

***ASG Archives and Records Center***

***Teacher/Student***

***topics/resource samples for***

***2023-2024 National History Day***

***contest theme:***

***“Turning Points in History”***

## **PRE-AMERICAN SAMOA 1841-1900 RESOURCES**

### *U.S. Consul Papers 1841-1906 turning points:*

*Microfilm and digital images of various U.S. Consul papers at Samoa.*

*Includes letters, reports, publications about Tutuila and Manu'a.*

*Includes some possible turning points, ie. the 1872 Mauga Treaty, the 1878 Samoa Treaty, the 1900 and 1904 Deeds of Cession.*

*See ASG/NARA Microfilms, Library Reference boxes, archival newspapers and finding guides or online.*

### *The 1872 Mauga Treaty turning point:*

*Copies/text of the 1872 Treaty*

*Photograph copies of Chief Mauga in 1870s*

*Watercolor print copies of 1872-73 Tutuila and Manu'a by U.S. Agent Albert Steinberger*

*Microfilm or digital U.S. Consul correspondence/files about the 1872 treaty period.*

*National/international newspaper or magazine articles about the 1872 Treaty*

*Matai and Land Title court case records testimonies of the High Court 1902-1974*

*See ASG/NARA Microfilms, Library Reference box lists, newspapers and finding guides or online.*

### *The 1877-1899 Samoan Civil Wars Turning Points:*

*Photograph copies of warring Chiefs*

*Microfilm or digital U.S. Consul correspondence about the 1877-1899 warfare period.*

*Matai and Land Title court case record testimonies of the High Court 1902-1974*

*See ASG/NARA Microfilms, Library Reference boxes, newspapers and finding guides or online.*

### *The 1900 Tutuila and Aunu'u Deed of Cession Turning Point:*

*Copies/text/corres. of the original 1900 Deed*

*Photograph copies/papers of the First Flag Day of April 17, 1900; Commandant Benjamin Franklin*

*Tilley administration papers, start of the Fita Fita's, construction of Govt. House, etc*

*See ASG/NARA Microfilms, Library Reference boxes, newspapers and finding guides or online.*

## **U.S. NAVY PERIOD 1900-1951**

**(Note: All files prior to 1932 are public record unless restricted for conservation reasons)**

*U.S. Naval Station Tutuila technology innovation turning points:*

*Photos, copies of the construction of the Naval Coaling Station wharf and historic docks.*

*Photograph copies/blueprints of the construction of electric dam powerhouse, radio towers, refrigeration building, telephone poles, trucks, cars, roads, etc.*

*See ASG/NARA Microfilms, Library Reference boxes, newspapers and finding guides or online.*

*World War I history turning points:*

*Some photograph copies of World War I station, Governor Poyer Spanish Flu corres, ships, etc*

*Microfilm or digital ASG Govt. correspondence/files about the 1914-1918 period.*

*National/international newspaper or magazine articles about the U.S. Navy period.*

*See ASG/NARA Microfilms, Library Reference boxes, newspapers and finding guides or online.*

*The American Samoa Mau turning points:*

*Photograph copies of Mau meetings, letters, correspondence, events ie. 1920 Gov. Terhune*

*Suicide, 1920s Tuimanu'a Title movement, arrest of 17 Faleniu Mau Chiefs in 1924, Congressional visit of 1930, etc.*

*Microfilm or digital U.S. Consul correspondence/files about the 1919-1930s Mau Period.*

*See ASG/NARA Microfilms, Library Reference boxes, newspapers and finding guides or online.*

*World War II turning points.*

*Photographs of Am. Samoans during WWII, ie. the Samoan Fita Fita Guard and the Samoan*

*Marines Battalion, soldier recruits and training, arrival of Marines and Army soldiers, etc.*

*Post World War II Self Government meetings and the first Legislature of 1948 documents, ltrs.*

*The Presidential Executive Order of 1951 placing Am. Samoa under the Dept. of Interior*

*See ASG/NARA Microfilms, Library Reference boxes, newspapers and finding guides or online.*

**DEPT. OF INTERIOR 1951 – 1977 PERIOD**

*DOI Appointed Governors period turning points 1951-1977*

*Photograph copies, papers of the DOI Governors*

*Microfilm or digital U.S. Consul correspondence/files about DOI Governors 1951-1956.*

*Annual Governor Reports to the DOI 1951-1978 re year's events, developments, etc. ie. infrastructure, voting, legislature, judiciary etc.*

*Development of the 1960 and 1967 Constitutions.*

*National/international newspaper, publications or magazine articles about the DOI in Samoa.*

*Development of Jet Airport and Tourism microfilm corres, photograph copies c1961-1977*

*Corres. photographs, papers of the first Samoan appointed Governor Peter Coleman 1956-61*

*Photographs of the TV Education period c1964-c1973, including Apollo Mission astronauts*

*See ASG /NARA Microfilms, Library Reference boxes, DCI photos, newspapers, finding guides or online.*

## **1978-1992 LOCAL ELECTORATE PERIOD**

***(Note: All files prior to 1993 are public record unless restricted for privacy/confidentiality reasons)***

### **Local Electorate Administrations**

*1978-80 First Administration of Coleman/Tufele*

*1980-84 Second Administration of Coleman/Tufele*

*1985-1988 Third Administration of Lutali/Hunkin*

*1989-1992 Fourth Administration of Coleman/Galed'i*

*See Library Reference box lists, newspaper holdings and record group finding guides.*

### **Executive Branch**

*Governors Office files, microfilm and digital archives.*

*Attorney General's files, microfilm and digital archives*

*High Court files, microfilm and digital archives*

*The Legislature files, microfilm and digital archives*

*Public Works files, maps, blueprints microfilms and digital archives*

*Dept. of Education files, photographs, newspapers, microfilms and digital archives*

*Office of Public information news bulletins, microfilms and digital archives*

*Dept. of Commerce files, microfilms and digital archives*

*See Library Reference box lists, newspaper holdings and record group finding guides.*

### **Legislative Branch**

*House and Senate files, bills, resolutions. Publications, Audiotapes, Audiovisual tapes*

*See Library Reference box lists, newspaper holdings and record group finding guides.*

### **Judicial Branch**

*Public record Matai and Land Title microfilm cases 1900-1974*

*Public Judgments/filings held in AG and/or Public Defender case files c1978-2000s*

*See Library Reference box lists, newspaper holdings and record group finding guides.*

## **ONLINE RESOURCES**

*U.S. Nat. Archives microfilms of ASG Records 1900-1958* <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/289583242>

*U.S. Nat. Archives microfilms: Samoa U.S. Consuls 1841-1906* <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/211391388>

*U.S. Nat. Archives teachers resources* <https://www.archives.gov/education>

*ASG Archives & Records Office website* <https://www.dasoarmasg.net/>

*American Samoan Digital Archives* <https://asamoandigitalarchives.omeka.net/>