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1891-1893 Samoan Papers of Statesman Ebenezer Jolls Ormsbee of Vermont.

Provenance:

Primarily composed at Apia, Samoa and Washington, DC between June of 1891 and May of 1893 these archival documents are extant in the papers of Vermont politician and statesman Ebenezer Jolls Ormsbee, who served as an American Samoan Land Commission during Samoa's 1889-99 Act of Berlin period. These Samoan papers are a part of his career papers that were donated by his family to the Vermont Historical Society after his death. Mr. Ormsbee's papers are at the Leahy Library Vermont Historical Society in St. Montpelier, VT. The Samoan papers are arranged as items "MS Size B" and "MSC 35:4 to MSC35:12" and are open for public research. These particular digital .pdf copies were donated by Am. Samoa Legislative Representative Alexander Su'a Jennings of Swains Island during a 2024 ASHRAB community outreach meeting.

The aforesaid 1889 Act of Berlin, resulted after the Samoan Civil War of 1884-1889 was halted by the great 1889 Samoan Hurricane. Under the Act, appointees from the United States, Great Britain and Germany were sent to Apia to form a Samoan Land Commission that would review and register all foreign land claims. Commission work extended from c1891-1894 and began with bilingual public notices that all land claims were to be registered. Evidence and interviews followed to verify or reject land claims, with disputes sent to a Samoan Supreme Court also established under the Act. Approximately 132,000 acres were certified from 3,192 claims. These land registrations were the basis of Freehold lands in the Samoan Islands. ASHRAB thanks the NHPRC, the United States National Historical Records Advisory Board, for the opportunity and grant funds that made this publication possible

Title:

American Samoan Land Commission records 1891-1894.

Authors, Records Origin:

1889 Berlin Treaty Land Commission appointees of American, Britain and Germany and Samoa Government Officials 1891-1894.

Subject topics:

19th Century Samoan Land Claims of Independent Samoa and American Samoa.

Content Description:

Set of digital pdfs of the 1891-1892 American Samoan Land Commission files found in the E. J. Ormsbee papers at the Vermont Historical Society Leahy Library in St. Montpelier, VT.

I. MS Size B: 9 pgs. c1870-79; Oct-Nov, 1892.

1. George Pritchard land claims chart 1870-74; 78-79. #1449 – 64 & #1470-76. Eng/Sam. 2 shs. with a note referencing them to a "List 18". 1 pc.
2. 1892 Tripartite Samoan Land Commission Public Notices #20 & #23 Oct - Nov 1892. 3 sheets. In Samoan language: Regarding lands in Faleata, Faleula, Malie, Tuamua, Vaimoso, Vaitele and Vaiusu. Includes Land Claim #, land description, claimants, occupants, agreement type, date, seller & purchaser. Includes a handwritten translation of notice in English attached on one sheet. 1 pc.
3. 1892 Supreme Ct public notice clarifying commission/supreme ct. powers. Sam/Eng. 2 shs.

II. MSC 35:4: 39 pgs. 1892. Jan-May, 1892.

Samoan land commission corres with State Dept, etc. Jan-May 1892:

1. Letter to Chief Justice from Mr. Haggard, British land commissioner.
2. Dept of State Asst. Sec. W. Wharton to U.S. land commissioner E.J. Ormsbee confirming notice of arrival at Apia. 1/30/1892.
3. Sec of State James Blaine to E.J. Ormsbee re formation/duration of commission and/or 3700 claims estimated for the 15 mo. duration of the land commission. 2/4/1892.
4. E.J. Ormsbee to Sec of State James Blaine re development of the commission. 2/29/1892.
5. King M. Laupepa to German Chancellor Count von Caprivi re Native Advocate Rev. E. A. Claxton letter regarding land commission proceedings. 3/2/1892.
6. King M. Laupepa to British Lord Salisbury re land commission proceedings. With original Rev. E.A. Claxton letter re same. 3/2/1892.
7. Julian Paunceforte to Sec. of State James Blaine re need for a map of adjudicated lands. 3/23/1892.
8. Ormsbee to Sec. of State Blaine re commission work. 3/24/1892
9. Sec. Blaine to British embassy re commission situation and cost, need, responsibility for a land map. 4/6/1892.
10. Asst. Sec Wharton to E.J. Ormsbee re commission issue of map recommended by Chief Justice. 4/11/1892.
11. Dept. of State solicitor Partridge to Ormsbee. Cordial ltr. 4/21/1892.
12. Ormsbee to Dept of State Blaine re work, progress on claims, etc. 4/27/1892.
13. Blaine to Ormsbee ltr with envelope. Re: receipt of 3/24/1892 ltr. 5/19/1892.

