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Pacific Manuscripts Bureau: 50 Years of Preserving and Improving Access to Pacific Histories

Kari James, European Society for Oceanists, Cambridge, 9 December 2018

What is the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau?

- Lists and copies manuscripts, photographs and rare printed materials about the Pacific Islands.
- Makes these copies available to researchers through an international consortium of libraries.
- Provides reference support to researchers.
- Advocacy and information sharing for archives and libraries in the Pacific Islands.

Overview

- History and achievements of PAMBU
- Digital opportunities and challenges
- PAMBU filling the gaps
- European and Pacific voices
- The future

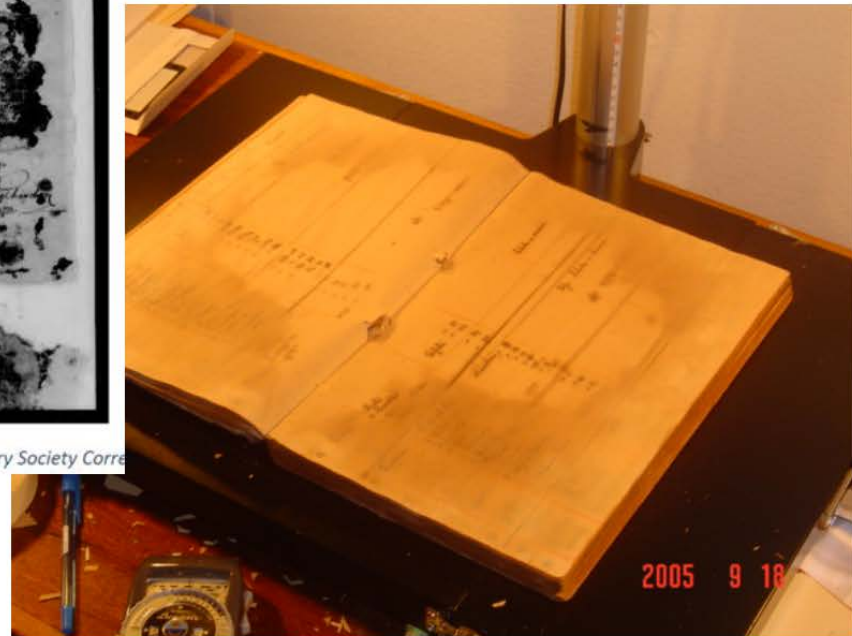
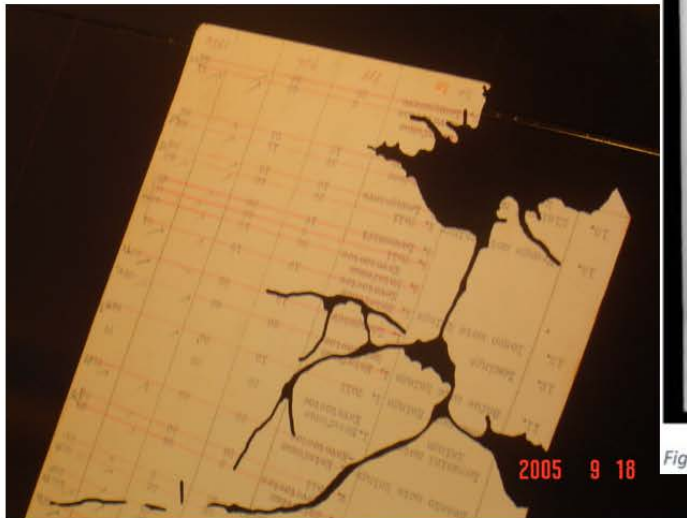
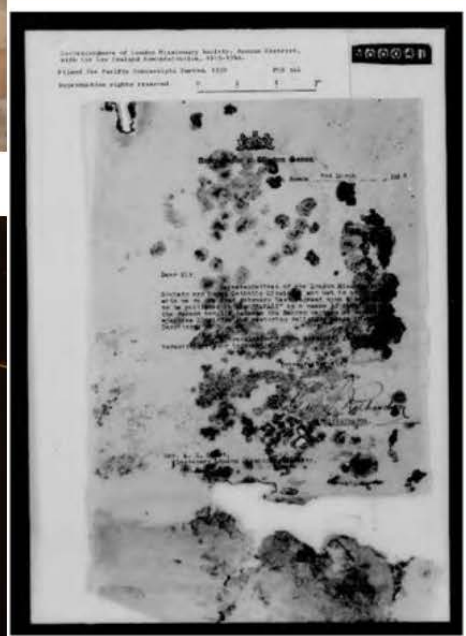
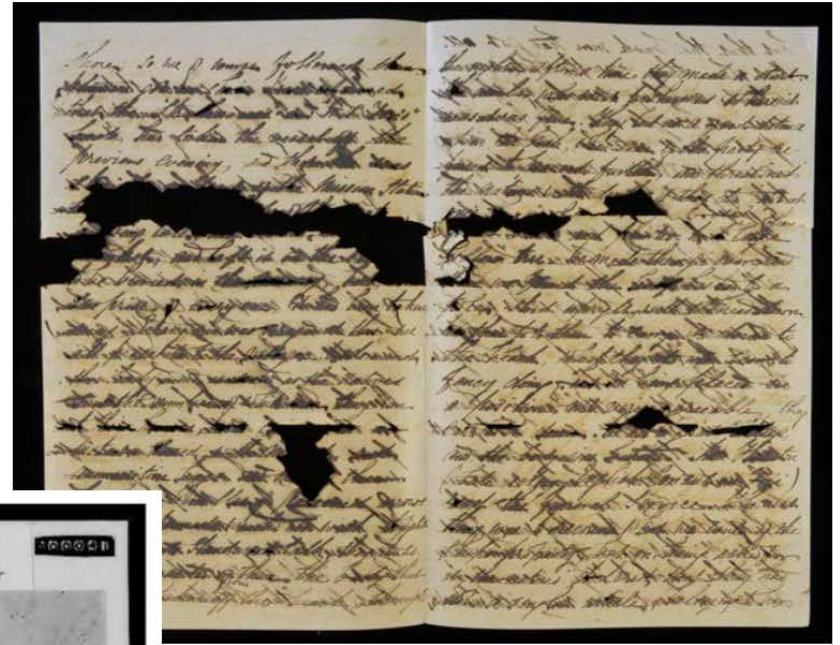


