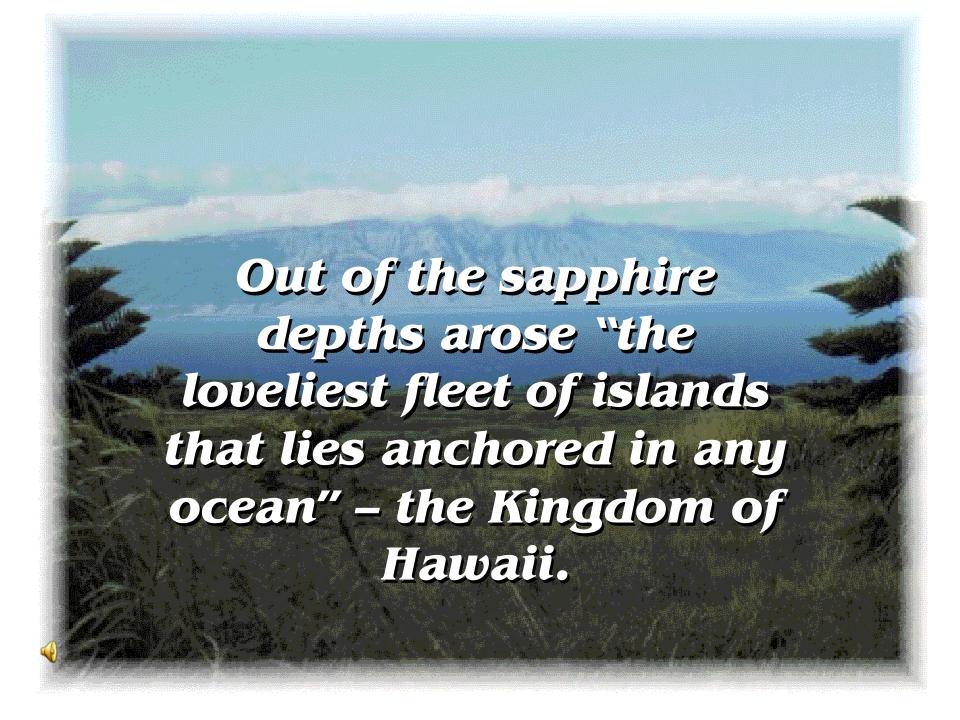
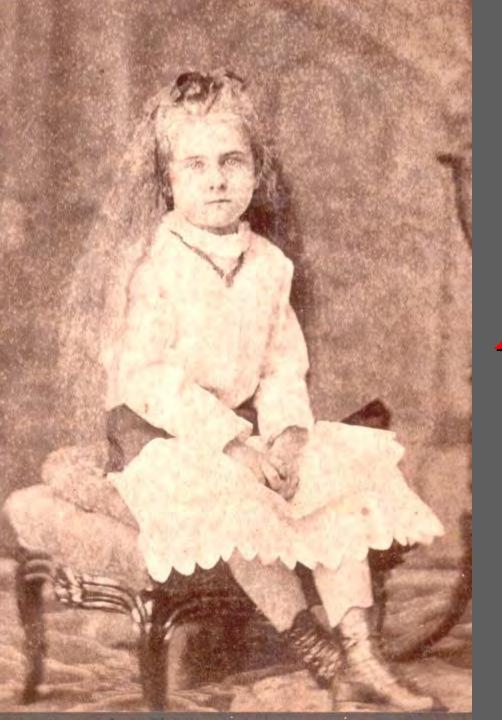
THOU hast assisted Thy servants in the past and, though they were the weakest of Thy creatures, the lowliest of Thy servants and the most insignificant of those who lived upon the earth, through Thy sanction and potency they took precedence over the most glorious of Thy people and the most noble i mankind. -Bahá'í Prayers 180



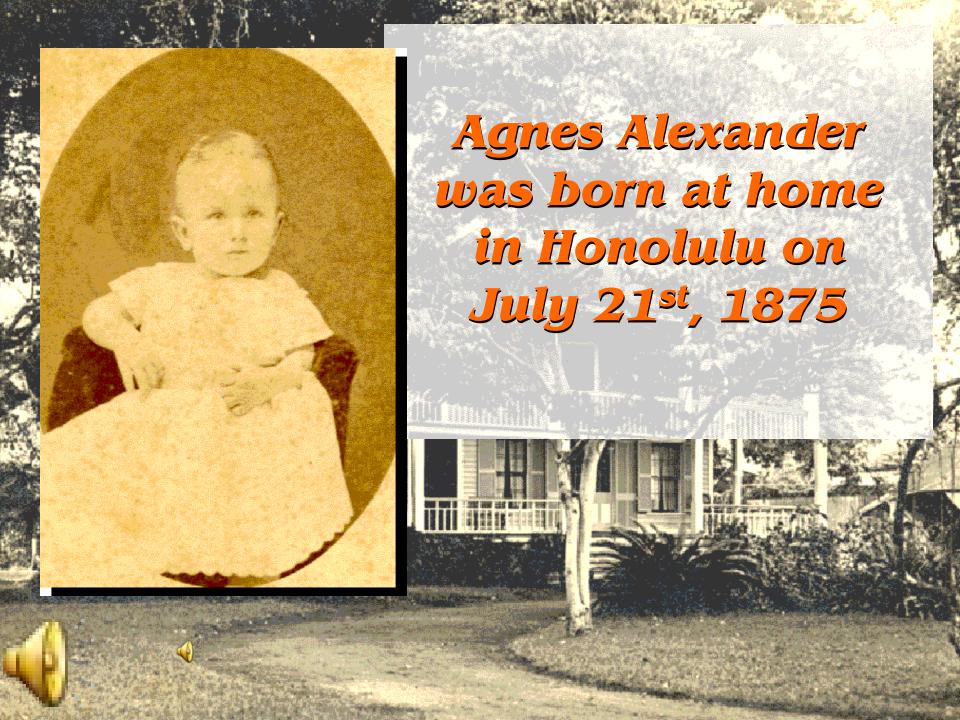
In May 1832 a young missionary couple strained at the horizon for their first glimpse of land in months.







AGNES BALDWIN ALEXANDER



KING DAVID KALAKUA Reigned 1874-1891







AGNES' FATHER'S PARENTS

Mary Ann McKinney 1810-1888 Iker Wim Pattersor
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1805-1884

William De Witt ALEXANDER

Agnes' Father

Her paternal grandparents came as Christian missionaries in 1831

AGNES' MOTHER'S PARENTS

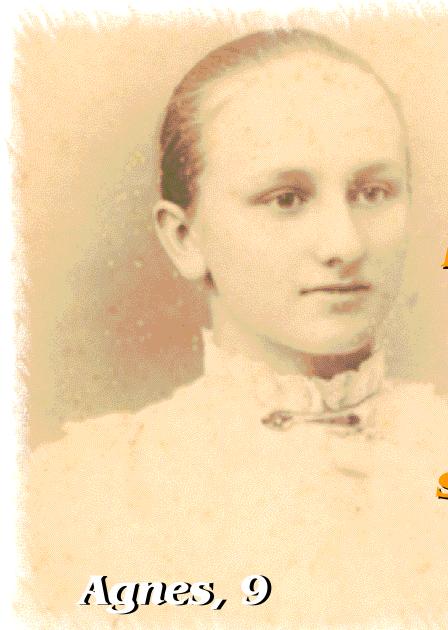
Charlotte Fowler 1805:1873

Her maternal grandparents sent out by the American Board for Foreign Missions

Rev Dr Dwight Baldwin 1798-1886

Abigail
Charlotte
BALDWIN
Agnes' Mother





"But I felt that something was wrong with me, because Christ said we must be born again, and I had never experienced something like that. So I thought something was wrong with me."

AGNES ALEXANDER'S FAMILY



William De Witt Alexander

1833-1913

Abigail Charlotte Baldwin
1833-1913

Wm Douglas

1861-1936

Arthur Chambers

1863-1954

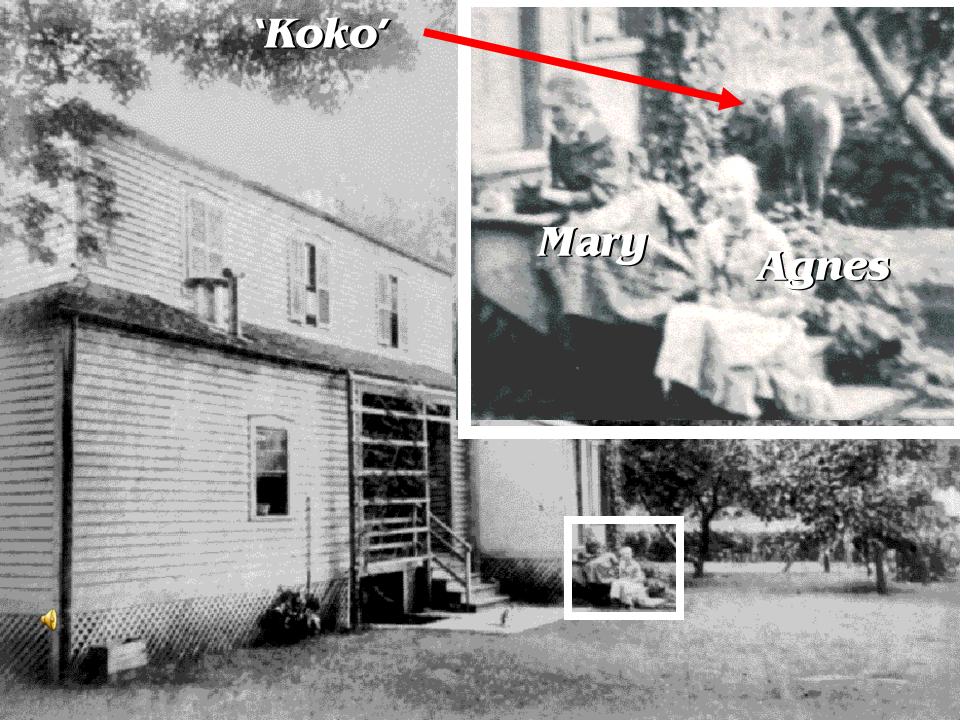
Henry Edward

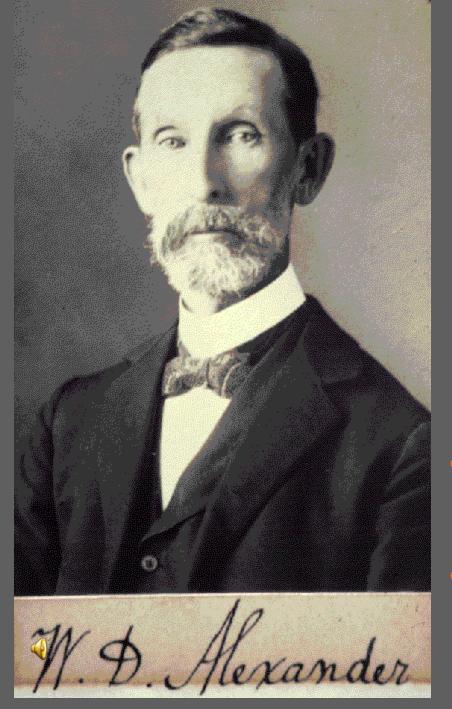
1868-1900

Mary Charlotte 1874-1961



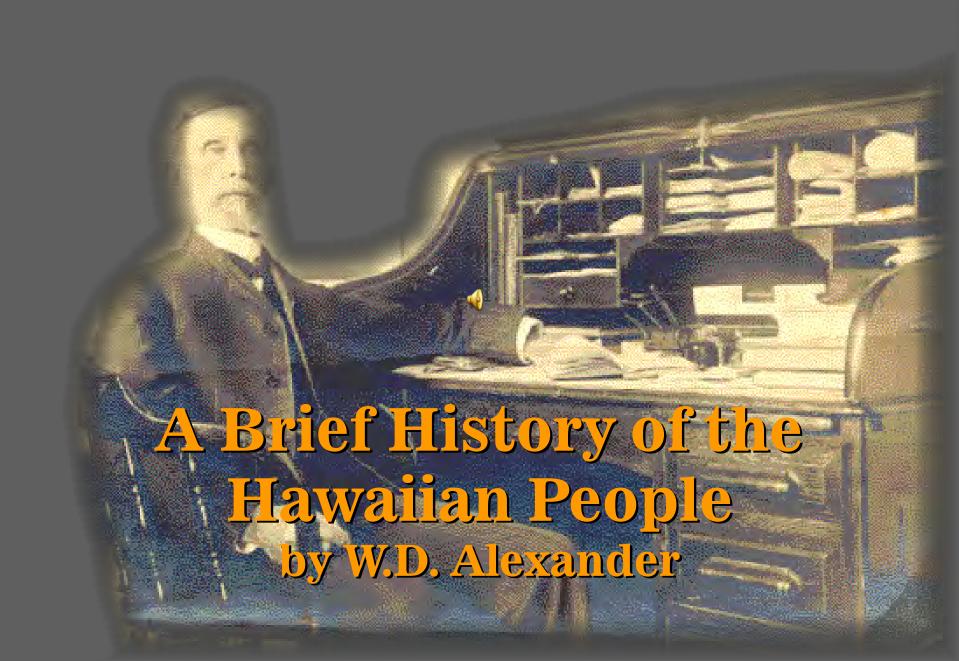






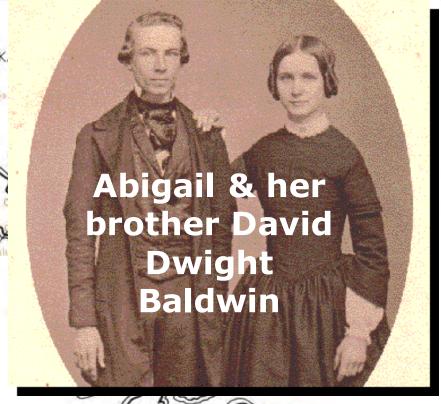
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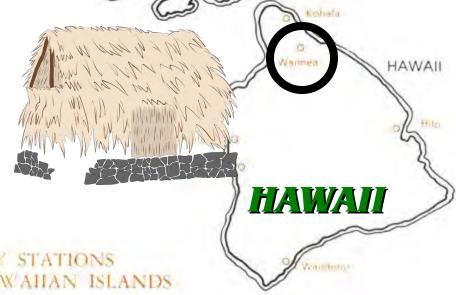
- Yale U. grad 1855
- Member of King's Privy Council
- Pres. Oahu College
- •A Founder Hawaiian Historical Society
- Surveyor-General Hawaiian Islands

