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KIRC Virtual Museum-Stage 3: Collaborations & Special Collections

The Kaho'olawe 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, and focuses on:

- 1) Reorganization of the KIRC Archive Room
- 2) Expansion of data in the KIRC Living Library database
- Rehousing of a sample 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's request to IMLS for a no-cost extension to complete this project was approved. The new completion date is July 31, 2022.

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 continues to catalog these into the PastPerfect database as well as linking their digital images to the database. Additionally, the staff continues to input additional data for records already imported from the Museum Online database (the previous database) as well as linking digital images to those records.