

Online Resources for Ahupua'a Research

- **Hawai'i Statewide GIS Program: Ahupua'a Layer**

A geographic feature dataset that maps historic and traditional land divisions of Hawai'i that allows you to view, explore, and download geospatial data directly. Because boundaries were digitized from various historical surveys and maps, the state notes that graphical representations do not represent legally binding property boundaries.

Hosted by the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development [here](#).

- **Hawai'i Land Survey Registered Maps:**

A collection of over 3,200 historical maps, 1825-1970, maintained by the State of Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Maps are widely used by researchers, genealogists, and land title surveyors to understand how property lines and coastlines have changed.

Hosted by UH's eVols database [here](#).

- **Kīpuka Database:**

A Geographical Information System (GIS) that links geographic locations with historical data sets, including Land Commission Awards (LCAs), government grants, and crown lands. Original source documents are often attached to the records.

Hosted by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs [here](#).

- **Papakilo Database:**

A digital repository featuring over 1.2 million historical records and cultural documents, including historic newspapers dating back to 1834, Place Names, land records (Māhele 'Āina), as well as Hawai'i State Archives Indices.

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- **Boundary Commission Book:**

A multi-volume collection of official land records compiled between 1864-1914. The commission was created to legally certify the borders of unawarded ahupua'a (traditional land divisions) and 'ili.

Hosted by the Hawai'i State Archives [here](#).