The first major sugar plantations in Hawai‘i were established in the early 1800’s. They would ultimately change the economy and ethnic mix of the islands as more and more immigrants from many parts of the world were brought in for labor.

This guide to information about the sugar plantations in Hawai‘i is a selection of books and other materials that discuss the impact that sugar had on life in Hawai‘i.

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Kahuku, survival of a plantation town
Hawaiian Electric Company, 1988
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Cine-Pic Hawai‘i, Honolulu, HI, 1985
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Kaua‘i Historical Society, Lihu‘e, HI, 1996
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1946: the great Hawai‘i sugar strike
Center for Labor Education & Research, University of Hawai‘i, Honolulu, HI, 1996
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Plantation roots
Running time 30 minutes

Waialua & Hale‘iwa: the working people’s story
Ethnic Studies Oral History Project, University of Hawai‘i, Honolulu, HI, 1977
Running time 30 minutes

OTHER RESOURCES

The Hawai‘i & Pacific Section of the Hawai‘i State Library houses annual reports from many of the sugar plantations.

Hamilton Library at the University of Hawai‘i is the home of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters’ Association plantation archives. This collection is found in the Hawai‘i & Pacific Section of Hamilton. For more information see their website:
www2.hawaii.edu/~speccoll/hawaiihspa.html


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**NEUWSRAPERS**

In order to find newspaper articles about plantation life in Hawai‘i, search the Hawai‘i Newspaper Index. This is available by going to this website: [www.hawaii.gov/hidocs/](http://www.hawaii.gov/hidocs/) and then clicking on the Hawai‘i Newspaper Index tab. Search by either of these two subjects: sugar plantations or sugar industry. There are hundreds of articles to be found this way. The articles are from the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* and the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

**BIOGRAPHIES AND ORAL HISTORIES**


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He was a ram: Wong Aloiau of Hawai‘i, Wong by Violet L. Lai. Hawai‘i Chinese History Center and the Wong Aloiau Association by University of Hawai‘i Press, Hon., HI, 1985.

From plantation poverty to millionaire wealth: a Nisei reflects upon his life in Hawai‘i, by Sam Y. Yamanaka. Published by the author, Hon., HI, 1990.

MAGAZINES
Note: The majority of these journals are available only at the Hawai‘i State Library, Hawai‘i & Pacific Section, or at the University of Hawai‘i.


