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Creator(s)
Milne, Peter, Rev.

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Context area
Name of creator: Mine, Peter, Rev. (1834-1924)
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November 24th: Writing letter at Helmsley and lunch letter Saturday 25th: Leaving for Tavistock and house - Whitby 26th

Tuesday 28th: Day spent arriving bringing the boat and boat letters. Wednesday 29th left for Whitby taking 40 rows and a farm for the man from Rotherham a friend from me went in the vessel. Ship from the house.

Wednesday 15th: Mr. Horace came on with a letter from Miss Smith at a boat asking me to go away in the afternoon

Monday 18th: Jones came on with a letter from Mr. Smith asking me to go away in the afternoon

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Digital repatriation back to owners of collections in the Pacific Islands

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Digitising archives - microfilm
The history of the Ta'inao-Kofofo

The Ta'inao-Kofofo was called Tonga o Toga
and Naramo children.

One son was called Tofophili, another Gata.
Another, Naka Kefesa (the origin of the first Naka).
Another, Maklo, the origin of the Makofo.

There were some of the children of Tonga o Toga.

After a time a part of Tonga called Kano-Kofofo, which belonged to Tonga o Toga,
was without a local chief and Tonga o Toga
ordained his son Gata to go there and be the local chief, or "Thi" and he did so.
Kano-Kofofo is in Nukolo, but Gata was only to rule over Kano-Kofofo, and not
over the whole of Nukolo.

Gata was succeeded by his son Altamatei, who was "Matele" Ta'inao-
Matailei (Matailei). From this time the line increased in rank and power
but all the Ta'inao-Kofofo subordinated.
Issues we face

- Work-flows are time consuming.
- Presenting archives in context.
- Who “owns” an archive or the knowledge in it?
- Who should have access to digitised archives?
- Promoting the Bureau’s collections to Pacific Islanders
Issues we face

How to capture “new types” of collections?
Success stories

The Pambu poster in the USP library, Marshall Islands

I just like this picture of the chicken pecking at the coconut with the sun shining through the tree. It was included to make you smile and it represents good things ahead!
Partnerships with colleagues in the islands

Sharing knowledge on how to digitise
Sharing collections across platforms
Working together to increase access
The future is exciting

Reef near Pohnpei
Thank you!

I welcome reference enquiries about Pacific documentation and suggestions for copying projects.

Thank you!