The Anthropologists

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The stakeholders
The partners
Transfer and documentation of knowledge
Tobin Papers

- Field notes
- Photographs
- Publication drafts
- Reports
- Correspondence
- Genealogies
Imagine the Genealogies

- Published maps that were annotated by Tobin
- Hand-drawn land parcel maps
- Name-tree genealogies recorded by Tobin
- Name-tree genealogies given to Tobin

35 oversize items in total
Transfer of Archives

Archives Copyright

“Not to be used for legal purposes”

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Our teacher

Wilbert Alik
Access

tōnkwadik [confidentiality] | No/few restrictions
Rights

Iroij (moral) | UHM (legal)
Cultural Diplomacy

Consultation with the Council of Iroij

- Approach appropriate authorities
  - Chairman, Iroij Kotak Loeak
  - Madam Clerk, Wisse Amram

- Present situation
  - Explaining what access means to have genealogies made public

- Ask/Discover preferences

- Write agreement describing preferences/conditions

- Carefully observe custom and protocol
  - Bringing tributes
  - Making arrangements with the proper official
Sharing access: The MoU

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Sharing access: The MoU

As per our meeting on the 1st of April 2016, the Chairman of the Council of Iroij, gives the Councils’ blessing to have the copies of their genealogies available in the University of Hawai'i Hamilton (UHH) library, College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) library, the Alele Museum & Library, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands Historic Preservation Office (RMI-HPO) as you suggested.

a. All Menmenbwij will be available in the above places for Public views ONLY.

b. Menmenbwij copies can be given out only to 男神插件 (land) court cases and other related matters.

Komol tata.

Iroij Kotak Loeak
Chairman, Council of Irooj
This is amazing!  

Is that it?
Mediated access

- Notes for folklore book & bibliography index cards
  - Genealogies
    - Title restricted (inventory supplied on request)
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Sharing resources: preserving the originals

Seth Irwin - UHM Paper Conservator
Sharing resources: Repatriation (sort of)

Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner
Final presentation and approval
An ongoing story

The will of the Iroij could change

Concerns about authenticity/accuracy

UHM will listen and remain engaged
Credits

- Council of Iroij of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Marshallese Studies at the College of the Marshall Islands: [https://sites.google.com/site/marshallesestudiesdepartment/](https://sites.google.com/site/marshallesestudiesdepartment/)