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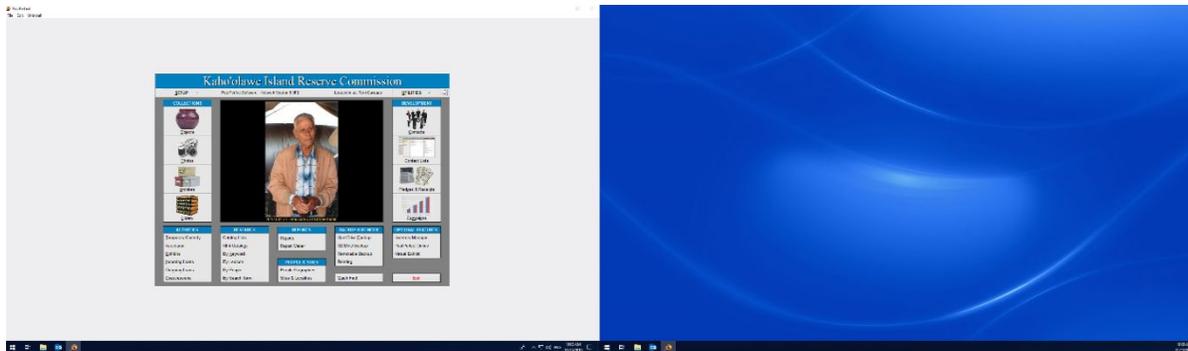
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KIRC Virtual Museum-Stage 3: Collaborations & Special Collections

The Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission was awarded a grant of $75,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program for this project on June 15, 2018. This two-year project runs from August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2021 and focuses on:

1) Reorganization of the KIRC Archive Room
2) Expansion of data in the KIRC Living Library database
3) Rehousing of part of the "Navy" special collection (Navy Collection)—a collection originally given to DLNR by the Navy and placed with the Maui Historical Society on loan in 1981; the KIRC acquired the collection in February 2011
4) Evaluation, procurement and installation of improved software for the KIRC Living Library resulting in an enhanced KIRC Living Library website

The KIRC has submitted a formal request for a no-cost grant extension to IMLS due partially to an unanticipated amount of required additional data which could not automatically be exported from the Museum Online database to the PastPerfect database and requires manual input. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a delay in inputting required data into the PastPerfect database due to restricted access to the office. This request is still pending.

PastPerfect Database Home Screen

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PastPerfect Online Home Page for KIRC

PastPerfect Online Website Object Record Page
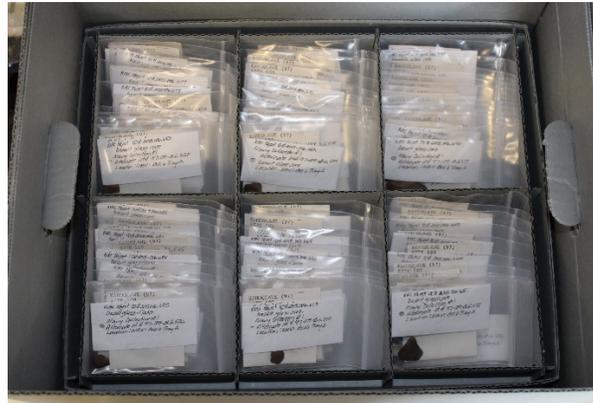
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Navy Collection in original container

Rehoused Navy Collection

The sample for this grant project consists of 10% of this collection's approximately 2700 objects. Staff has completed processing and rehousing the sample and is now in the process of cataloging these into the PastPerfect database as well as linking digital images of them to this database. Staff is also continuing to input additional data in records already imported from the Museum Online database as well as linking digital images to those records.