14. Ormsbee to Sec Wharton ltrs (2) re: work of the land commission. 5/25/1892.

III. MSC 35:5: 27 pgs. June-Sept, 1892.

1. Ltr from Dept. of State Solicitor Frank Le Partridge to E.J. Ormsbee re Land Commission and mentioning Presidential campaign elections of 1892. 2 pgs. 6/13/1892.
2. Ltr frm Ormsbee to Sec. of State James G. Blaine reporting Commission progress and that 26 of 130 Land Registration Claims were contested since his previous ltr and that the number of claims to date was 531. 1 pg. 6/22/1892.
3. Ltr from Acting Sec of State William Wharton seeking Ormsbee view of similar 3/2/1892 corres sent by King Malietoa Laupepa to the German Imperial Chancellor and the Sec. of State. 1 pg. 6/24/1892.
4. Acknowledgment of Ormsbee's 6/22/1892 ltr by 2nd Asst. Sec of State Alvey A. Ade. 1 pg. 7/14/1892.
5. Blue stamped envelope postmarked 7/10/1892 to Ormsbee annotated rec'd 8/6/1892.
6. Ormsbee ltr to Wharton stating no claims recently due to much work regarding two groups of claims totaling apprx 65 claims of about 1200 acres in or near Apia Municipality. It was being objected to by many natives and apprx 20 individual natives. About 50 of the claims concern the French Catholic Mission. 1 pg. 7/19/1892.
7. Ormsbee ltr to Wharton re 8/8/1892 corres of King Malietoa Laupepa to Imperial German Chancellor Count von Caprini and an abstract of Natives Advocate Rev. E.A. Claxton to the King regarding the Land Commission proceedings. Ormsbee states that the contents refer to grievances and complaints prior to his arrival
8. Ormsbee to Sec. of State J.W. Foster 8/16/1892 regarding progress of Commission work and mentioning the 65 claims of the Apia Municipality area.
9. An acknowledgment of Ormsbee's 7/19/1892 ltr by 2nd Asst. Sec of State Alvey A. Ade. 1 pg. 8/15/1892.
10. Ormsbee to Sec. of State John W. foster 9/12/1892 reporting progress of work with British and German Counsels and a delay caused by British Counsel hosting a royal party from Australia: Lady Jersey, Lady Morgan and Captain Leigh of New South Wales. And estimating the completion of Commission work during 1893.
11. Sec. John W. Foster to Ormsbee acknowledging his 8/8/1892 letter as satisfactory and advising him of the Berlin Act procedure for appointing a Natives Advocate. 12/27/1892.
12. Sec John W. Foster to Malietoa Laupepa 9/28/1892 acknowledging his 3/2/1892 ltr. regarding the Natives Advocate and advising that he and the Chief Justice were empowered under the Berlin Act to solve same.