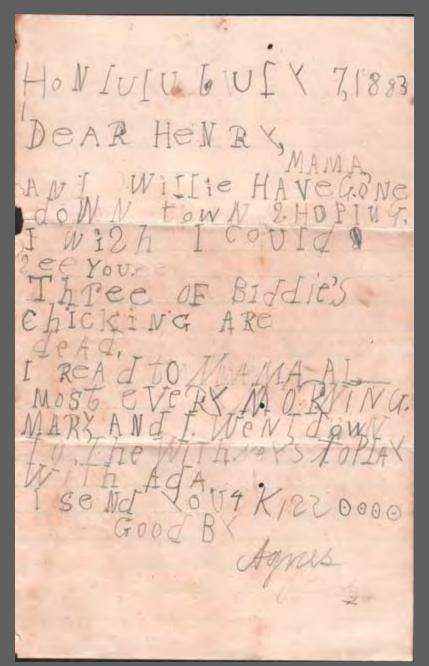




Abigail Charlotte Baldwin-Agnes' motherwas born in a grass house in Waimea on the Big Island.







Honolulu July 7, 1883 Dear Henry,

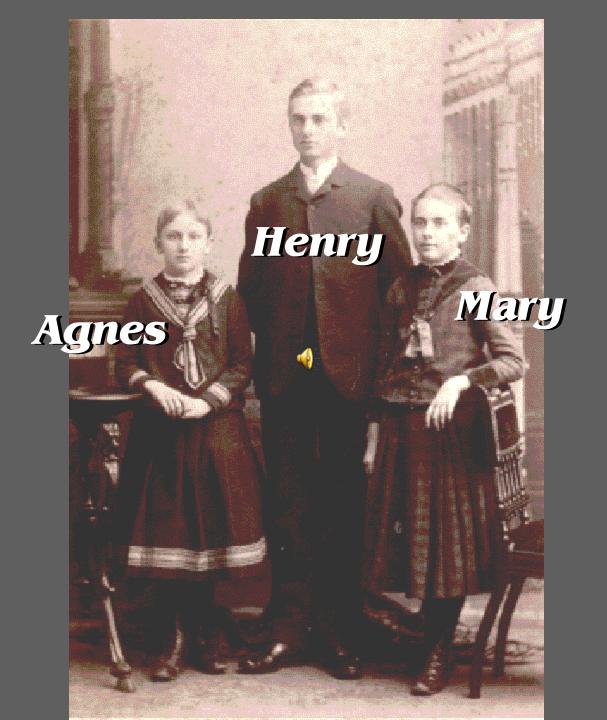
Mama and Willie have gone down town shopping. I wish I could see you. Three of Biddie's chicking are dead.

I read to Mama almost every morning. Mary and I went down to the Whitney's to play with Ada.

