made of fowls. Mrs. E. seems desirous to show hospitality. I spent the afternoon & took tea at Mr. E's. In the evening Mr. T. returned and I spent the evening with him in conversation, & lodged in his house for the accommodation of strangers. Mr. E. gave me some acct. of his visit up Koolau. Things are getting to be in a better state than they were a while ago. Those who have wandered out of the way are disposed to return, and some are inclined to hooikaika hou.

Friday Jan. 29, 1841. I went with Mr. Emerson to look at our herd of cattle. Three cows have recently calved. They have improved in appearance; but in regard to most of them there is still room for improvement. Our herd is likely to be a bill of expense. Mr. E's charge against us will be about 2 dolls. pr. week, besides his charge for fences. If we make the herd support itself we shall do well.

About 8 or perhaps a little later, after having left a letter for Mrs. C. to be sent to Honolulu tomorrow/ I started for Koolau and was attended by Mr. Emerson a half mile or more. I rode with pleasure most of the day/ but I began to be sore before I reached the place where I purposed to stop for the night. On my way along I stopped a few times without dismounting to speak to persons who came out of their houses. I commenced speaking to two or three and others would gather around to the number of 10 or 12. I had for a considerable part of the way the company of a man on horse back, who I found to be a suspended church member. He said he wished to return. I gave him such exhortation and advice as I thought suited to his case.

While before sundown I reached Laie, I stopped at the house of Peka the head man. He was seated at the door and arose to receive my hand as I sat upon the horse. Having understood that he has been much out of the way I addressed my ~~conversation~~ ^{conversation} to him accordingly and said to him that his day was most gone by and he ought to improve the little was left to prepare for death and judgement. [sic]

From Laie I rode on & reached Hauula. The teacher Koikoi, was gone. I met him with others going to Waialua to meet the officers of govt. of the different districts to be assembled at Waialua by authority of Laanui. The wife of the teacher made provision for my supper & vacated a small house for my accommodation. Some of the church members & hooikaika had met for prayers and I was invited to address them which I did. I invited all who chose to assemble in the morning for prayer before I should go on my way.

Malimu boiled water for tea, a potatoe & a talo were provided and brought upon the table with my tea. These and the contents of my box furnished me with a comfortable supper, Mrs. E. having had the kindness to fill the teacup Mrs. C. provided with butter. I had eaten nothing since morning, but a few small crackers. **B**ut still my appetite was not very sharp. I had become somewhat sore by riding, and I found rest very agreeable. I placed the bear skin covering of the saddle upon the platform to lie on, and covered myself up in a flannel sheet & comfortable without taking off my clothes & but for the fleas and rolling surff ^[sic] should doubtless have slept soundly all night. As it was I enjoyed a good measure of repose & awoke much refreshed.

Saturday Jan. 30/41. Early this morning the horn was blown, and about 40 persons assembled in the meeting house for prayer. I attended and addressed the assembly, which was attentive. After the meeting I took breakfast which consisted of Kalo, pot toes, a fowl & such articles of food as I had brought along, with a dish

of tea. We had a slight shower of rain & I was fearful of an uncomfortable day. But I had only a slight shower two or three times, which did not very much incommode me.

The road is not so good this part of the way as it is between Waialua & Haula. In several places I was obliged to ride into the sea to get by stone walls, which were built into the sea. At Kahana I was obliged to ride some distance thro. an arm of the sea, and at Waihee I rode thro. a pond nearly half a mile in extent.

At Hakipuu I saw a man of my acquaintance who kindly sent his son to accompany me to Kaneohe. I found on inquiry that he intended to stop at Kaneohe and attend the Sabbath School & spend the Sabbath there. Wherever I met children I inquired of them whether they attended school and often received for answer that they did. And in all such cases I found the children respectful. At Keaia the Catholics are building a meeting house. It is said there are many Catholics in this district.