IV. MSC 35:6: 48 pgs. Oct-Nov, 1892.

1. American, British and German Consuls Ormsbee, Haggard and Grenier ltr to Malietoa Laupepa 10/3/1892. Ltr discusses his 3/2/1892 letter and that of the Native Advocate Claxton to the powers asserting that the Commissions work was unfair. Ormsbee repudates Claxton's claim and says that the other Consuls agreed and, that Claxton should be removed. Signed by all three Consuls.
2. Samoa Sec. of State Thomas Maben to the Consuls acknowledging their joint ltr of 10/3/1892. The ltr relays the consideration of King Malietoa Laupepa and advises that Mr. Claxton will not resume his duties as Natives Advocate.
3. Samoa Sec of State Thomas Maben to Esq. E.W. Gurr 10/05/1892. Ltr advises that King Malietoa wishes him to continue the duties of Acting Natives Advocate until further notice.
4. King Laupepa to E.W. Gurr 4/4/1892. Ltr appointing him as Natives Advocate during the leave of absence of A.E. Claxton.
5. Dept of State Solicitor Frank Partridge to Ormsbee 10/6/1892. Ltr acknowledges his 8/15/1892 ltr and advises about Samoan and national political matters.
6. Acknowledgment of Ormsbee's 8/16/1892 ltr by Acting Sec of State Alvey A. Adey. 1 pg. 10/7/1892.
7. Acting Sec. Adey to Ormsbee ltr forwarding a copy of Sec. of State Foster's 9/28/1892 ltr. to King Malietoa Laupepa regarding the complaint of Native Advocate Claxton.
8. 10/7/1892 Sec. of State Solicitor Frank Partridge to Ormsbee regarding his ltr. of 9/13/1892.
9. Ormsbee to Sec. State Foster 10/8/1892 reporting progress of Land Commission ie. 739 claims as of 10/1/1892. Apprx. 624 of the 729 were in the Apia Municipality. 447 of the claims with evidence and Commission Reports were sent to the Chief Justice. The Commission Reports confirmed 509 of the 624 claims; 27 were partly confirmed; 39 were rejected; and 49 were withdrawn by claimants. 183 of 624 claims were contested independent of the withdrawals. Apprx not less than 200 of 624 claims were therefore contested.
10. Samoa Chief Justice C. Cedarkrantz to Natives Advocate Arthur E. Claxton 10/14/1892 advising him that he has had no communication from King Malietoa and that any discharge from King Malietoa without his approval would be unauthorized. And, that Mr. Gurr's appointment from King Malietoa was also unauthorized.
11. Undated lined outcommunication from Ormsbee to Dept of State. Seems to be a draft estimate of possible completion of land claims by 6/1/1893; and Land Commission progress. (May be continuation of 11/27/1892 ltr of Ormsbee to Partridge. See item 21).
12. 10/14/1892 ltr from A.E. Claxton to the three Consuls forwarding the 10/14/1892 ltr from

Chief Justice Cedarkrantz regarding his position of Natives Advocate.

13. 10/17/1892 ltr from the three Consuls to King Laupepa forwarding the letters of Claxton and Cedarkrantz and requesting the removal of Claxton per their previous communications.
14. 10/18/1892 ltr from Samoa Sec. of State Thomas Maben to the Consuls acknowledging their joint ltr of 10/17/1892 and that King Malietoa Laupepa is considering the matter.
15. 10/24/1892 ltr from Samoa Sec. of State Thomas Maben to the Consuls advising that King Malietoa has relieved Claxton and appointed Mr. Gurr with the approval of Chief Justice Cedarkrantz.
16. 11/3/1892 ltr from Sec. John W. Foster to Ormsbee acknowledging his 9/12 and 10/08/1892 letters and advising that an extension of the 2 yr Commission Work is uncertain pending any decisions by the treaty powers.
17. 11/7/1892 ltr from Ormsbee to Sec. State Foster reporting progress of Land Commission ie. the 739 total claims had risen to 780.
18. 11/7/1892 ltr from Ormsbee to Sec. State Foster regarding the relieving of A.E. Claxton as Native Advocate with copies enclosure of 5 ltrs regarding the A.E. Claxton corres.
19. 11/7/1892 annotation note regarding the 5 ltr copies enclosure.
20. 11/26/1892 ltr from Ormsbee to Henry C. Ide seeking advice about legal matters facing the Commission; ie. questions of jurisdiction, bankruptcy, creditors, alien claimants, trustees, equity, estoppel, Consuls & Treaty & Commission powers, etc. Also issues of rival claimants Wellman & others of San Francisco vs. Harris & others of Auckland regarding the Polynesian Land Company claims (302); McArthur mortgage claims (55 of apprx 70 rejected); and a claim of 414 sq miles. A total of 1503 claims were reported as of this date.
21. 11/27/1892 ltr from Ormsbee to Frank Partridge continuing a discussion of legal matters. The end of the letter is lined out and appears to be continued on item