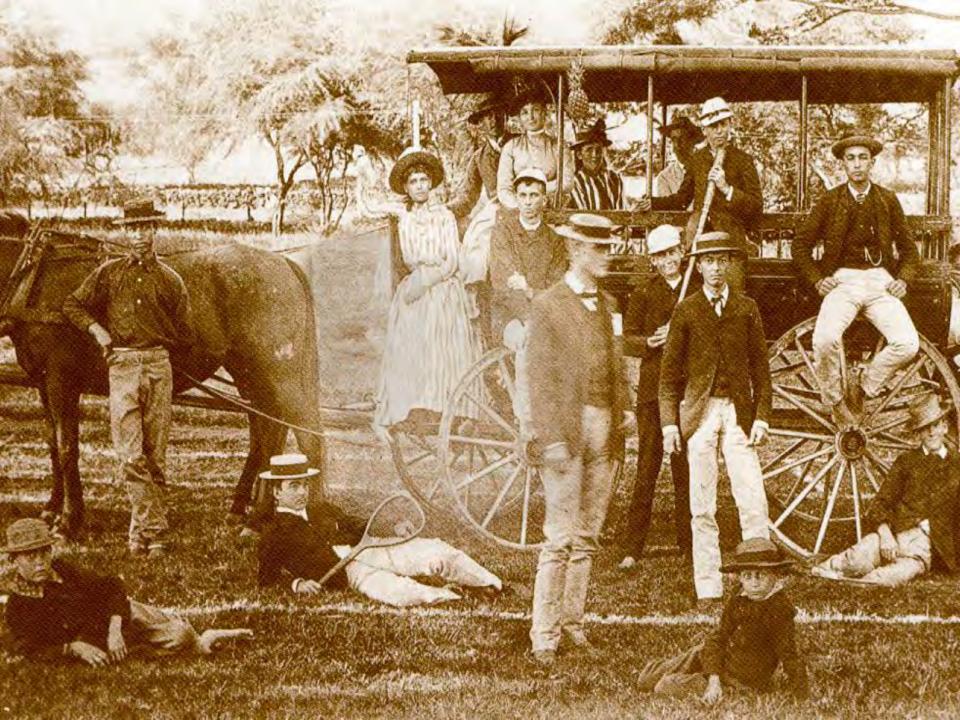
I send you a kiss oooo

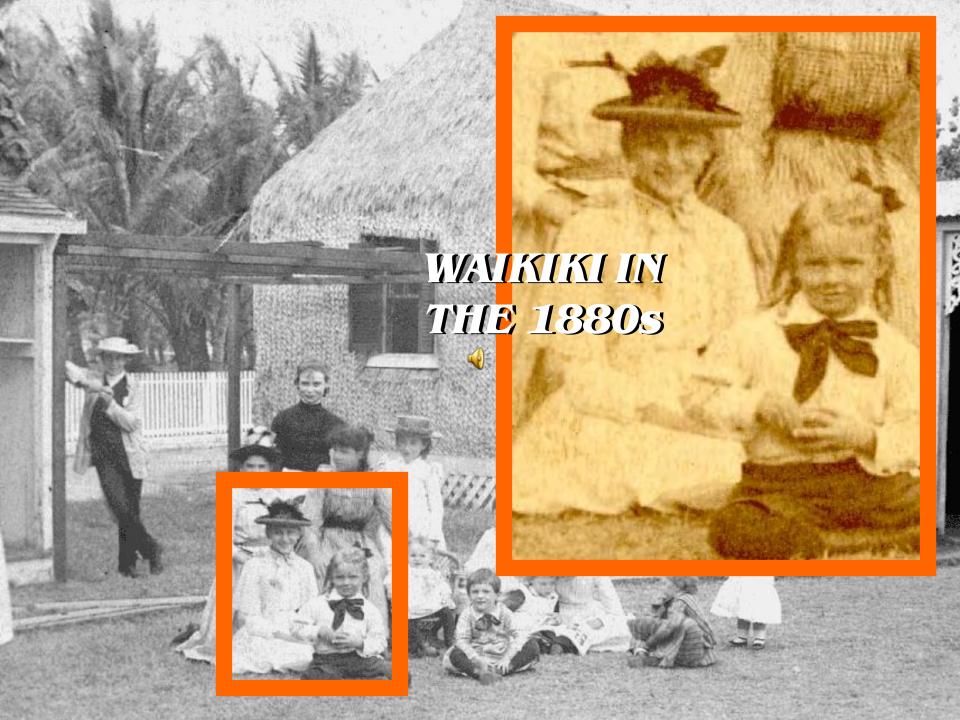
Good By Agnes

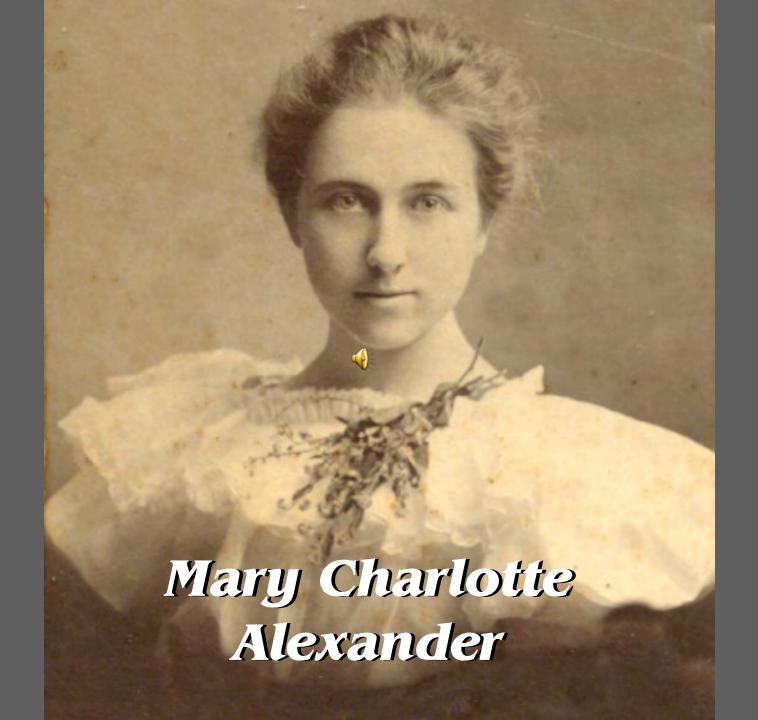
Agnes, 8

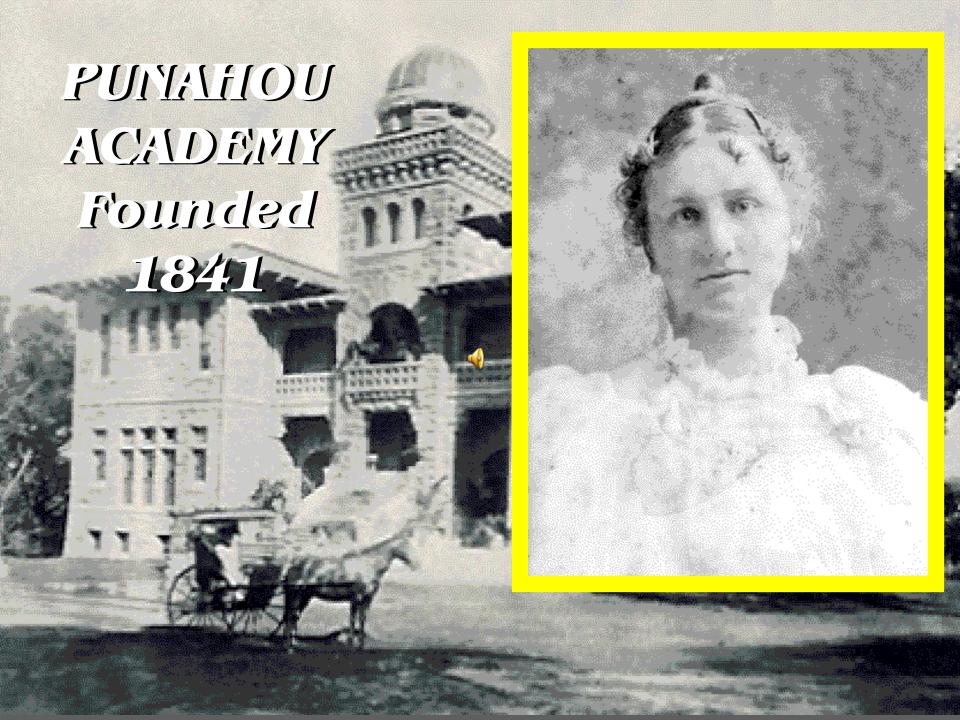




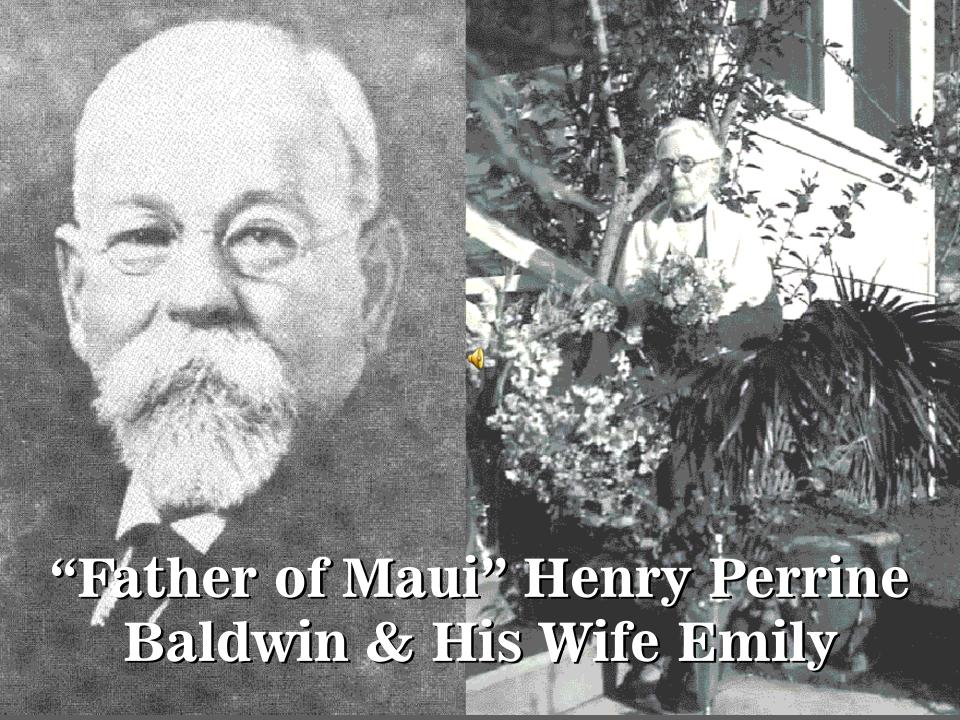










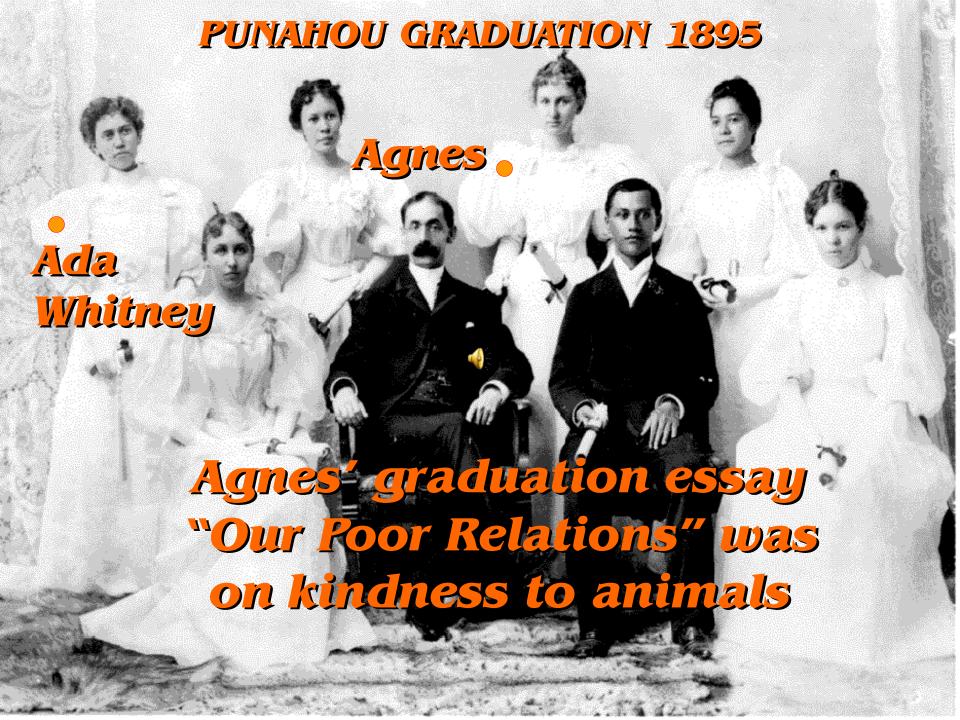






At Camp Azalea in California



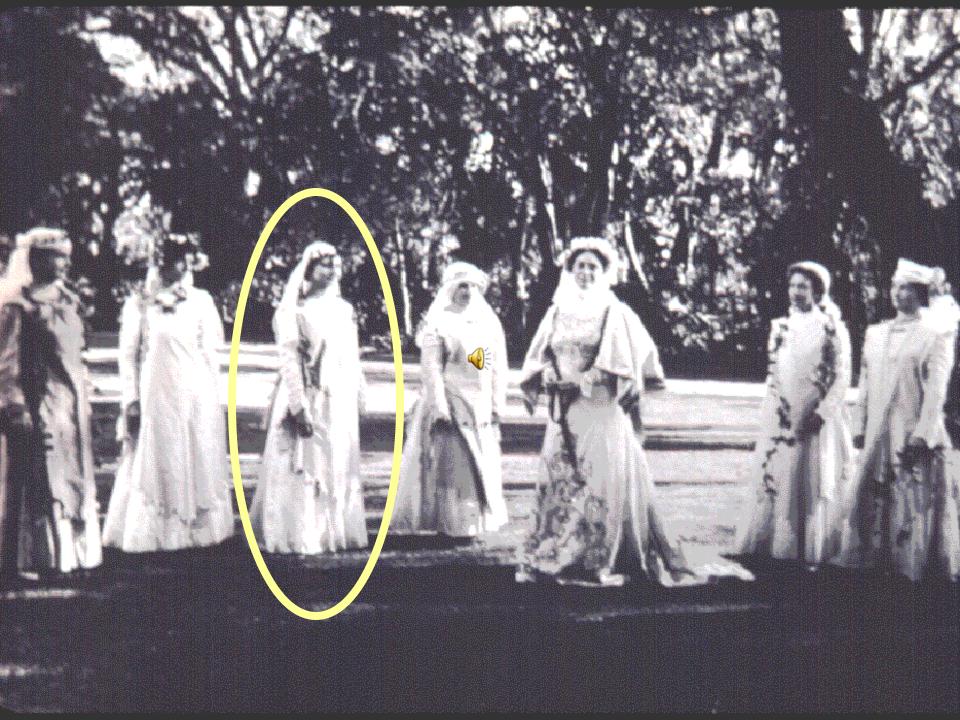
















ANGNES GOT A TICKET FROM HER EMILY ALEXANDER "AUNT EM" OF MAUI.



