

FIJI, TONGA and SAMOA

(1) Fiji.

(2) Samoa.

(3) Tonga.

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FIJI

For the Mitchell:-

Savage, Charles, 1813. "The traditions as to Charles Savage's life at Mbau, in the form in which these were still current in Fiji about 1881 were gathered together in a scarce little book entitled Brett's Guide to Fiji (p.37), printed at Auckland, N.Z., in that year. Sir Basil Thomson has also dealt, more seriously, with the subject in his South Sea Yarns." - Im Thurn, Introduction to Lockerby's Journal, p.xcvii.

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## HISTORIC HEADSTONES AT LEVUKA



June 10 marked the centenary of the death of John Brown Williams, the first United States Consul in Fiji. His grave is in a picturesque little cemetery at Levuka, recently restored through the efforts of Mr C C Legge, Commissioner Eastern.

On June 10 the present United States Consul at Suva (Mr D Ernst) and Mrs Ernst travelled to Levuka to lay a wreath on Williams's grave.

In this picture the headstones, reading from left to right, are as follows:—

(1) Horizontal stone. Dinah Whitely. Daughter of the Rev W Whitely. Died 1860. Age 31.

(2) Matilda, sixth and youngest daughter of the Rev Elijah Smith of Penrith, New South Wales. Died October 9, 1866. Age 22.

(3) John Brown Williams, Esq, United States Consul for Fiji Is-

lands. Born Salem, Mass, September 18, 1810. Died, Totogo, Ovalau, June 10, 1860.

(4) Charles Day. November 23, 1871. Age 21.

(5) John Gregson Yates. Sail-maker, native of Liverpool. Died November 22, 1871, in his 60th year.

(6) Alice Helena, daughter of the Rev W and M A Moore, 1 year 8 months, and Agnes Sarah, July 25, 1867, aged 3 months.

(7) Eliza Creed. Infant daughter of the Rev John and Nancy M A Robson. Born at Lakeba, December 2, 1866. Died June 8, 1867. Age 6 months.

(8) Effie Orton. Daughter of A J and S A Webb. Died June 18, 1870. Age 1 year 6 months.

(9) Harriet.

(10) James Turner, died July 14, 1871. Aged 13 years.

(11) John Frederick Adolph Feez, of Sydney. Born April 21, 1826. Died October 26, 1869.

Not in the picture are the graves of: (12) Henry Thomas Christopher Smith. Died November 13, 1870. Age 24 years. Son of the Rev Thomas George Smith of Winfred House, Bath, Somerset.

(13) Samuel Rentch. Born in Bern, Switzerland, died 1862.

Only Nos 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13, were standing when the restoration began. The others, which were piled in two heaps, have been arranged in line with 5, 10 and 11.

This cemetery must have been in use immediately before the Draiba cemetery. The earliest date to be found on a grave in the Draiba cemetery is January 6, 1872.

—Photograph: Raman Lal, Levuka.

# GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



*National Archives and Records Service*

Washington, D.C. 20408

July 21, 1967

IN REPLY REFER TO: NND68-78

Mr. Christopher Legge  
Department of Anthropology  
Field Museum of Natural History  
Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

*Brower material - Chicago  
from C. Legge, 7.12.67.*

Dear Mr. Legge:

Your letter of June 29 requested information concerning Dr. Isaac Mills Brower.

We have checked the list of consular officers for Lauthala, Fiji Islands and have found that Dr. Isaac Mills Brower became Vice Commercial Agent on June 10, 1860 on the death of John B. Williams. He was appointed as Commercial Agent on November 19, 1868 but had assumed charge of the Agency on July 9, 1868. He left the post on June 30, 1875.

We have also examined the consular despatches of Lauthala, Fiji Islands, which are among the records of the Department of State (Record Group 59), and have found correspondence from him to the Department. These records have been included as a part of our microfilm publications (T-25 Rolls 4 and 5) and we can furnish positive microfilm of these rolls for \$9.00.

If you wish to order please send a check or money order payable to the General Services Administration (NATS) addressed to the attention of the Cashier, National Archives and Records Service.

Sincerely yours,

*Mark G. Eckhoff*

Mark G. Eckhoff  
Assistant Director  
Diplomatic, Legal, and Fiscal  
Records Division

# GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



*National Archives and Records Service*

Washington, D.C. 20408

July 12, 1967

IN REPLY REFER TO: NNO-14SMD

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Dear Mr. Legge:

We have examined the appropriate records of the Navy Department in the National Archives, but were unable to locate a record of Dr. Isaac Mills Brower.

We have referred a copy of your letter to our Diplomatic, Legal and Fiscal Records Division, from which you will receive a direct reply concerning Dr. Brower's service as American Consul in Fiji.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Garry D. Ryan".