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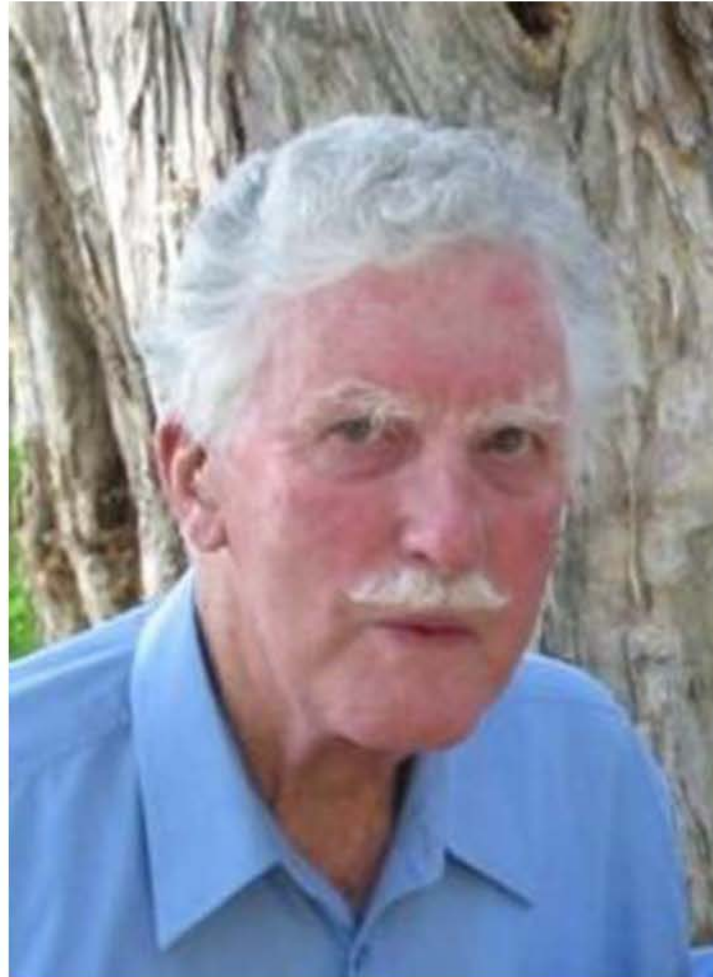
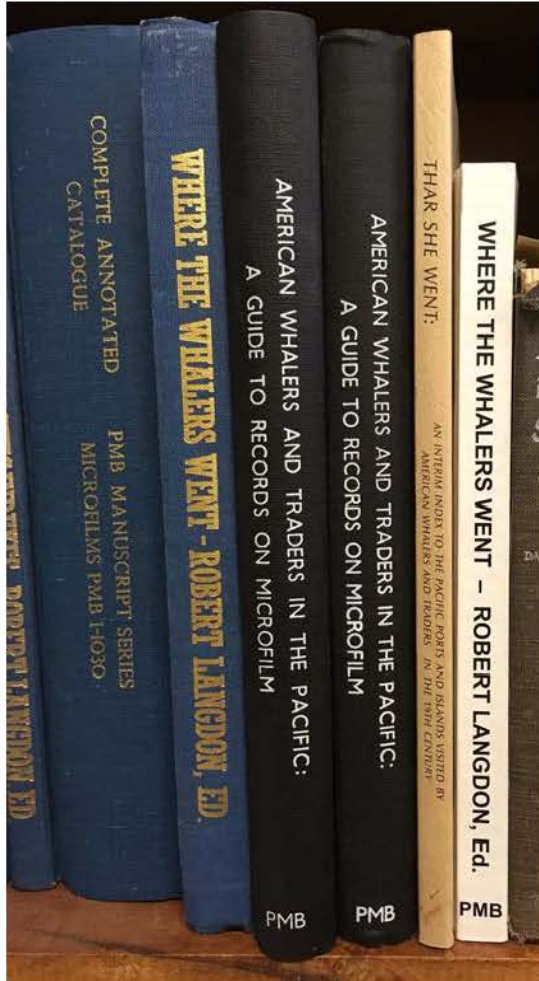
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Robert (Bob) Langdon, First PAMBU Executive Officer, 1968 - 1986