I stopped in the road near where the frame of the house is put up to converse with some people who were near the highway in the neighborhood of their dwelling houses, which were rather miserable looking huts. As I conversed others gathered round. One man seemed to be rather a champion for the Catholics. I asked if there were schools in the district; he readily answered in the affirmative and on my inquiring who was their teacher he replied the teacher nui, the foreign teacher. I asked whether they, the scholars, had the word of God. He replied quickly that they had,

and sent for the books to be brot. I found them to be the Catechism, or manual, printed at Macao in 1631 and reprinted at Honolulu (1839 paha) by J. Howard. I read a few sentences at the beginning and said This is correct. Some things which the book contains are like ours & some are not. He quickly replied, it is just so. I said you pray to the Virgin Mary. He replied, No. I said you do, for here is a prayer addressed to her. He persisted notwithstanding to deny that they pray to the Virgin to save them. I asked, Who is the Virgin Mary. She is, he replied, a Man, that is human. I said, Why do you not pray to Hahumahu. She is human. Why not pray to Hahalahaha. You used to pray to your departed chiefs to preserve their bones as objects of worship. Your praying to a woman is something like your old superstition.

The man was rather taken aback. I told him it was all in vain to pray to man, that Jesus Christ only could save, that praying to the Virgin was all lost labor, for she could not hear him. If he prayed to the Father, he could hear; if he prayed to the Son, he could hear; if he prayed to the Holy Spirit, he could hear. I said moreover, that this system which he had adopted was a net to catch his **S**oul.

One of the women perceiving the man somewhat silenced took up the defense, but it was very little more to the purpose than saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. I said my love to them continued, that I felt compassion for them. I did not learn the number of Catholics in the district. I saw in the group a woman with whom I

had had some acquaintance. I asked whether she had gone to the Pope. She said, No. A man also standing by said, ~~Yes~~ He had not.

I understand that about 28 attend the Sabbath School at Kaneohe.

From Heeia I passed on to Kaneohe and arrived there at about 4 o'clock P.M. I found Mrs. Parker waiting for my coming, & she received me with her usual hospitality, and furnished a tub of warm water for my feet, which had been wet by riding into the sea and through the water. Bathing my feet I found refreshing, & dry stockings & shoes were very comfortable to me.

Mr. Parker was occupied with his people for whom he had meetings, till dark. And when tea was brought on I was in a state of appetite to enjoy my supper, having eaten nothing since breakfast.

Sabbath Jan'y. 31/-1. I attended meeting with Mr. Parker in the morning. The house was pretty well filled and the attention of the people was good. By the strong solicitation of Mr. P. I undertook to perform part of the afternoon services. The part which I took was to make an address. It was upon the faith of Noah. All the other exercises were performed by Mr. P. His health is not very firm & he frequently receives assistance from natives in the afternoon service. They very much need a new meeting house at this place. Eule is very serviceable to Mr. P. in the duties of the station, especially in the Sabbath School.

Monday Feby. 1, 1841. Malim brought me notice that some native had stolen the horses tether last night, but that the horse was not gone.

At a little past 6 o'clock I set out for my return to Honolulu by the way of the east end of the island. Malimu accompanied me, Mrs. P. having furnished food abundantly for the way. Before passing out of Kaneohe I had to ride through a considerable distance of water, but I managed by taking my feet out of the stirrups to escape wet feet. Ascended the ridge of high land between Kaneohe & Kailua and had a fine view of the sea, of the district of Kailua & of the mountains which here present an abrupt & precipitous appearance. I rode on / ^{on} crossed the plain & coming at the first houses, I was met by a woman who is a member of Mr. P's church. As on leaving her I was about going out of the way, she ran after me and set me right and accompanied me thro. the district. There are Catholics here & they have a small meeting house.

In passing on to Waimanalo the path leads across a ~~stream~~ stream & thro. a marsh where the water was from 18 to 30 inches deep. Waimanalo is quite a barren district. The ascent of the pali on the east end of the island is steep & difficult for an animal; but I succeeded by the help of a native boy in leading my mule up the steep. On the top of the pali I waited for Malimu & took some food. The rest of my ride home was rather unpleasant to me having the sun in my face & the reflection of the sand and the water. I reached home about 7 o'clock P.M. very much fatigued.