V. MSC 35:7: 55 pgs. Dec 1892 – May 1893.

1. Dec 3, 1892 letter from Sec. of State John W. Foster to E.J. Ormsbee Esq. acknowledging receipt of his Samoan Land Commission Rpt.
2. Additional Dec 3, 1892 letter from Sec. of State John W. Foster to E.J. Ormsbee Esq. acknowledging receipt of his Nov 7, 1892 ltr regarding Native's Advocate Claxton.
3. Dec. 5, 1892 letter of resignation from E.J. Ormsbee to Dept. of State Solicitor Frank Partridge. Suggests dates of departure and recounts several issues re the Commission and work of German and British Consuls. 8 pgs
4. Dec 5, 1892 letter of resignation from E.J. Ormsbee to President Benjamin Harrison. 3 pgs
5. Dec 5, 1892 letter of resignation draft. 3 pgs
6. Dec 5 1892 letter Ormsbee to Partridge re Samoan Affairs. 9 pgs
7. Dec 6 1892 letter to Sec State John W. Foster from E. J. Ormsbee. 4 pgs
8. Dec 30 1892 letter to O.J. Ormsbee with President's and State Dept's response. A stamped envelope also. 8 pgs.
9. Jan 2, 1893 letter to Sec State from Ormsbee. 2 pgs
10. Jan 27, 1893 letter from Sec State to Ormsbee 1 pg
11. Jan 31, 1893 letter t Sec State Foster from Ormsbee, 2 pgs.
12. New Zealand Telegraph Jan 25, 1893. Sec State to American Consul Auckland re Ormsbee resignation. 1 piece... 2 pgs
13. Jan 31, 1893 letter to Sec State Foster from Ormsbee 4 pgs
14. Feb 25, 1893 letter from Ormsbee to British Commission Haggard. 2 pgs
15. Feb 25, 1893 letter from Ormsbee to R.L. Skeen Sec of the Samoan Land Commission. 3 pgs
16. Feb 28, 1893 letter to Sec State Foster from Ormsbee 4 pgs
17. Feb 28, 1893 letter to Sec State Foster from Ormsbee 2 pgs
18. March 27, 1893 letter to new Sec State Grisham from Ormsbee 2 pgs
19. May 13, 1893 letter from Sec State Grisham acknowledging his Dec resignation, with envelope.

VI. MSC 35:10: 13 pgs. Feb, 1892.

1. Title page of a February 23, 1892 Memorandum copy from the Samoan Land Commission to the Three Signatory Powers of the 1889 Berlin Treaty. 9 pgs.
2. First page outlines subject of Memorandum, ie: interpretation of Berlin Treaty Secs 6 & 11 regarding Land Commission procedures and powers and Chief Justice of Samoa Cedarkrantz adjudication powers..
3. Second page describes Chief Justice's assertion as the decider of valid as well as rejected claims.
4. Third page describes Commissions view of Berlin Treaty adjudication powers.
5. Fourth page continues issue of Commission powers vs. Chief Justice powers.
6. Fifth page summarized the issues and Commissions decision to refer the matter to their respective national powers.
7. Sixth page continues the topic of Unanimous Commissson Decisions vs Chief Justice Decisions
8. Seventh page continues this discussion.
9. Eight page therefore asks powers for instructions and is signed by all three Commissioners E.J. Ormsbee, Bazett M. Haggard and C. Eggert.
10. Attachment copy of a February 23, 1892 two page letter from Chief Justice Cedarkrantz regarding a Public Notice he issued about the Land Commission's powers. States that King Malietoa Laupepa wished to clarify that the Supreme Court had the final adjudication power. Certified as a true copy of the English/Samoan public notice by Samoa Land Commission Secretary R. Skeen. 2 pgs.
11. Attachment copy of above two page Public Notice/Proclamation by Chief Justice. 1 pg.
12. Reverse of above attachment copy with description of contents.
13. Envelope of above labelled "Samoa Land Commission Response Memorandum ie. To be Preserved"