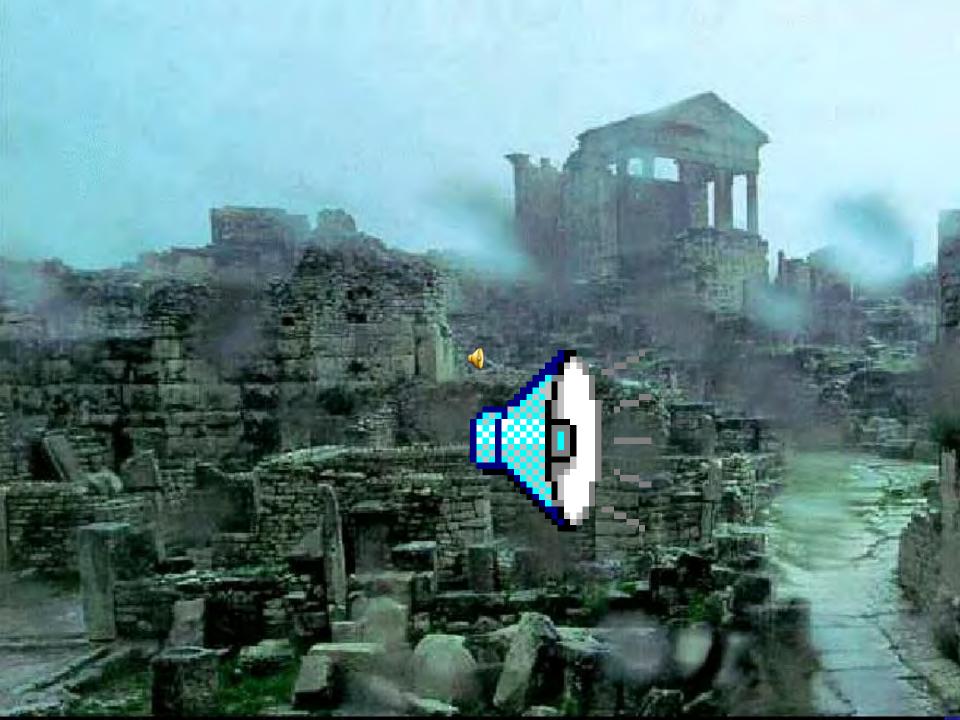


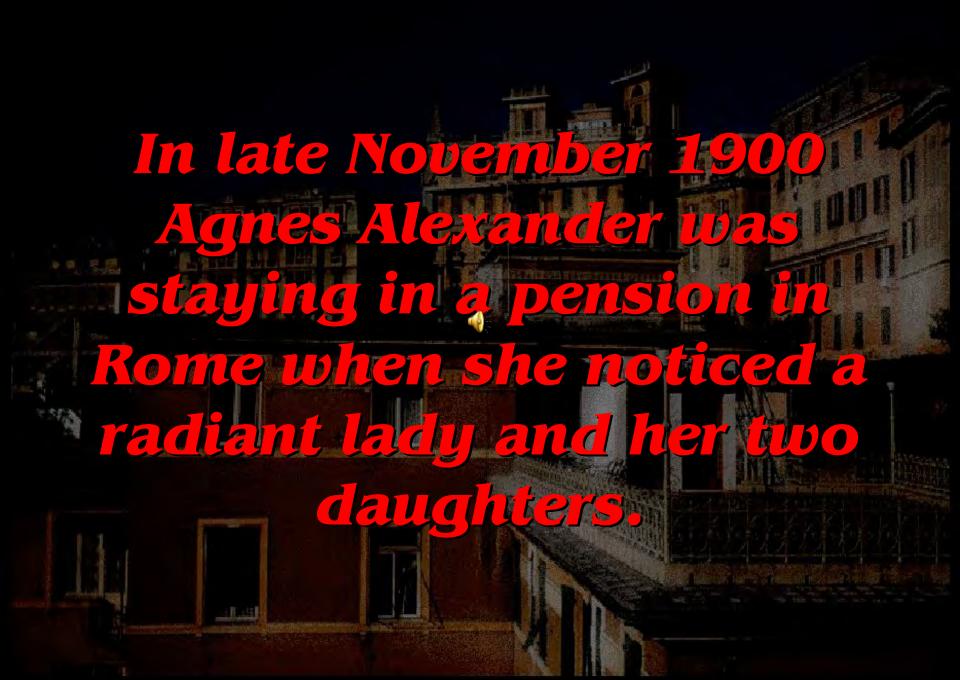




Henry Edward Mansfield
Alexander

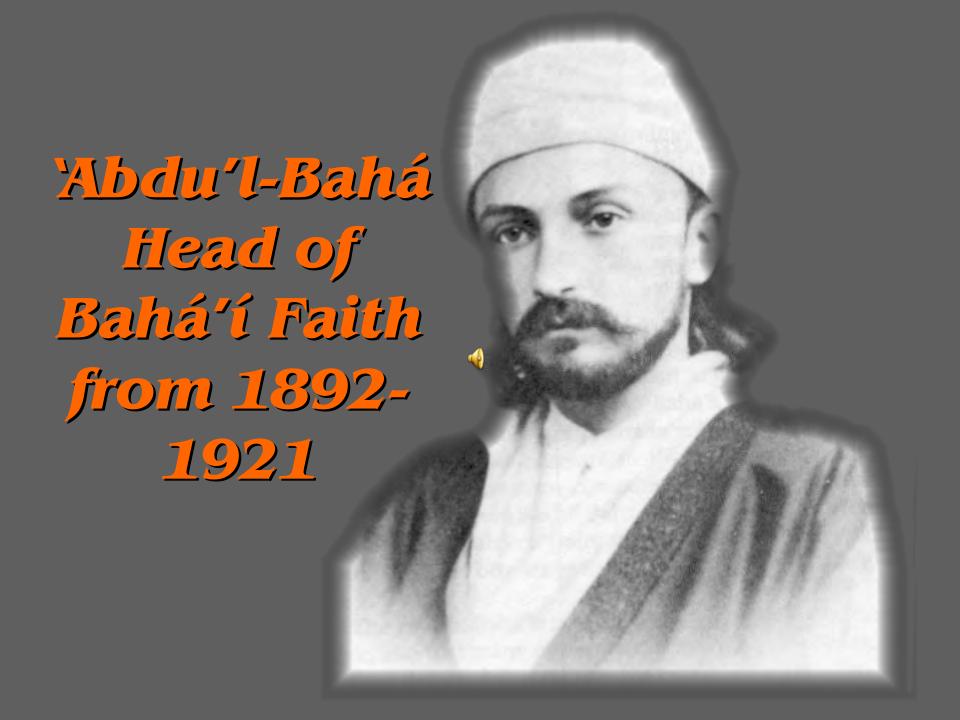
Died at Napa, California, Aug 22, 1900





Mrs.
Charlotte
Dixon of
Maryland



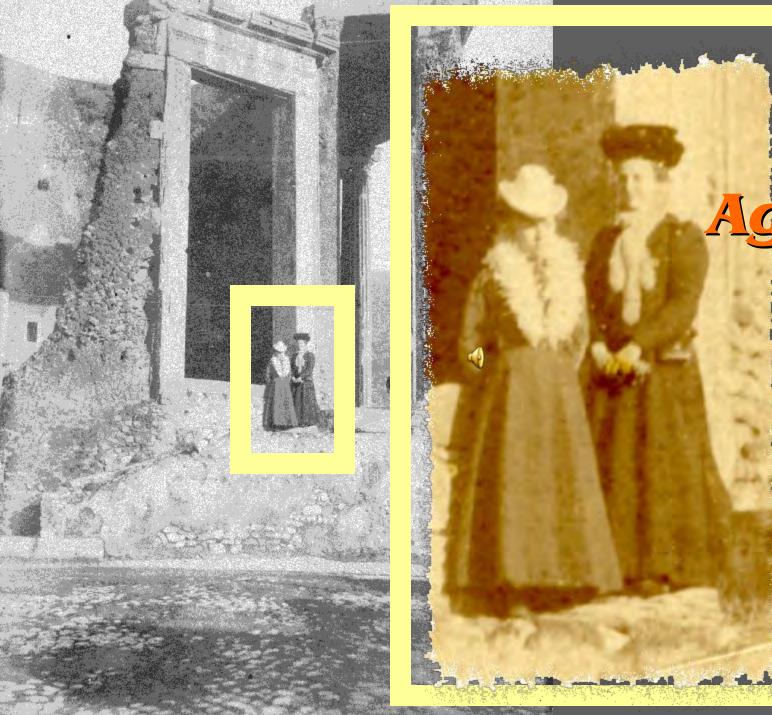






The third evening after meeting with Mrs. Dixon, when I retired to my room, sleep did not come. That night an overwhelming realization came to me, which was neither a dream nor vision, that Christ had come on the earth.

All night I waited, unable to close my eyes. When morning came, I met Mrs. Dixon as she came from breakfast, and together we entered my room. There I turned to her and said, "Christ is on this earth!" She replied, "Yes, I can see by your face that you know it." In a Tablet which I later received from 'Abdu'l-Bahá, He wrote: "By God, the Truth, the Spirit of Christ from the Supreme Concourse doth in every time and aspect announce to thee this Great Good News.





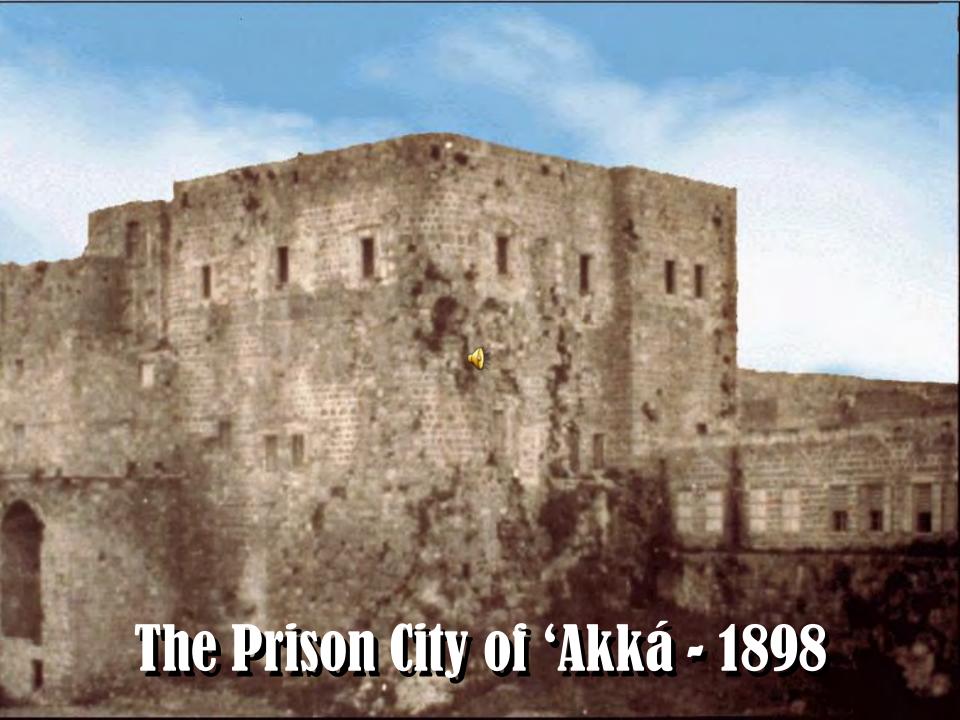






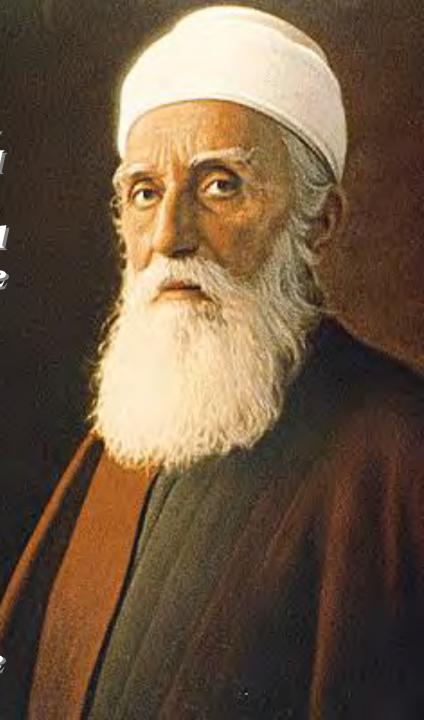
Bahá'ís of Europe in Paris – 1902 The 'Spiritual Heart' of the European Continent



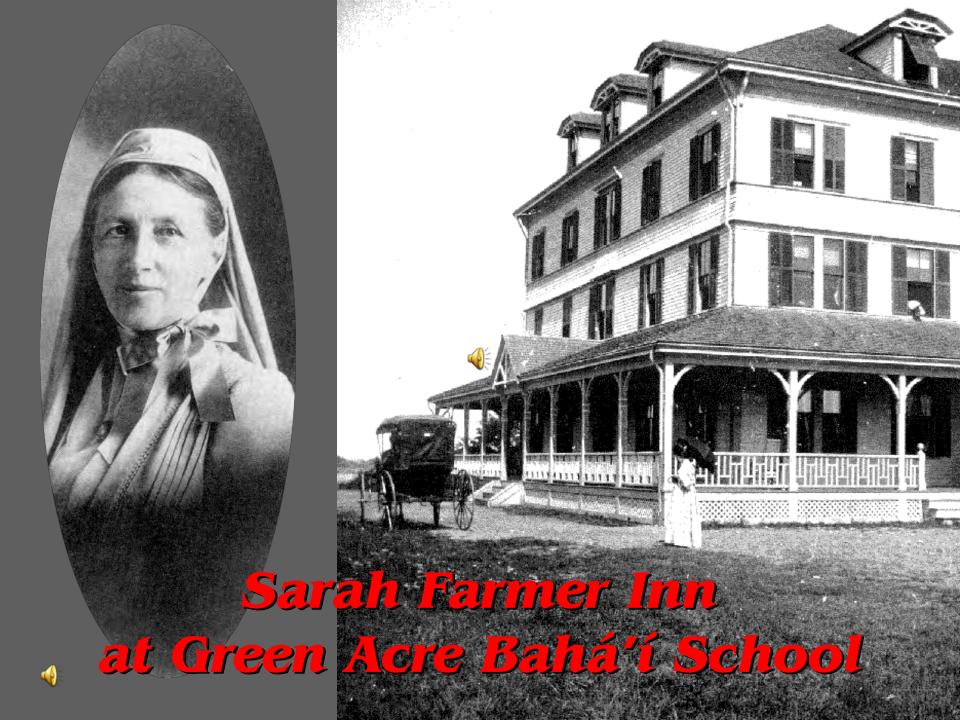


May Bolles (Maxwell)

"Of that first meeting, I can remember neither joy nor pain, nor anything that I can name. I had been carried suddenly to too great a height, my soul had come in contact with the Divine Spirit, and this force, so pure, so holy, so mighty, had overwhelmed me ... We could not remove our eyes from His glorious face ... existence seemed suspended; and when He arose and suddenly left us, we came back with a start to life; but never again, oh! never again, thank God, the same life on this earth."









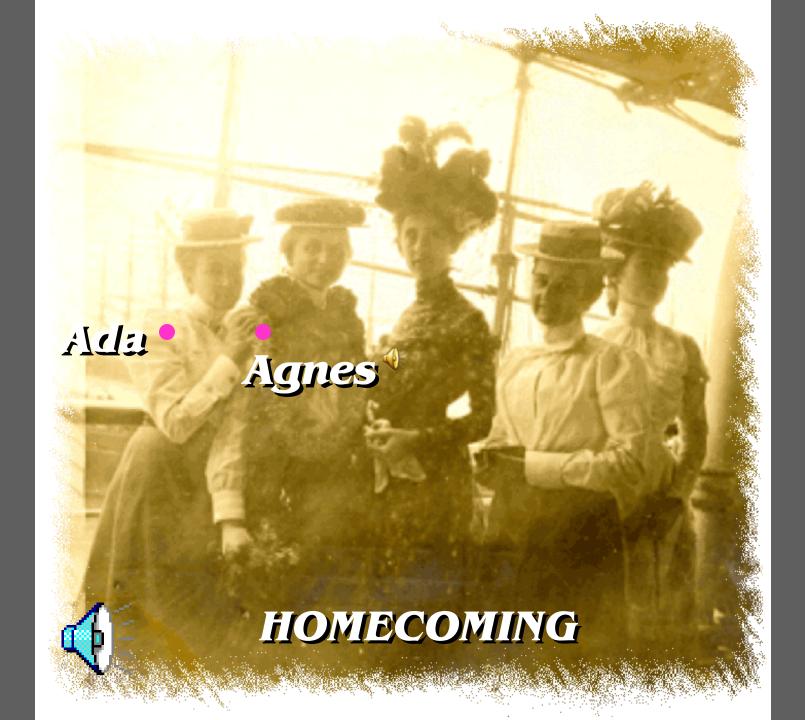


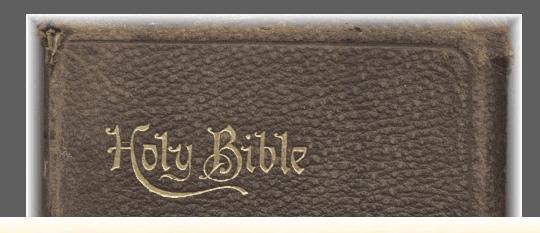
Agnes Baldwin Alexander Photograph taken December 1901 Shortly before sailing to Honolulu

Be ... a divine bird, proceed to thy native country, spread the wings of sanctity over those spots and sing and chant and celebrate the name of thy Lord, ... and make the seeking souls hasten unto thee as the moths hasten to the lamp, and thus illumine that distant country by the light of God.

Strange feelings came over me as the steamer on which I voyaged to Honolulu neared the shore, for alone I was to stand there, the first Bahá'í to touch that soil. The youngest of my family, and hitherto extremely timid, God raised me up to carry His Message to these islands of the Pacific.

Among my relatives a rumor had spread that I had taken up some strange belief. I had them to show through my life, and not by words, the great happiness that had come into my life.