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The monthly newsletter of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau,
Research School of Pacific Studies,
Australian National University, Canberra.

No. 1

August, 1968

VIVID PLANTER'S DIARY COPIED FOR PACIFIC RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Microfilm copies of a vivid day-by-day diary kept by an Australian planter in the New Hebrides at the turn of the century will be distributed soon to the four sponsoring libraries of the newly-established Pacific Manuscripts Bureau at the Australian National University.

The diary contains frequent references to wars between native tribes of the Hog Harbour area of the Island of Espiritu Santo. It gives a lively account of a planter's problems and difficulties, and describes, among other things, a gruesome custom in which the widow of a deceased chief publicly committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree.

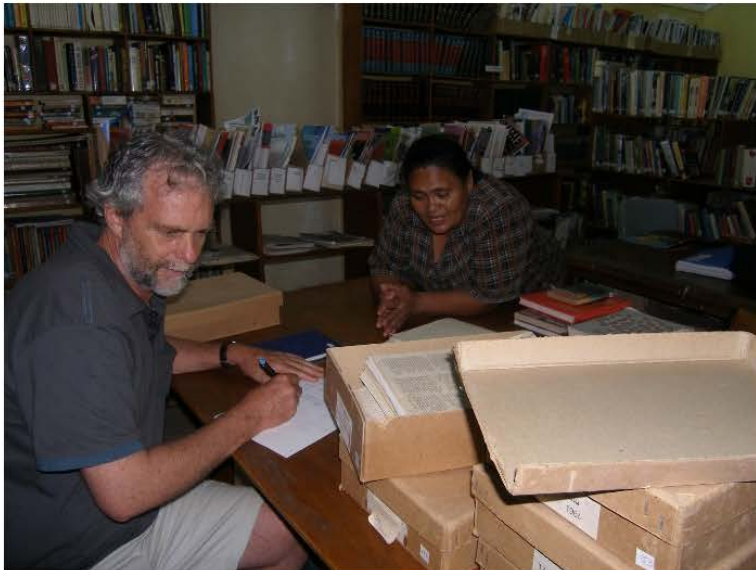
The diary was kept in 1905 by the late Maurice M. Witte, the first European to walk across Espiritu Santo from west to east. It was made available to the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau for copying by his daughter, Mrs B.L. Tyler, of Burradoo, New South Wales.

The Bureau was established several months ago in the ANU's Research School of Pacific Studies to locate and obtain copies of unpublished documents of value concerning the Pacific Islands for four world libraries specialising in Pacific research. The libraries are the National Libraries of Australia and New Zealand; the Mitchell Library, Sydney; and the Library of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu.