VII. MSC 35:9: 72 pgs. 1860s-80s; Dec, 1892.

1-2: Pages 2 & 6 of a 9 pg April 17, 1872 document regarding an April 10, 1872 sale of 414 sq. miles of land sold by Samoans to Polynesian Land Company. Filed at British consul by British Consul John C. Williams. First six pages are a list of chiefs-owners, land names, village or district; and land area in miles ie. length, breath and sq. miles. Document annotated by Samoan Land Comm. Secretary R. Skeen as filed with Comm on March 23, 1892. And further annotated by American Samoan Land Commissioner E.J. Ormsbee as being Claims 2820, 2693, 2681, 2823, 1596, 1592, 3682, and 3683. First 6 pgs are agreement and lists and last 3 pages are regarding certain land Schedules A, B & C. Comprises Districts of Faleasiu, Fasitoo, Faleata, Salelavalu, Lefaga, Saleauvaa, Siumu, Laulii, Falealele, Tuanai, Malie, Tamatau, Saanapu, Tutuila, Iva-Savaii, Lotofaga, Solosolo and Tagaloa.

3-6: Pages 1 & 3-5 of a 9 pg April 17, 1872 document regarding an April 10, 1872 sale of 414 sq. miles of land sold by Samoans to Polynesian Land Company. Is a copy of an April 10, 1872 agreement between Mr. Stewart of Central Polynesian Land and Commercial Company. Guns and property to the value of \$1700 was the price. Payments to be completed upon surveys of the lands. Ascribed chiefs-owners said to have pledged this on April 10, 1872. Comprises Districts of Malie, Saleimoa, Tuanai, Afega, Siumu, Savaii, Aana, Faleasiu, Atua, Fasitootai, Laulii, Faleata, Aana, Saleimoa, Faleafaga?, Tufulele? Saluafata, Falealili, Amoa, Tapulele, Tuanai, Leulumoega, Sapapalii, Nofoalii and Falelatai,

7-9: Pages 7-9 a 9 pg April 17, 1872 document regarding an April 10, 1872 sale of 414 sq. miles of land sold by Samoans to Polynesian Land Company. Consists of (1) an Oct 23, 1884 statement regarding above lands sold to Polynesian Land Company and F. Cornwallis signed by King M.L. Malietoa, Taimua representative Asi, Faipule representative Lauati and Tuamasaga Governor Seumanutafa (2a) May 1, 1872 statement by American Consul J.M. Coe re above lands security deposits of \$4,457 for apprx. 42,840 acres and (2b) SLC annotation of 71 rejected claims of Harris & McFarlane, numbers 3568-3638. And (3) SLC annotation re 78 claims of Schedule B, numbers 2824-2900 & 2847A requiring hearings. Additionally, Schedules A, B & C are known as the Polynesian Land Co. Claims and are claimed by Harris & MacFarlane and also by San Francisco, Calif. Parties. Schedule A claims are then said to be \$29,749.00 except for claims 2888 – 2900. And, 36 of the 78 claims is said to be 20,654 acres.

10-15. Six pages of Land Claims regarding Vailele Plantation – Claimant Dr. Herman Stockfleth.

Listed by land claim number, Seller, Buyer, Date, Price, Area, & Occupied since.
Comprises nos. 693-787, 898-939, 1366-68, 2096-2115, 2126-35, 2512-13, 2515 & 3060.
Annotated by SLC as covering claims for Vailele plantation, including land between
Vaisigano and Letogo Ruins. Total 2370 acres. Also mentions total prices paid by D.H.P.G.
company and average cost per acre.