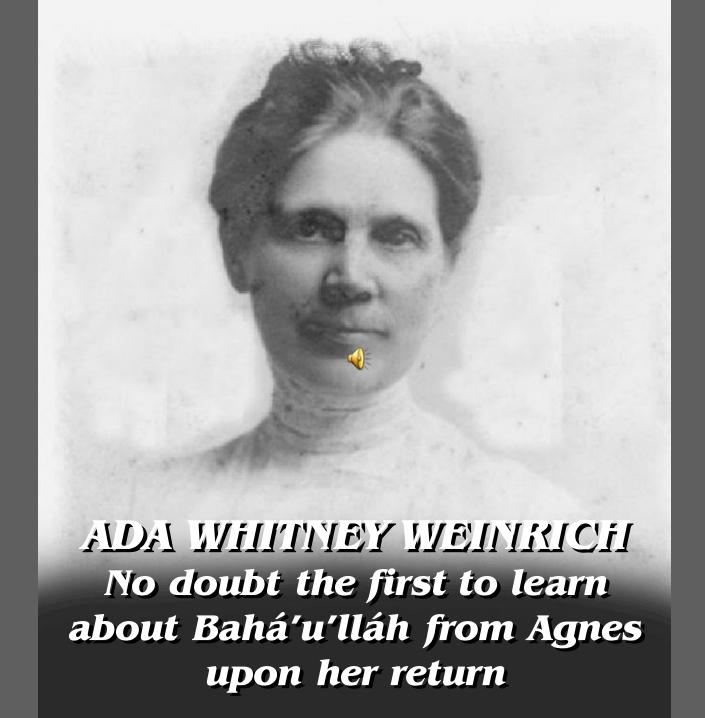




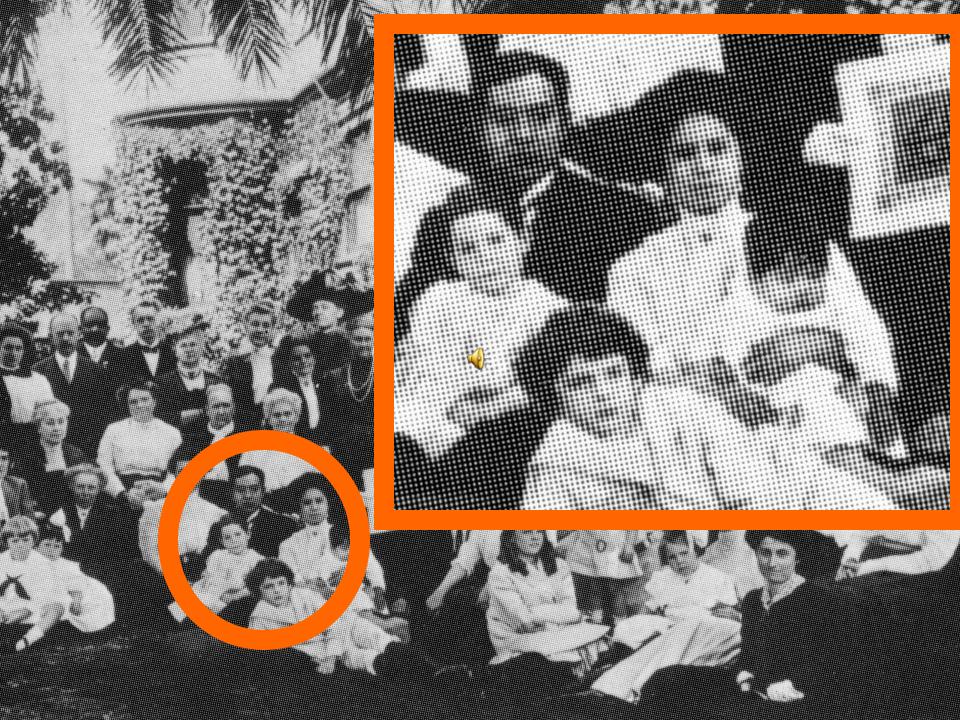
Agner B. Alexander, from her affectionate father. Jan. 1, 1902.

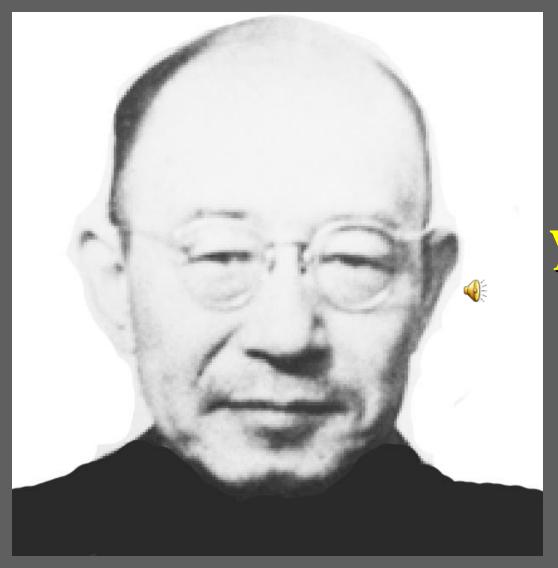




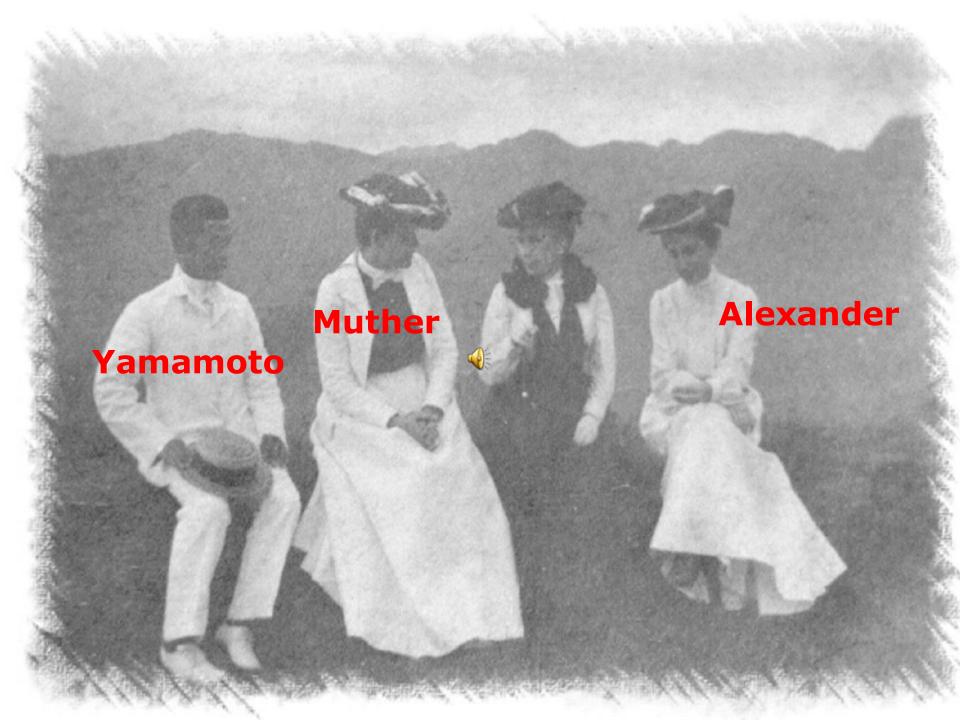








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1879-1961
1st Japanese
Bahá'í in the
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Honolulu, Hawaii, Territory, Monday, November 29, 1909

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Followers of the Baha Explain Their expectations. UNIVERSAL PEACE IS COMING World Arriving at Spiritual Maturity, and War Will Be Banished.

The establishment of a universal religion...



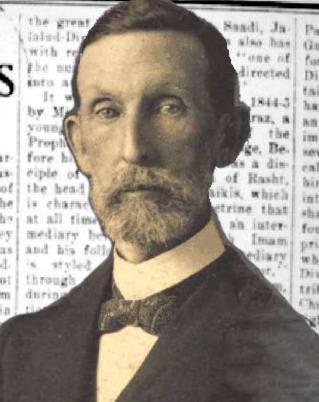


WHAT THE "BAHAI" MOVEMENT REALLY IS

Editor Advertiser:—As public attention is being called to the "Bahai movement," a brief sketch of the early history of the sect may be of interest to your readers. The best authorities on the subject are Count de Gobineau's great work on the "Religious and Philosophies of Central Asia," and the works of Prof. E. G. Browne, lecturer in Persian to the University of Cam-

The Persians never thoroughly assimilated the religion of Mohammed, and never forgot that it had been found upon them by the sword. A product of the Arabian desert, it was

greater part of the month of Moharrem to passionate mourning for the assassination of Ali, and the murder of his two sons, Hassan and Hussein, the latter of whom had married the daughter of the Persian king. hold that Ali's rightful authority was transmitted to the line of his descendants, his successors being styled, not Callphs, but Imams. The twelfth Imam (the Mabdi) disappeared from earth in 937 A. D., but is expected to com again in power, and right all wro Another result of the inherent onism between the Arab and modes of thought was the ri Suff mystical philosophy, whi tensively pervaded Persian th is at bottom a pantheistic ;



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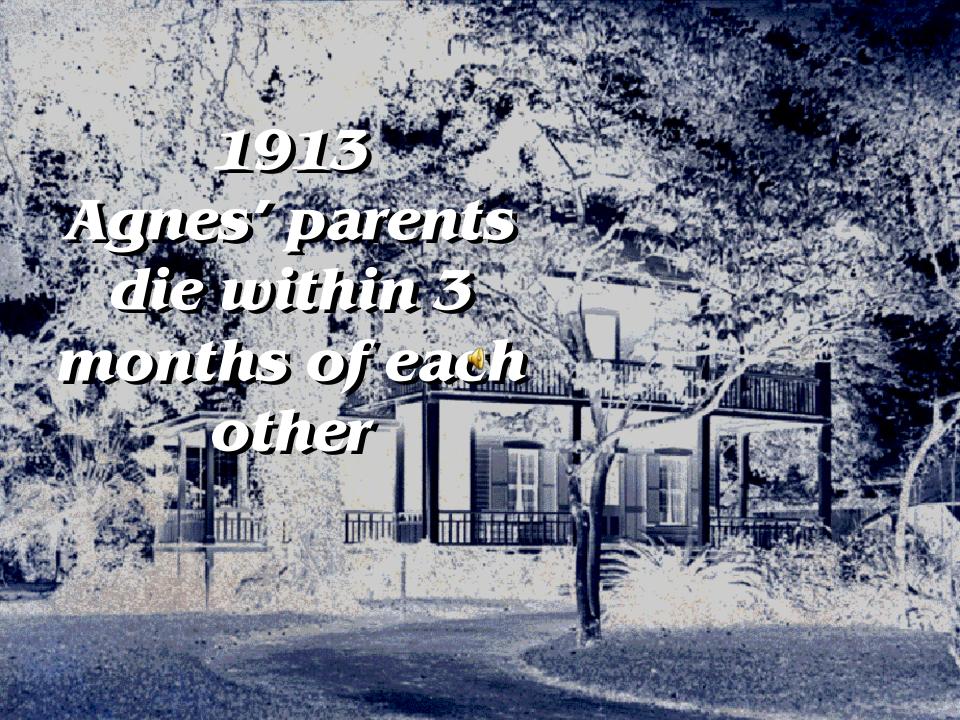
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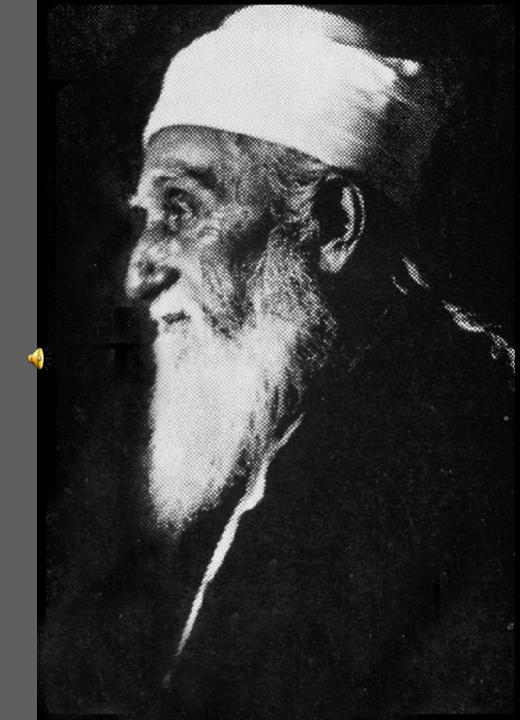






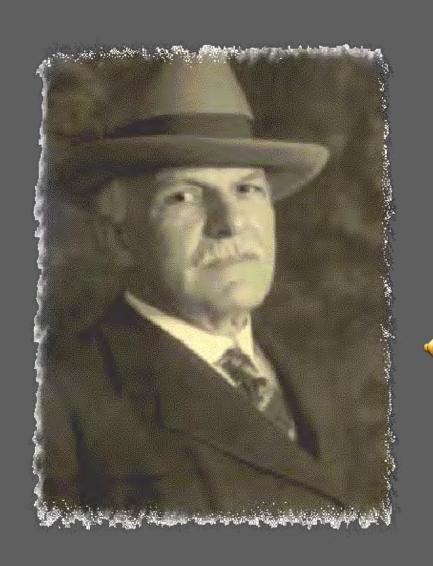


Agnes was in NYC when a Tablet came from Abdu'l-Bahá to travel "toward Japan"











