

# Nā `Ohana o Hawai`i



## The Families of Hawai`i (Kū`auhau ~ Genealogy)



## Who Am I



My name is Richard Dennis “Kūpapalani” Souther, originally from Massachusetts. With more than 34 years of residence in the islands, I consider myself a kama`āina. I have involved myself in all things Hawaiian, studying Hawaiian history, culture, crafts and genealogy. I have taught traditional styles of Hawaiian lei making at Kamehameha Schools, Continuing Education Program and at Farrington Community School for Adults taking my haumana on historic and culturally oriented field trips to Kaua`i, Moloka`i, Maui and Hawai`i. I have danced hula with Ka Pā Hula `Ōlapa with Kumu Hula Palani Olsen. I have worked for the Departments of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of Health and currently with the Department of Education.

## The Mission

To assist in preserving Hawaiian genealogies (family histories), by collecting, organizing, referencing and indexing them in a standard genealogical format so they can be easily read and understood and to produce archival quality genealogies and documents to be made available to your `ohana and family associations to be enjoyed now and by future generations.

## Qualifications

I have resided in the islands for more than 34 years and have done genealogical research for more than 20 years. I am the founder and past president of the Honolulu County Genealogical Society (formerly the Sandwich Islands Genealogical Society). I have written and privately published a 748 page, hard cover, fully referenced and indexed family history; *Souther Families of America*. My family has distant relations to the Kona Lincoln families and ties into the Kepilino and Keli`ipule`ole `ohana. I am currently working with Charles Ahlo, Jerry Walker and Rubellite Kawena (Kinney) Johnson in computerizing and re-doing the book, *Kamehameha's Children Today* to make it more readable and easy to understand and follow. I also run a

genealogical software user group to teach others the capabilities of preparing quality genealogies, with emphasis on sourcing all information. I have a large collection of Hawaiian genealogies in my personal library available for reference, as well as a database of over 32,000 individuals. My extreme attention to detail and organizational skills are a blessing.

## **How Can I Help You or Your `Ohana?**

There are many local families [in Hawai`i and on the mainland] who have collected hundreds of bits of information, including kumu `ohana (pedigree charts, family group sheets), photographs, obituaries, odd charts, newspaper clippings, etc., but lack the time to put it all together in a formal Family History to present to their own personal family or to a family organization.

### **I can:**

- ❖ Computerize your kumu `ohana
- ❖ Scan (digitize) your birth, marriage & death certificates
- ❖ Help you locate copies of the 1900, 1910, 1920 & 1930 Federal Censuses for Hawai`i
- ❖ Find military records, such as World War I & II Draft Registration Cards, etc.
- ❖ Digitize family photographs
- ❖ Organize all your `ohana's genealogical records into a formal genealogy with complete and accurate documentation and a full index

Please write to me via e-mail or give me a call to meet and discuss how we can get your genealogical data organized before the next family reunion.

a hui hou,  
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