- 16-20. Five pages of Land Claims regarding Fagalele Plantation. Listed by land claim number, Seller, Buyer, Date, Price, Area, & Occupied since. Comprises 97 claims totaling 975 acres. Total price and average per acre also given.
21. One page of Land Claims regarding Lands at back of Magiagi. Listed by land claim number, Seller, Buyer, Date, Price, Area, & Occupied since. Comprises Claims total 1167 acres sold by Chief Asi.
22. Twenty one pages regarding land claims outside of Apia Municipality. Chart listed by land claim number, name and whether undisputed or disputed. With subcolumns of whether confirmed, confirmed in part, withdrawn or rejected. A total of 1618 claims as of Dec 23, 1892.
23. Eighteen pages regarding land claims in Apia Municipality. Chart listed by land claim number, name and whether undisputed or disputed. With subcolumns of whether confirmed, confirmed in part, withdrawn or rejected. A total of 392 undisputed claims totalling 2255 acres; A total of 117 confirmed claims totaling 459 acres. A total of 27 partly confirmed totalling 728 acres. A total of 49 withdrawn claims totaling 337 acres and A total of 39 rejected claims totaling 695 acres.
24. Twelve pages of Schedule B. rejected claims of Harris & Macfarlane regarding lands in Falealili, Atua, Amoa, Salelavalu, Falealupo, Fagapea, Satupaitea, Sapatialafai or Saletulafai?, Lua, Auala, Palauli, Safune, Faleasiu, Faleata, Fasitootai, Falelatai, Siumu, Saleimoa, Leulumoega, Tufulele, Safata-Sanapu, Lefaga, Faleatiu, Laulii, Tuanai, Malie, Nofoalii, Afega, Tuamasaga, Vailoa, Sasauaimuli? Samataua, Le Tapo? Annotated by Elisha Lyman Hamilton that the above schedule of land purchases were transacted by him as agent of the Central Polynesian Land and Commercial Co. and that respective amounts were duly paid to sellers as deposits, dated Oct 11, 1884 and certified by British Consul W. W. Churchward.

VIII. MSC 35:08: 8 pgs. 1860s-70s; Mar, Nov, Dec 1892; Jan 1893.

1. Mar 25, 1892 summary of unreported Fagali'I and Vailele Plantation claims:
 - a. 539 Tafui to Weber. 1869. 350 acres
 - b. 739 Maua to Bartley F. 1866. 1000 acres
 - c. 740 Mana & others to Bartley F. 1867 and Tuliau & others to Weber 1871. 3000 acres
 - d. 742 Kaufana to Bartley F. 1867. 180 acres
 - e. 747 Fuatoga to Bartley F. 1868. 1 acre.
 - f. 911 Soe to Weber. 1869. 5 acres.
 - g. 3060 Claims for entire plantation.
2. Undated sketch with two land boundary areas and calculations for a 5,170 acre area and a 2,084 acre area.
3. Three columned statement chart with sub columns made by Grienier entitled "Review of land claims examined by the Samoan Land Commission up to the 31st of December 1892". Columns across are labelled 1. Claimant Nationality 2. No. and apprx area of land claims examined & 3. whether claims disposed of. Sub subcolumns are (Uncontested, Contested, Together) /Land claim no. and area. And, whether claims were confirmed Wholly, In Part/Withdrawn/or Rejected) and Remarks. Totals for subcolumns are also included in acres.
4. Five pages of alphabetical sections A-Q describing claims. In following order:
 - A: 1872 Conveyance Collie/Stewart & Co. to Central Poly. Land and Comm. Company.
 - B: 1873 Bankruptcy Adjudication of central Polynesian Land and Comm. Company.
 - C: 1873 Bankruptcy Papers and Trustees.
 - F: 1873 C.P.L. & C. Co. conveyance
 - D: Affidavit of Auctioneer reporting sale.
 - E. 1873 Court Decree confirming sale to Fred Clay.
 - G. 1873 Conveyance of Trustee to Frderick Clay.
 - H. 1874 Certificate of Incorporation of the Samoan Land and Commercial Co.
 - J. 1874 Samoan Land Co. meeting report.
 - K. 1875-77 Samoan Land Co. Bankruptcy proceedings.
 - L. 1877 Conveyance
 - M. 1877 Court Order re Samoan Land Co.
 - N. 1877 Report of Sale.
 - O. 1877 Court Order confirming sale.