Agnes' Uncle Guido Ferrari and Aunt "Lottie" of Milan

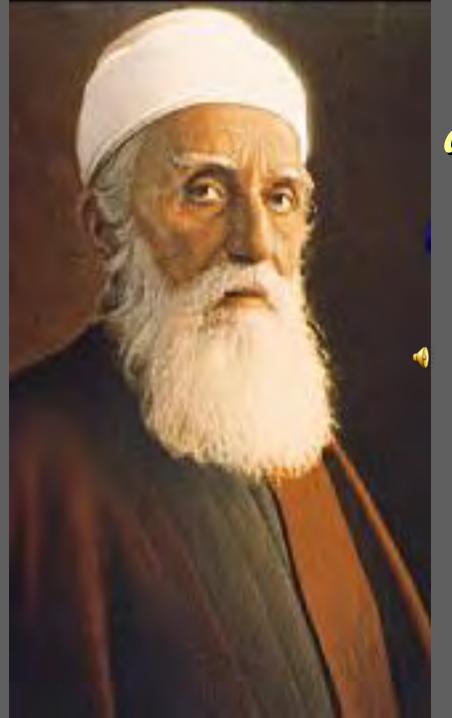








Agnes was 'stuck' in Switzerland as WWI began to rage. She was unable to cash her bank drafts, and her funds were running out; her trunk had gone missing enroute and she turned to prayer and was guided to a friend in Geneva and then came a Tablet from the Master

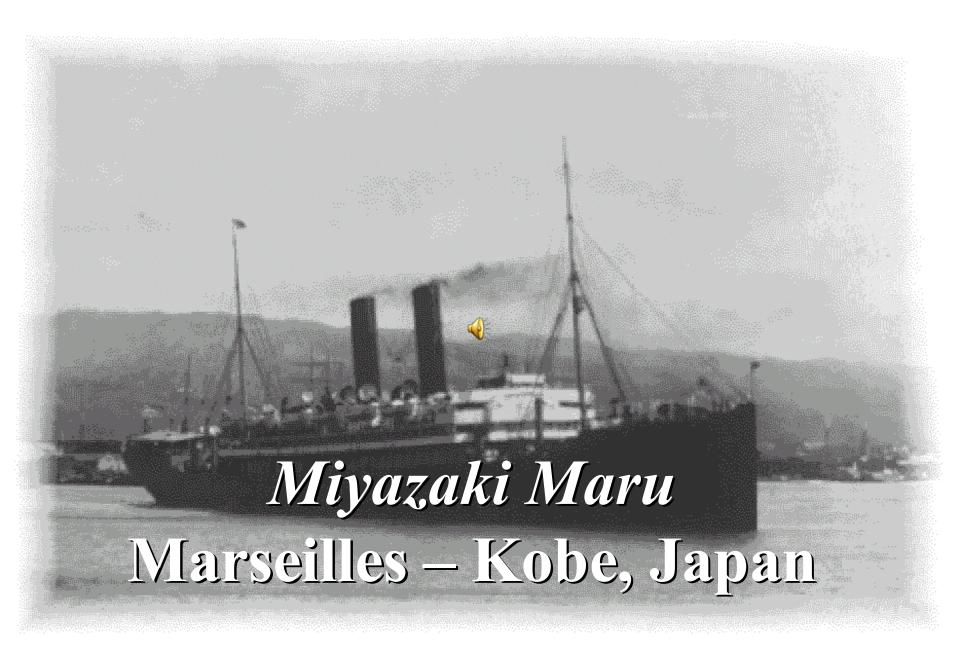


It is now ... advisable for thee to depart directly to Japan and while there be engaged in the diffusion of the fragrances of God.

-'Abdu'l-Bahá

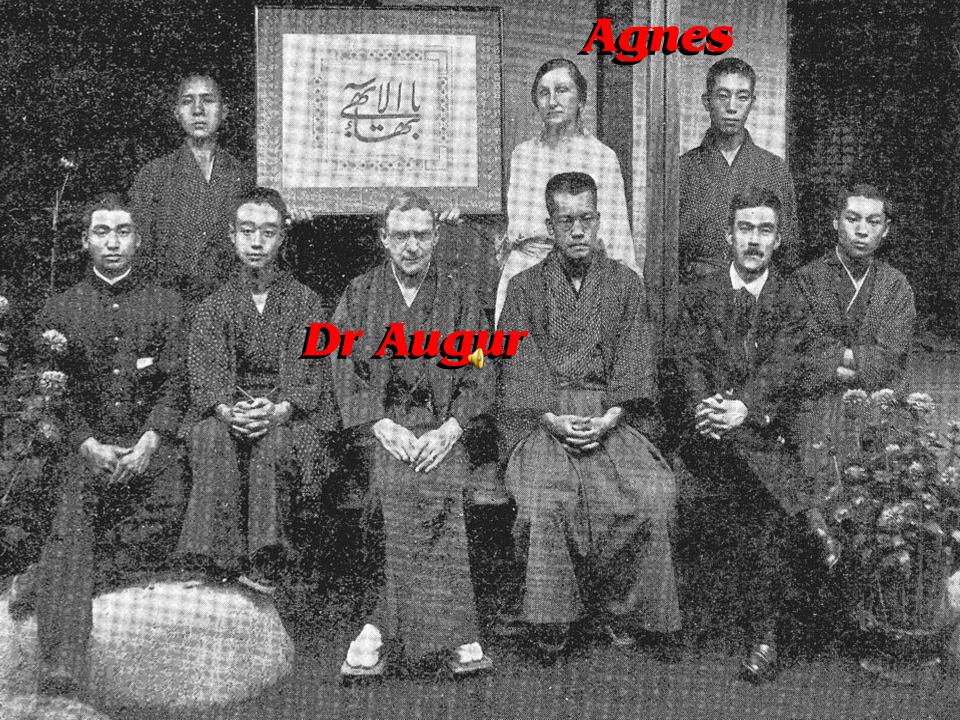


From Lyon to Marseilles Agnes travelled with 2 wounded soldiers in the coach

















Miss Alexander

Of all the trips I have taken in Japan ... [the] one [that] brought the greatest blessing and joy which [has] extended and increased throughout the years spent in that country. It was the door which opened to the blind of Japan the Cause of God, bringing them Eternal Life. [It was the trip to the seashore at Ejiri in 1916.]



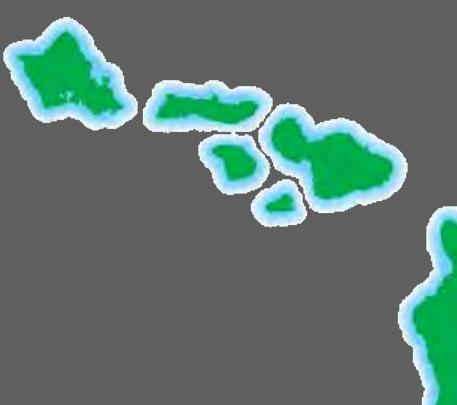
The beach at Ejiri, Japan – 1916 Mr Torii, a 'blind' man wrote the following ...

One morning as I was walking on the beach "there came a messenger of the Kingdom of Abhá and lifted the veil of my soul. ... Every word she spoke to me was wonderful and luminous. It dispelled the darkness from my soul, brought fragrances to my heart like the breeze from the green fields, and made my inner sight keener and fresher than ever. This messenger who made me see the Sun of Reality was indeed Miss Agnes B. Alexander, my beloved spiritual mother ..."



Mr Torii the 'blind' man who walked at Ejiri in 1916 and his wife with Agnes Alexander

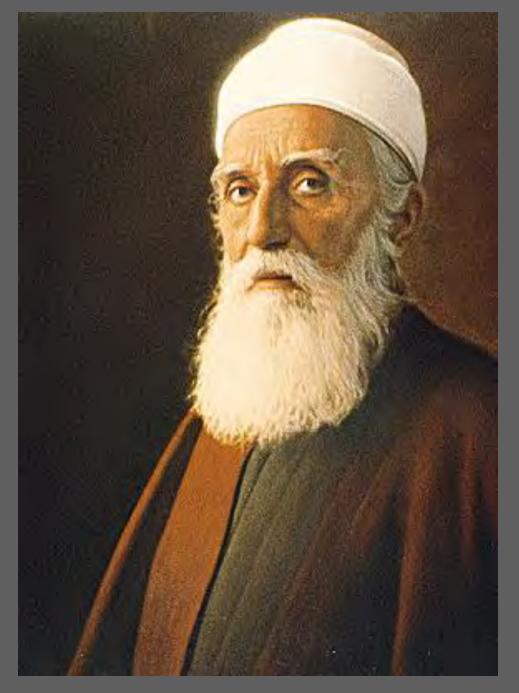
Agnes spent the next 2 years in Hawaii and the US Mainland







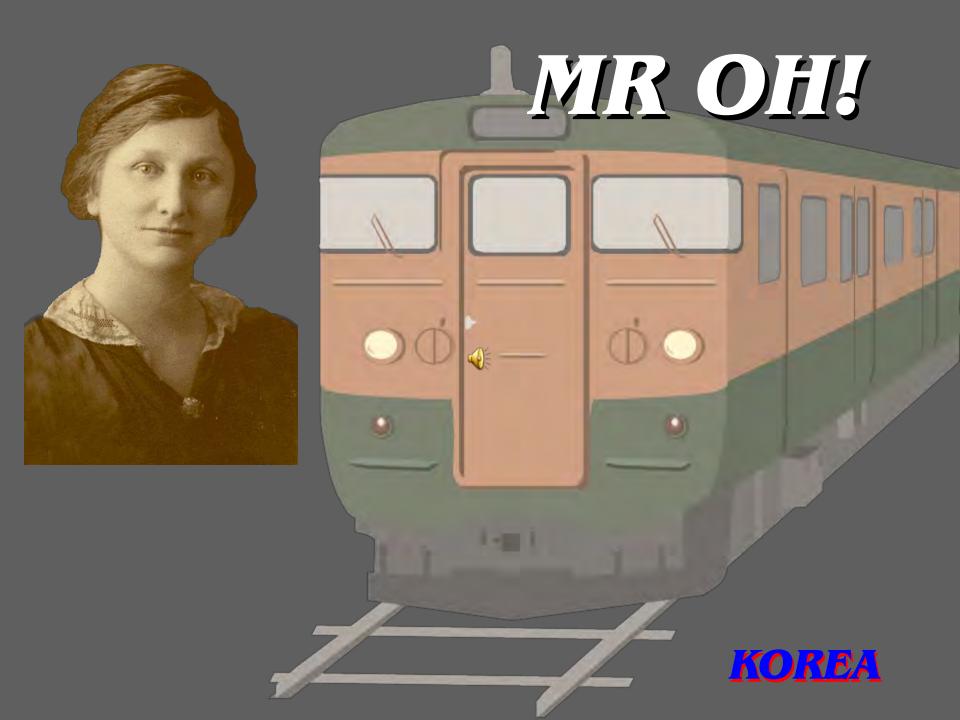
O THOU daughter of the Kingdom! Although thy letter has not yet been received, yet we do answer it.



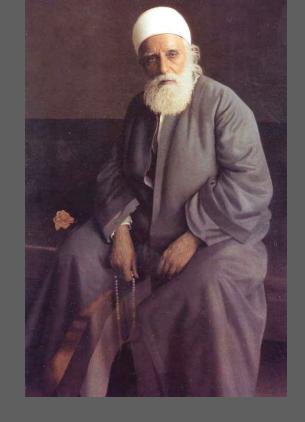
In accordance with the wish of the attracted maid servant of God to the love of God, Mrs. Maxwell, go thou to Canada and stay there for a time and then hasten back to Japan, for in Japan you will be assisted and exalted.