Garry D. Ryan  
Assistant Director  
Old Military Records Division

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION  
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20560

August 21, 1967

Mr. Christopher Legge  
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Dear Mr. Legge:

In answer to your inquiry of June 29 to the Director, I am enclosing a list of materials received from Isaac Brower, U. S. Consul in Fiji in the 1860's. So far as the records indicate, this is a complete list. There appears to be no biographical or other information about Mr. Brower in our records, if this is the kind of information you are after. We can send you details about particular specimens, if you require them.

I trust that will suffice for your purposes.

Sincerely yours,



Saul H. Rosenberg  
Chairman  
Office of Anthropology

Enclosure

Specimens received from Isaac M. Brower, U. S. Consul, 1876, July 12 Date  
entered in rec. , 13, 14, 15, 17, 18  
1920

Acc. No. 5306

Cat. Nos. 23, 885-24, 056

140 Spec.

Levuka Id. Fijei Group

Long War Club, wrapped with sinnet  
Long War Club, carved handle  
Long War Club/Rude  
Long War Club, carved handle and knotty head  
Short-handled Club  
Short handled Club  
Ancient-Stone Adze  
Stone Adze, without handle  
Stone Adze, without handle  
Pestle for mashing Taro  
Large Circular Ava Bowl of wood  
Smaller Is. Elliptical, of wood  
Double "?" or disk/h of wood  
Wooden dish, 3 legs  
Wooden dish, circular, 14 in. diameter  
Wooden dish  
Wooden dish  
Head rest, Wood  
Head Rest, Bamboo  
War Couch, Triton  
Globular Water-Bottle of Earthenware  
Quadruple, Water-Bottle of Earthenware  
Bowl of Earthenware  
Small Bow  
4 Arrows. 1 blunt, 2 sharp; 4 pronged  
Large Wooden Fish Hook and Sinks  
Bone Paddle  
Wooden Paddle  
Mallet-for making Tapa  
Seine Fine mesh  
Seine ~~X~~ Coarse mesh with floats and sinkers  
Neck Ornaments, pearl Oyster  
Neck Ornaments, broken  
Neck ornament~~X~~ of 11 whales teeth  
Neck ornament of one whale tooth  
Neck ornament of 21 Ivory Claws  
Wooden Comb  
Bone Perforator, 12 inches, Seine needle?  
Ornament for the neck of bone  
Head dress plaited hair, beads etc.  
Braided Hair Ornament  
Hank of Grass(?) Fibre  
Long Comb. Bead ornaments etc.  
Necklace of Vertebra of snake  
Bandeau of Scarlet-Feathers  
Shell Ornament for neck (ovula)  
Shell Ornament Spondyhis  
Bracelet-black stones etc.  
Shell Necklace (oliva)  
Neck Ornament, -Boar's tusk

do. for ditto?