P. 1877 Conveyance vesting title in Sadie J. Clay. With subsequent conveyances in 1884

5. Dec. 2, 1892. Samoan Land Commission to Samoa Chief Justice C. Cedercrantz on Samoan Land Commission Claim Report form rejecting Wm. McArthur & Co. equity claim.

6. Nov. 22, 1892. Samoan Land Commission to Samoa Chief Justice C. Cedercrantz on Samoan Land Commission Claim Report form validating claim of Dr. Hermann Stockfleth deed from DHP&P . Claim 3060.

7. Jan. 20, 1893. Samoan Land Commission to Samoa Chief Justice C. Cedercrantz on Samoan Land Commission Claim Report form rejecting claim of Harris and Macfarlane re Sherwood and Massefeld, Jagger, Harris & Macfarland claim and/or conveyance of Frederic Clay to Sherwood ie. Claim 2815. Identified as a Mortgage. This claim is one of the many Polynesian Land Claims similar to the Wellman, Neylan and Hobbs claims and were decided to be dependent on additional jurisdiction questions and/or Berlin General Act stipulations.

8. Cover or Reverse of above land claim summarizing that Claim no's: 2815-2900 & 3509 totaling 87 claims. Also annotating that other claims were rejected for the same reasons: Chatfield claim numbers 2675-80; Nat. Bank of NZ claim numbers 1590-95 and Garret claim numbers 2689-95 totaling 105 claims.

IX. MSC 35:11: 61 pgs. Jan, 1892 - Feb, 1893.

1. 60 page Diary of Ebenezer J. Ormsbee and/or Henry C. Ide. Marbled cover with white label. Apprx 8x10 inches, Inside front cover marbled. Has alphabetical A-Z tabs. Entries are from pages 1-116, after tabs. Starts Jan 11, 1892 and ends at Feb 28, 1893. Consists of notes about land claim cases being processed, ie. claimant hearings and interviews, examination of papers, tallies of claim numbers approved, rejected, withdrawn, etc. With misc entries re weather, commission issues and including newspaper clippings.

Inside front cover: Nov 26, 1892 newspaper

Pg 12: Undated cJan-Feb 1892. Newsclippings.

Pages 18 & 19: April 9 & 16, 1892 newsclippings.

Pg. 22 April 23 Newsclip.

Pg 25 May 7 Newsclip.

Pg 30 May 21, 1892 Newsclipping.

Pg 36 June 11, 1892 newsclipping.

Pg 41 June 25, 1892 newsclipping.

Pg 52-53 August 6 & 13, 1892 newsclippings.

Pg 76 Nov 5, 1892 newsclipping.

Pg 97 Dec 31, 1892 newsclipping.

Pg 115-116 February 25 & March 4, 1893 newsclippings.

X. MSC 35:

12: 8 pgs. June 1891; Feb 1893.

1. Samoan Land Commission booklet with marbled cover and printed label: "Samoan Land Commission. Rules of Procedure." Consists of four typed pages dated June 1st 1891.
2. Inside cover and 1st page of above.
3. 2nd and 3rd pages.
4. 4th page and back inside cover.
5. Samoan Land Commission to Samoa Supreme Court draft form for verified claims.
6. Undated news clipping stating 1865 claims reported as of February 23 (1893) and reporting 236 disposed claims, ie.

A. Claims withdrawn and rejected:

1. H. Stockfieth, 983, 2514, 1966.
2. T. Scanlan heirs, 3494.
3. J. Collins, 3487.
4. Anna Honey, 3495.
5. Hayhurst, Gurr & Co. 2642, 2645 & 3440.
6. F.M. Wilson 1944.
7. F.K. Allen 3698.
8. G. Pritchard (as Trustee) 2234, 2669 to 2672.
9. Anna Betham, 2812.

B. Confirmed Claims at Faleula:

1. Spitzenberg Co. 528.
2. H. Fruean, 390,391 & 397.
3. M. Silva, 2802.
4. Heirs of T. Rees, 3699.
5. Heirs of J. Scanlan, 3490 to 3493.
6. Michael Scanlan 1095 & 1096.