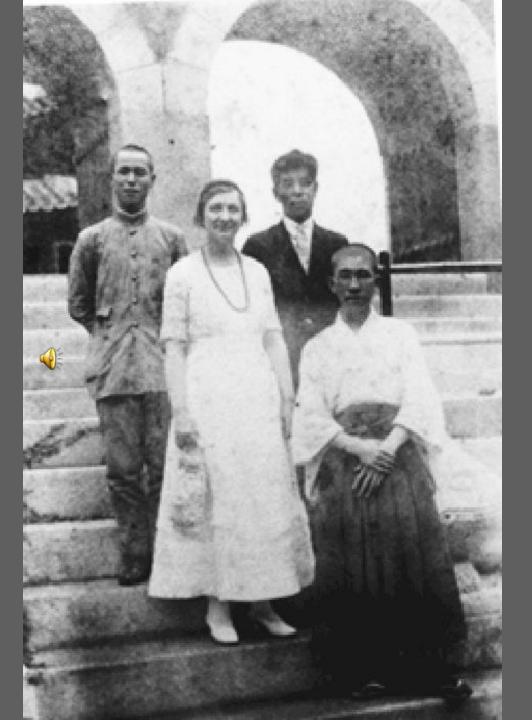


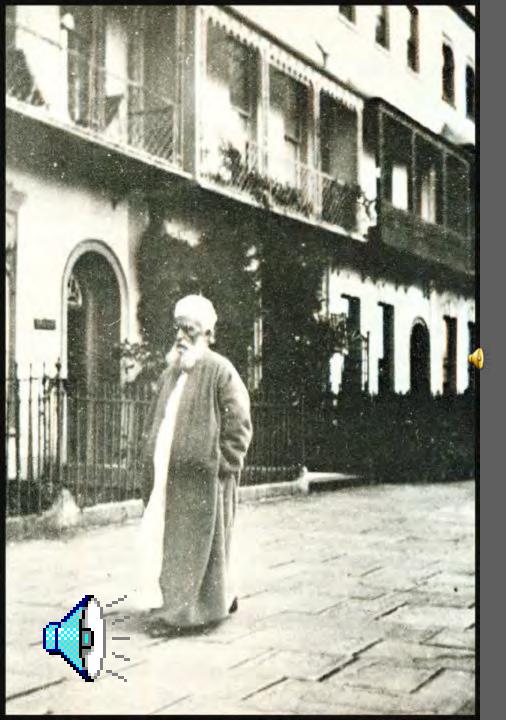




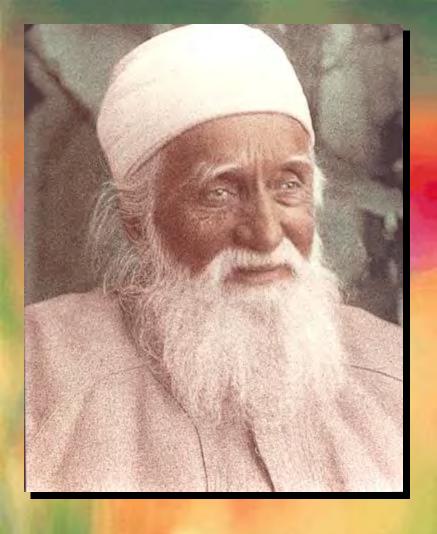


Agnes with Korean
believers in
1921



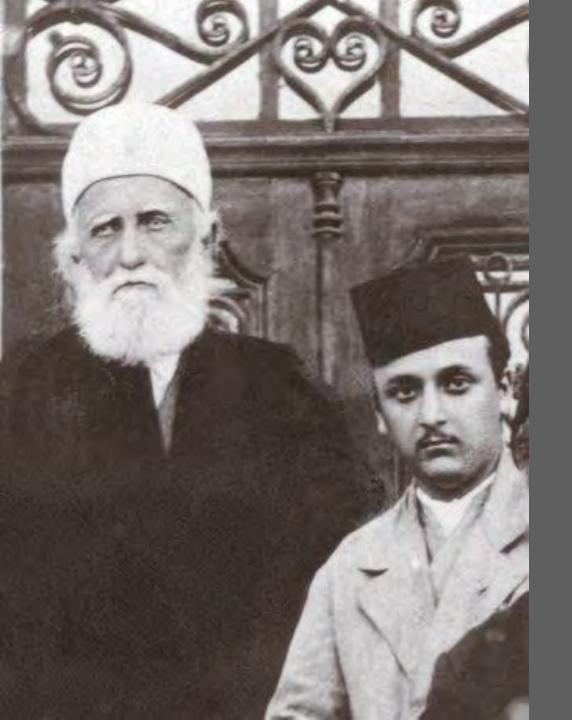






In His great love and mercy He left a Tablet for the new friends of Korea and one to me. Pray ... that I may fulfil His Hope in Korea and may be selfless at His Door.

Agnes' letter to a
Bahá'í Friend about
'Abdu'l-Bahá's passing



In His Will & Testament 'Abdu'l-Bahá named Shoghi Effendi, Guardian and Head of the Faith



Shoghi Effendi: I recall so vividly the radiant joy that transfigured His Face whenever I opened before Him your supplications ... These are His very words, that still keep ringing in my ears:— "Japan will turn ablaze! Japan is endowed with a most remarkable capacity for the spread of the Cause of God"

To Agnes personally the Guardian wrote:

"I feel that your destiny lies in" Japan "where your noble and pioneer services future generations will befittingly glorify and thankfully remember."



Shoghi Effendi

Honolulu Advertiser

EXTRA! EXTRA!

September 1, 1923

Flames Sweep World's Largest City When Earthquake And Tidal Waves Strike Japan

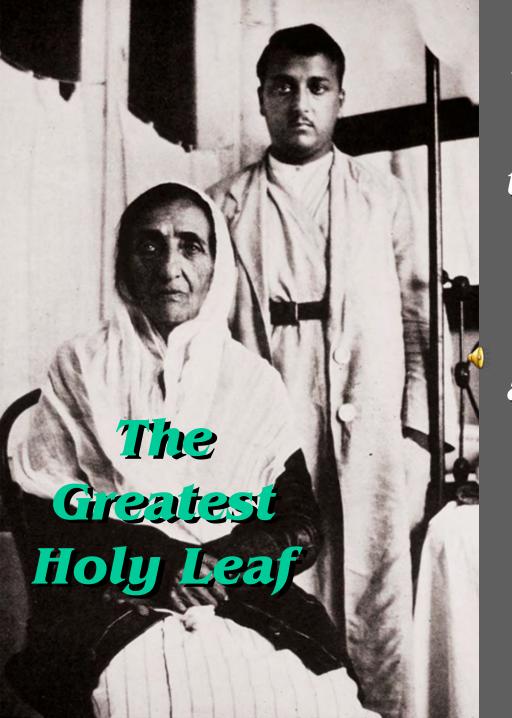
DOWNTOWN SECTION WIPED OUT

Tokyo fell victim to a violent earthquake just before noon today. Two-thirds of Toyo burned when thousands of wood-fueled cooking fires spread flames throughout the city. Thousands have lost their lives and the body count continues to rise. Nearly one million people are homeless. Scarcely anything can be found to eat.

A spokesman for the International Red Cross promised relief supplies would be airlifted as soon as conditions permit.

Count P.W. Tanaguichi met with military authorities today to set up security zones in the areas most seriously affected by the quake.

... CONT'D P B8



The Lord has surely kept you safe amid the crumbling walls of that great city of Japan, that you in turn might accomplish the task that lies before you and I never doubt that you are surely worthy of His Grace.

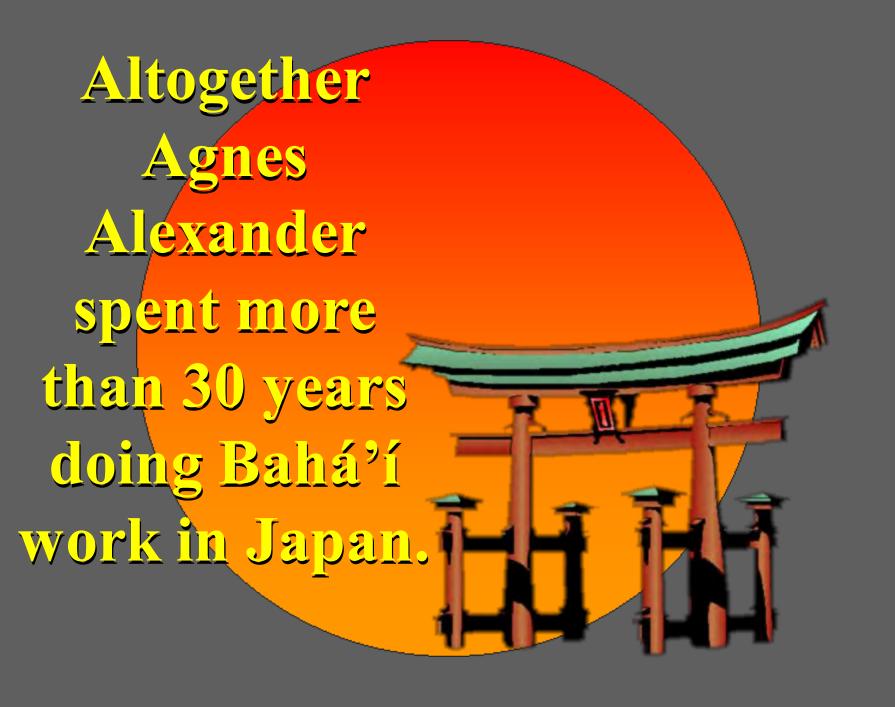


Sept – Dec 1923
Agnes joined Martha for teaching
in China











SOJOURNS IN HAWAII

1917 - 1919



1924 -1928

1933 - 1935

1937 - 1950



1937 PILGRIMAGE

I would be
pleased to
meet you face
to face at this
liloly Spot.

Your true brother, Shoghi



Aziz Yazdi Port Said, Egypt



"The Guardian is married and you will never guess to whom."



Mary
Sutherland
Maxwell

1910-1937

Amatu'l-Bahá

Kúhíyyih

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By 1929 Shoghi Effendi had added three more rooms to the Shrine of the Báb



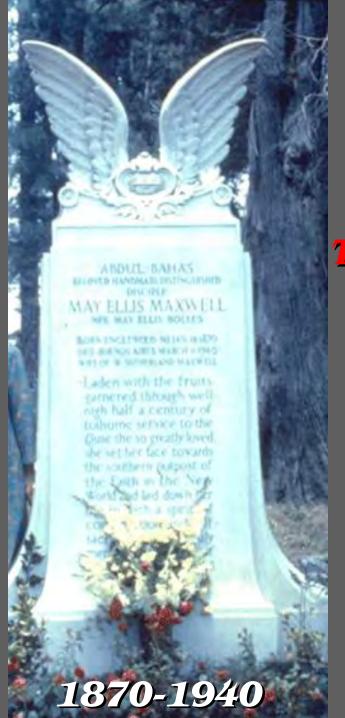


Books written by Agnes Alexander at the request of Shoghi Effendi

Forty Years of the Bahá'í
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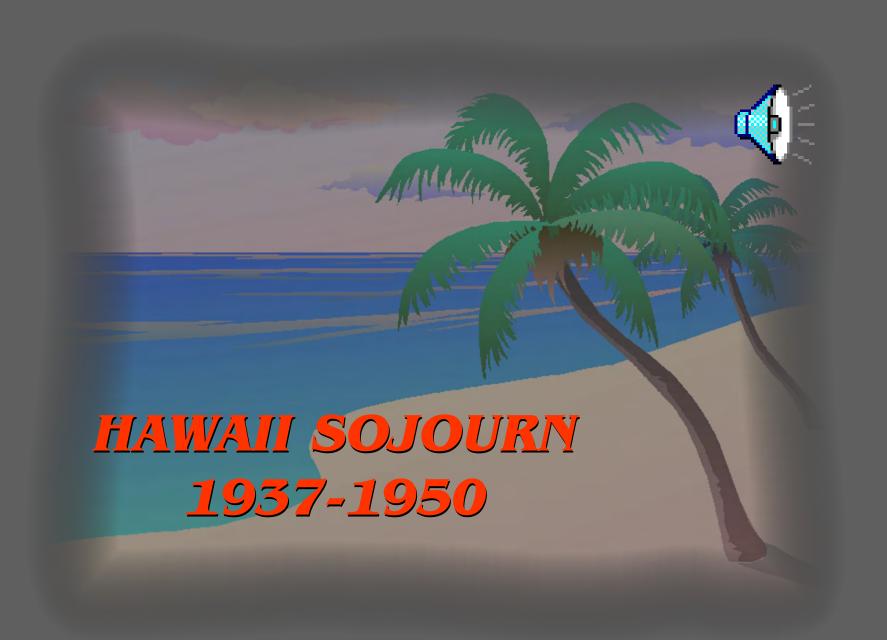
History of the Bahá'í Faith in Japan: 1914-1938







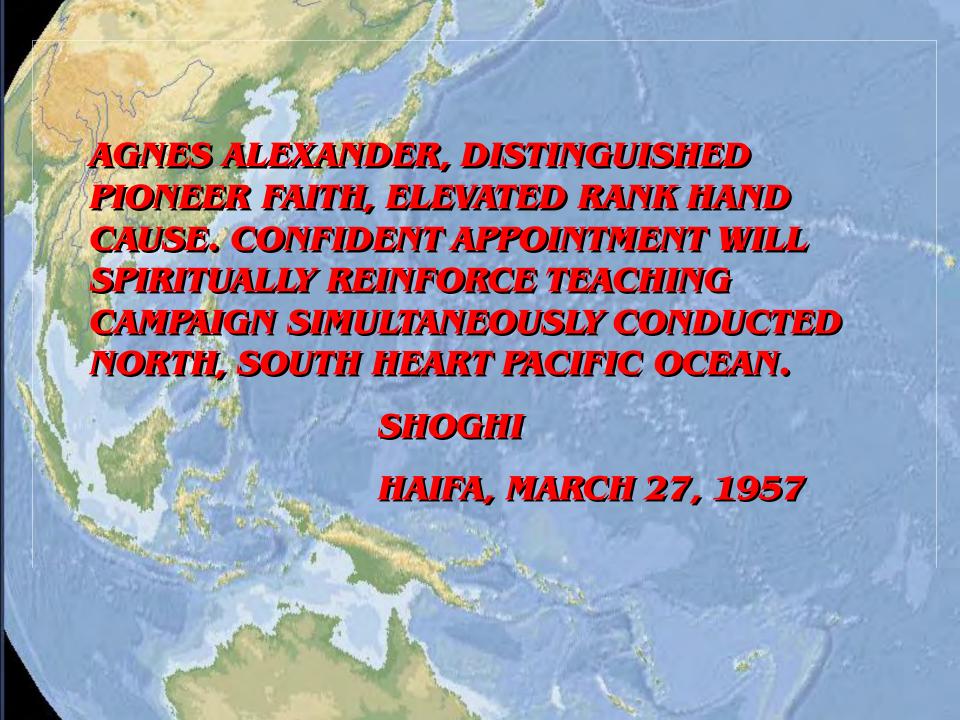
"From the time May met her Lord and held the King in H j" her whole dled with the being --divine flate.... Countless are the souls who have been ignited through her divine love.