Brown Wig of Wool  
 Holding Case of Bamboo large  
 Holding Case of Bamboo, small  
 Bamboo Musical Inst.?  
 Bamboo Musical Inst.?  
 Bamboo pipes  
 Bamboo pipes  
 Bamboo Small with 3 reeds.  
 Reed Jews Harp  
 Bracelets of Cocoa nut rings  
 Bracelets, Shell - Turbo  
 Pearl Shell knife  
 Cocoa Shell for holding water?  
 Half ditto - Dippär?  
 Wooden Vessel, dug out - Drum?  
 Black Wooden Vase, Pearl Shell Ornament      Solomon Island  
 Rattle worn on the arm, of brown seeds, halved      Levuka I., Fejei Is.  
 Nekk ornament of Ivory  
 String of very large blue beads  
 String of smaller variegated white  
 String of Shell Beads or Wampum  
 Head Dress of a Spissons Fish Skin  
 Bone Scratcher ?  
 Wooden Spoon  
 Pearl Shell Ornament for child  
 Bead Bracelet  
 Fly Brush Cocoanut Fibre  
 Model of Canoe with outrigger  
 Wooden Hooks for suspending - Fan?  
 Wooden Implement: Flesh Fork  
 Aromatic Bark---bottle  
 Rolls of Gum Resin, dark & colored  
 Gum Resin in Mass yellow  
 Bottle of solid oil of Delo Palus  
 Gord for holding Cocoa nut oil  
 Baked Brick clay---destroyed 1 '88  
 3 Fish Bones  
 Tapa, 1 black and 1 white piece (small)  
 Black Basket, globular with lid  
 Basket-Stand  
 Palm Leaf Pointing Pattern  
 Small mat  
 Mat Woven Screen  
 Wallet or ~~W~~asket  
 Wallet or ~~W~~asket  
 Wallet or ~~W~~asket  
 Fan  
 Fan  
 Screen of Dried Bark Medicinal?  
 Closely Plaited Wallet in Check pattern  
 Head Dress with Feather Tips  
 Tapa. Native Cloth.  
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Hank of Coil of Sinnet  
 Liku, Female girdle [5 specimens]  
 Black ditto with tassels  
 Black ditto with tassels  
 White Liku  
 Married Womans tassels [2 spec.]  
 Whale tooth, polished for neck ornament  
 Shell Beads and Pendants, Shells, etc.  
 Tortoise Shell  
~~XXXX~~ Paddle Club handle of plaited colored straw Feijee Is. Levuka I?  
 Paddle, Club " " " " "  
 Paddle, Club, handle of plaited colored Straw Solomons Is. ---Bishop Mus., H  
 Bamboo Flute 5/28/94  
 Wooden Hoops worn around the body  
 Bamboo Flute Feijee Islands  
~~XXXX~~ Short-handled War Club [2]  
 Stone Adze without handle [2]  
 Pearl Shell Ornament, Carved Panna Island  
 Dance Rattle for the arm (nuts halved) Solomons I.  
 Pearl and Tortoise shell fish hooks  
 Necklace of teeth and Wampum  
 Comb ornamented  
 Pearl Shell Knife or Spoon  
 Pearl Shell Knife or Spoon  
 Rings of Shell, cut from Turbo?  
 Rings Cut from Trochus Niloticus  
 Carved Shell Ornament: Pearl [2 specimens]  
 Bracelets. Red straw Plait  
 Bracelets, Yellow straw Plait [2 specimens] 1 Trocadero 7/1885  
~~XXXX~~ Bracelets, Shell Beads and Plait Solomons I.  
 Box of Bamboo, ornamented Lime and Betel nut  
 Pipe of slate, Carved [2 specimens]  
 Fibre for Fishing Lines  
 3 Pronged Spears with barbs  
 3 Pronged Spears with barbs  
 Falciform Weapon (wood)  
 Cocopnut-shell cut in halves  
 Shell Adze of Canoe Builder, and handle Bibadello I., Caroline Group  
 Barbed Spears (sawed in 2) 6 feet-long Feijee Is.  
 [6 specimens]  
 Bow Sawed  
 Bow  
 Bow  
 Bundle of Arrows  
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 Bundle of Arrows  
 Bundle of Arrows  
 Double String Shell Beads  
 Red Plaited Straw Bracelet  
 Yellow Plaited Straw Bracelet  
 Bracelet, Rings, cut from Turbenoid shell 2  
 Crescent-shaped Pearl ornament  
 Shell Bracelet-Ring

Tapa or Native Cloth  
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*No box of shells from Brower is in the Mollusk  
 storage department,*

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Acc. No. 17,826    Cat. No. 127062    August 2, 1886  
 1 War Club    Fiji

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Acc. no. 24, 048    Cat. no. 72561 [2 spec.]    February 2, 1883  
 Necklace of seeds, pendants of shell ivory disksK.    Fiji Islands

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Acc. No.    Cat. no. 30,812    December 4, ~~18~~ 1877  
 Human skull    Levuka Island, Fiji Group

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TONGA

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British Residency,  
Tonga,  
22nd Feb. 1912.

My dear Atlee Hunt,

I have written to you in reply to your official letter asking for information re Willie Finau. Your letter and the outcome of my enquiries has amused me.

The proposal to send Tongan Natives to Sydney or elsewhere, at the expense of the Tongan Government, to undertake a Medical course and qualify for a degree is, in my opinion, a useless one. The ordinary Tongan suffers from swelled head. Were any of them to qualify as Medical men their condition would become alarming. I very much doubt whether a Tongan could ever stand a prolonged course of instruction since the Tongans are sadly deficient in application and have no sense of responsibility.

It would interest me greatly to know who suggested Willie Finau for Sydney University and who reported his lapse from the paths of virtue.

Under the circumstances reported by the Minister of Police, as stated in my official letter, I do not suppose the Commonwealth authorities would desire H.M. the King of Tonga to exercise the Royal prerogative and release W. Finau.

I have had rather a hard time here fighting and showing up a modern South-sea bubble in the form of a Native Trading Company exploited by some of our countrymen one of whom as President was soaking the ignorant Native Shareholders of some thousands of pounds per annum. This individual and some of his Confederates brought a Civil Action against me and two Tongan officials claiming over £11,000 damages. They lost the case and judgment was given for the Defendants with costs.

I trust you and your's are all well. I took a run over to Auckland last month with my wife, who has gone on to Sydney, and our boy who returned to School in New Zealand. I applied for three months leave long due and intended visiting Australia. It was refused "owing to the present political situation in Tonga" for which I am in no way responsible.

An ex Tongan official one T.V. Roberts may be communicating with your Department. He was under suspension here and cleared out. He is not to be trusted.

With all good wishes,

Yours very truly,

W. T. Campbell.

Copy of letter dated 22.2.1912 from W. Telfer Campbell, British Consul, Tonga, to Atlee Hunt, Australia, in the Atlee Hunt Papers in the National Library, Canberra.

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