C. Confirmed Claims at Malie:

1. Roman Ctholic Mission 622, 627 & 628.
2. J. Skelton, 3344 & 3345.
3. Anna Honey, 3446 to 3349.
4. Tuulautele Schrader, 440
5. M & E Glendon 793.
6. J. Collins 3484.
7. Heirs of William Collins, 3485,3486 & 3488.

8. Hayhurst, Gurr & Co. (as mortgagees), 3503, 3504 & 3506.

D. Confirmed Claims at Vaiusu:

1. Heirs of A. Smalley, 2655 & 2656.
2. P. Uleberg (in part) 332 & 333.

E. Confirmed Claims at Tufulele:

1. J. Davis, 3388, 3389, 3404, 3405 & 3406 and also 3387 & 3066 upon \$30 payment.

F. Confirmed Claims at Malua:

1. London Mission, 1318, 1319, 1616,1618,1619, 1626, 2180, 2181, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2193, 2194 and 2195.

G. Confirmed Claims near Tanugamanono:

1. H. Stockfieth, 248, 2484-2487 and 2489 (except 3 acres).
2. H. Stockfleth, 2488 (Upon \$250 payment to objector Tofaeono.

H. Confirmed Claims near Vaea Hill:

1. Rev. Geo.Brown, 3024.

I. Confirmed Claim at Tuamua:

1. H. Freuan Jr., 3642.

J. Confirmed Claim at Afega:

1. R.C. Mission 2642.

K. Claims rejected under Berlin Treaty Art. IV, Sec 11:

1. H. Stockfleth, 2137 (Rose Island).
2. C. Volkmann, 351.
3. J.S. Brown, 2574 & 2575.
4. J.D. Cairns, 2683, 2684 & 2685.
5. Hayhurst, Gurr & Co., 2778, 3499 & 3500.
6. F. Marquardt, 3047.
7. P.H. Krause, 3092.
8. C.T. Taylor, 3650.
9. G. Pritchard, 1648.
10. O. Martin (as trustee), 2040.
11. Wm. Barron 2527, 3408, 3409 & 3365.
12. Mary Marshall, 104
13. R.H. Carruthers (as mortgagee of Wm Coe) 3467.
14. Francisco Roche, 3489.
15. H. Stockfieth, 1860, 1864 at Vaiusu.
16. Martha Smally, 2657 at Vaiusu.
17. James Schuster, 1935,1936,1937 at Malie.
18. Wm. Coe, 164 land at Auva'a.

L. Polynesian Land Claim rejections:

1. Harris & Macfarland, 2815-2900, 2847A & 3509.
2. G.F. Sherwood 3508.
3. A.F. Chatfield, 2675-2680.
4. J.W. Garrett, 2689-2695.
5. National Bank of New Zealand, 1590-95.
6. G. Woods, 3673
7. Wellmann, Neylan and Hobbs, 2564,2560,2562,2565,3680 & 3681.
8. Hayhurst, Gurr & Co., 2777
9. Ruge & Co., 3498
10. M. Honey, 3451 partly confirmed.
11. M. Honey, 3446 mortgage.

M. Polynesian Land Claims confirmed:

1. London Mission, 3113-3120 (mortgages).
2. A. Williams 3436-3439 mortgagages to Hayhurst, Gurr & Co.
3. Ruge & Co. 3498
4. Stevenson, 3678
5. Krause 3679
6. Williamson estate 3498 & 3678 Stevenson & Krause leases to Hunter's Rest
7. Three columned statement chart with sub columns (made by Grienier per MSC 35:10?)
entitled "Review of land claims examined by the Samoan Land Commission up to the 28th of
February, 1893". 1st Columns across are labelled Claimant Nationality 2nd Column is No. and
apprx area of land claims examined & how claims were disposed of. Subcolumns are
(Uncontested, Contested, with sub subcolumn land claim no. and area. 3rd Column is
whether claims were confirmed Wholly, In Part/Withdrawn/or Rejected) and Remarks.
Totals for all sub subcolumns are also included in acres.