RETURN TO JAPAN IN 1950







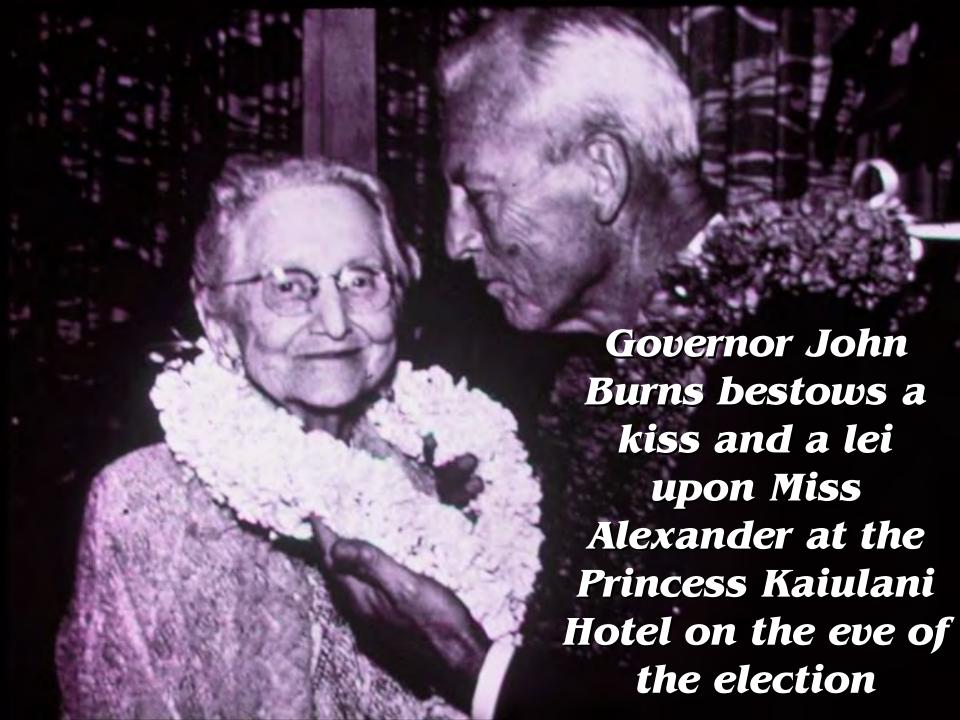
First conclave of the Hands was held from 18-25 November, 1957



1964 HAWAII'S BAHA'IS ELECT THE FIRST NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHA'IS OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS









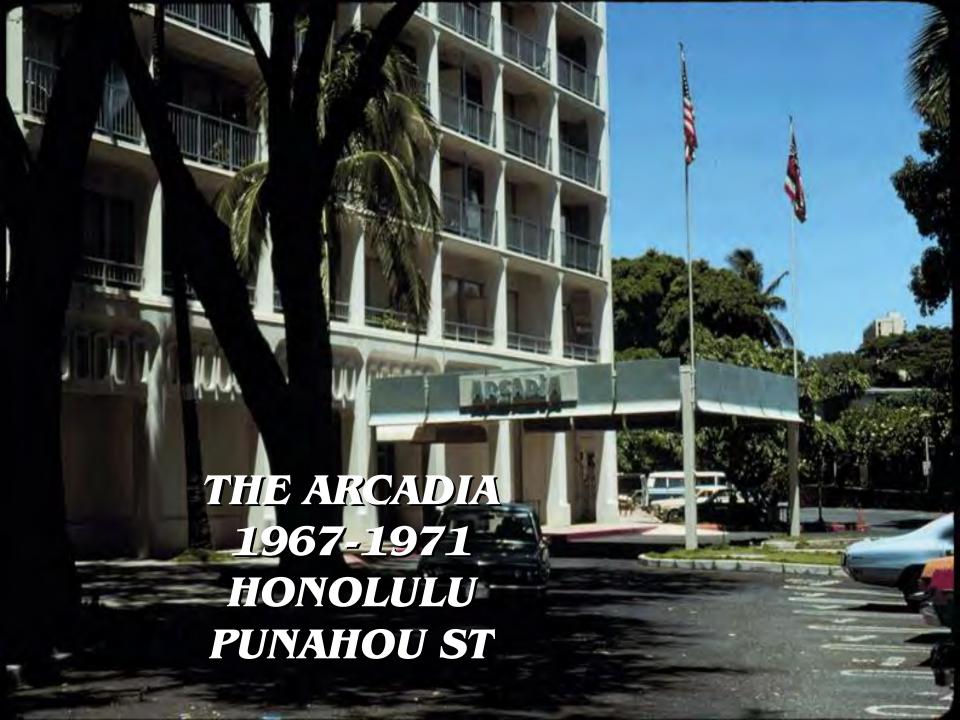
Miss Alexander with the members of the newly-elected NSA of the Hawaiian Islands













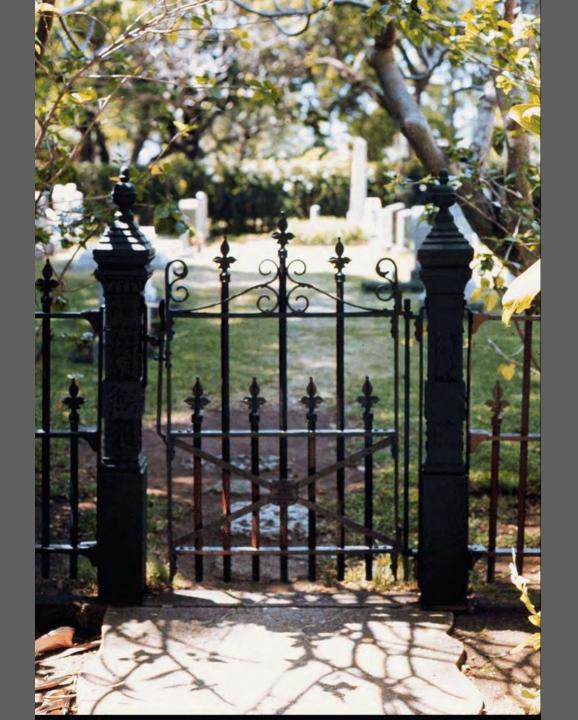




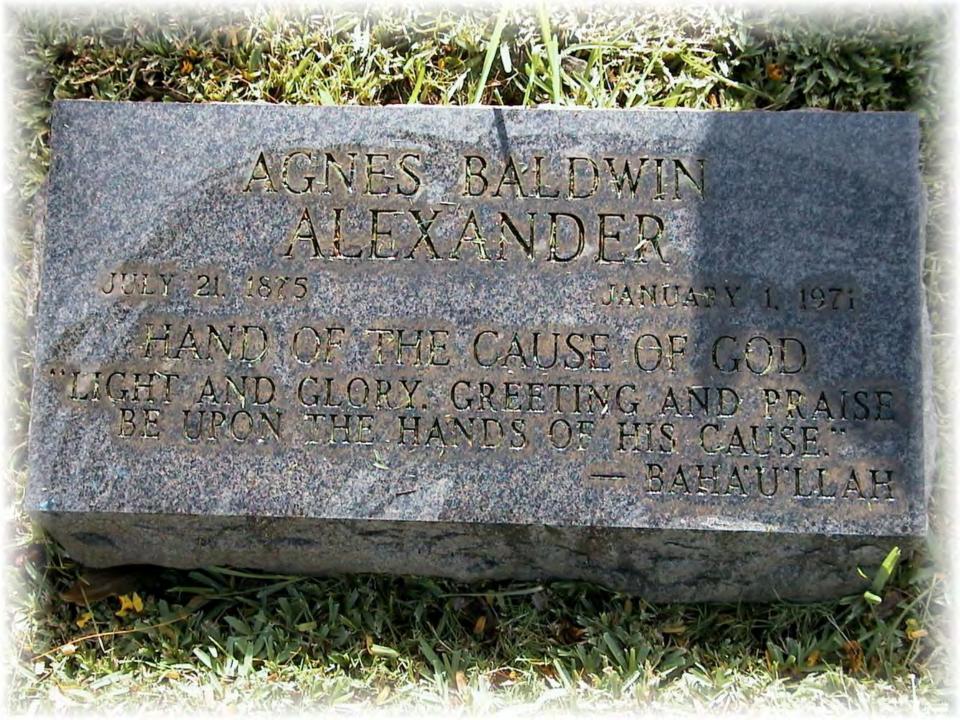
PROFOUNDLY GRIEVE PASSING ILLUMINED SOUL HAND CAUSE AGNES ALEXANDER LONGSTANDING PILLAR CAUSE FAR EAST FIRST BRING FAITH HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

-THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE









"At this time, in the island of Hawaii, through the efforts of Miss Alexander, a number of souls have reached the shore of the sea of faith! Consider ye, what happiness, what joy is this! I declare by the Lord of Hosts that had this respected daughter founded an empire, that empire would not have been so great! For this sovereignty is eternal sovereignty and this glory is everlasting glory."

-'Abdu'l-Bahá

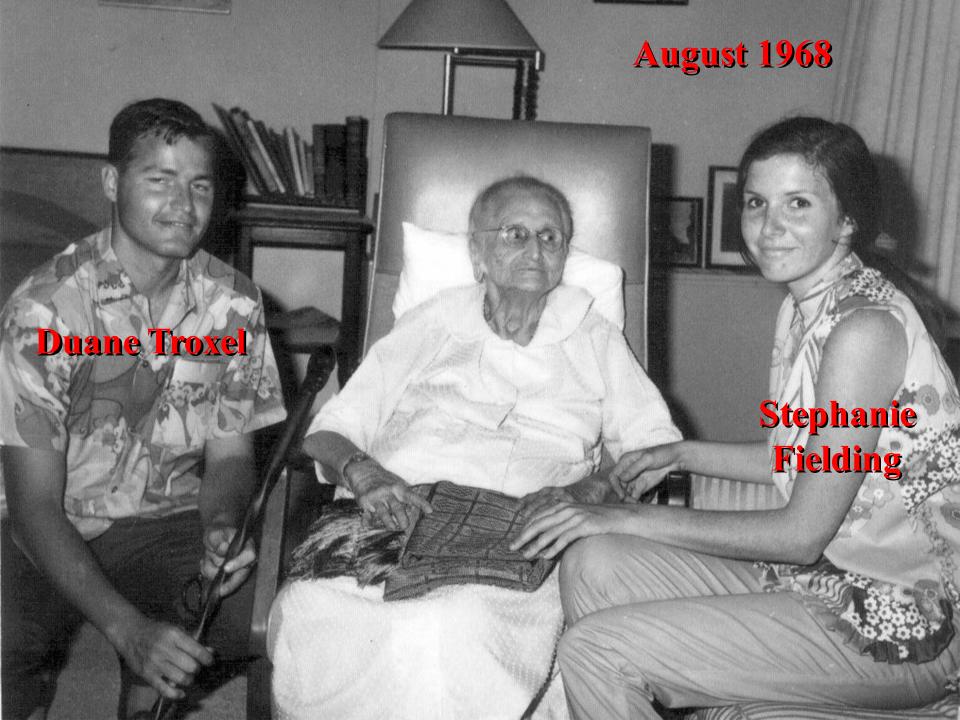




AGNES BALDWIN ALEXANIDER AWARD FOR SERVICE TO HUNIANITY



Judge Betty M. Vitousek, Dr Kenneth Pike Emory, Gladys A. Brandt, Albert K. Sing, Juliette May Fraser, Mary Kawena Puku'i ...

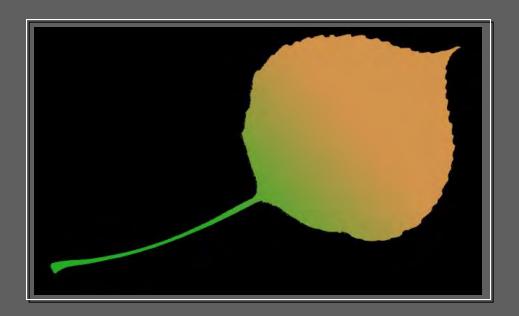


ABA 1833-1875

ABA 1900 - Rome

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