The executive officer of the Bureau is Mr Robert Langdon, formerly assistant editor of the Pacific Islands Monthly.



Adrian Cunningham,
seconded from the NLA



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Archives Programme, 2005

Microfilm to Digital



Former Executive Officer, Kylie Moloney,
microfilming in Samoa

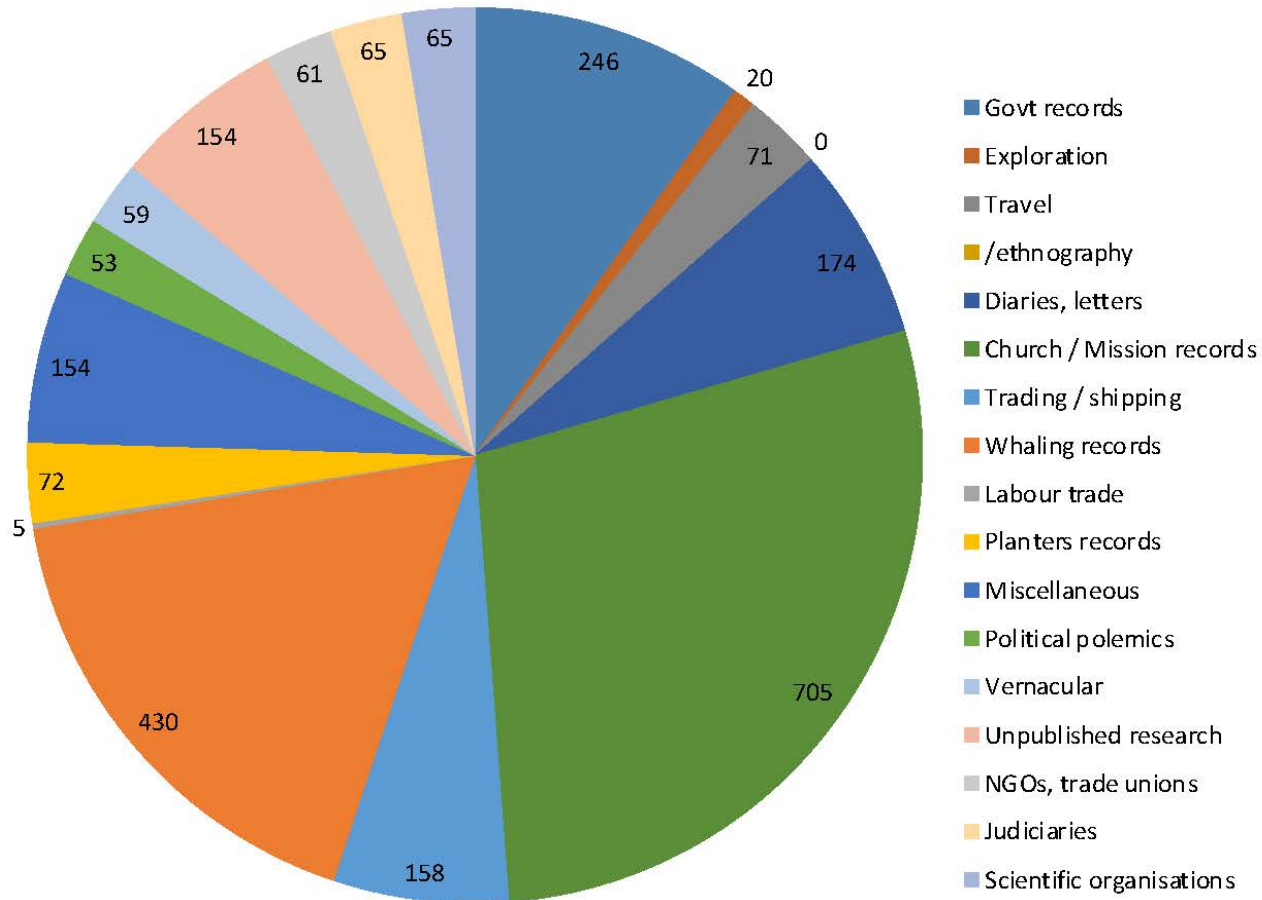


The new digital camera, Cook Islands

The Microfilm Collection



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Pacific Membership



USP signs on as PAMBU member, 2015



UPNG signs PAMBU Member Agreement, 2018

PAMBU Member Libraries

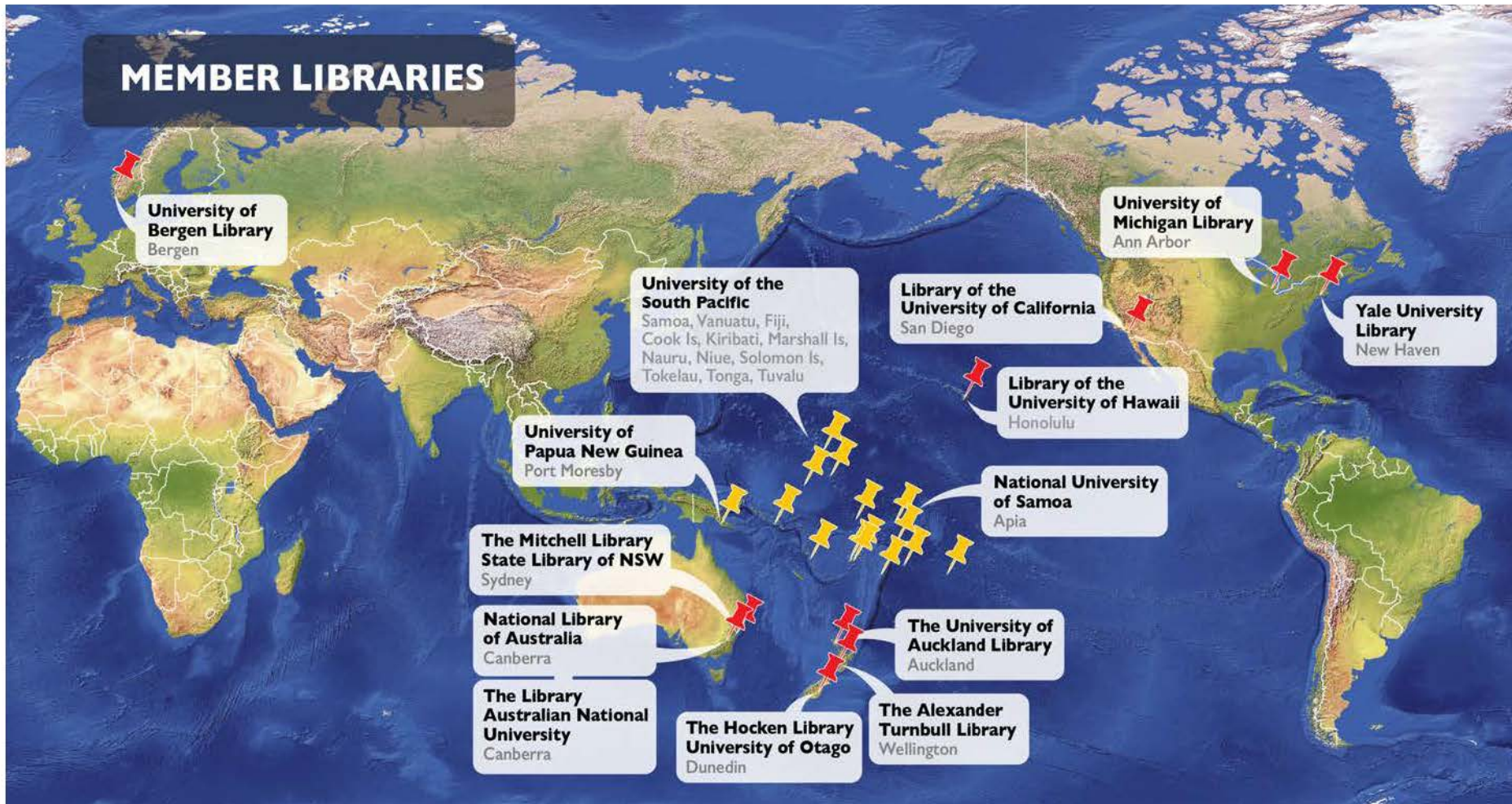


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Name of creator Woodford, Charles Morris (1852-1927)



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As Fiji goes to the polls today, we look back to 1966, to the first elections in which political parties competed for power in the government of Fiji. This photo is polling day in Lomanikoro. See the full collection of Robert Norton's 1966 election campaign photos here: <https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/.../slides-and-photographs-of-...>



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Engagements

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The PAMBU Model

- No physical repository
- No regular deposit obligations
- Structured for mobile/agile operation
- Broad collecting policy
- Management Committee

Collection Voices



PAMBU-USP workshop, Suva, 2016



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