

This section of the ASHPO web site is devoted to presenting historic photographs from different periods in American Samoa history. As time goes on we will be adding more galleries to the site.

[The Joseph L. Dwyer Collection American Samoa 1900-13.](#)

This Gallery presents 14 of 55 photographs from the Joseph L. Dwyer Collection. The photographs were acquired by the former Secretary of Native Affairs Joseph L. Dwyer during his tenure between 1907 and 1913.

It is believed that he was the photographer for some of the photographs while he collected others. The photographs appear to date between 1900 and 1913. The titles presented with the photographs are those found in the album that contained them. They are presented here with the permission of Mr. Dwyer's great-grandniece Ms. Karen Wheat who plans on publishing a book of the entire collection. Additional information concerning the photographs can be obtained by contacting Ms. Karen Wheat at wheat1@comcast.net

[The Lepua Church Collection 1928-1931.](#)

This Gallery presents a series of photographs that were taken of the 1928-1931 construction of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Lepua by an unknown photographer. The photographs include images of the construction activities and the general area as it looked at the time. The collection is on file at the American Samoa Historic Preservation Office.

[The Wayne A. Forde Photo Collection 1940-1941.](#)

This Gallery presents 59 black and white photographs from the Wayne A. Forde Photo Collection from 1940-1941. Wayne A. Forde, U.S.N., received the military good conduct medal in the village of Faga'alu, American Samoa in June 1941. His photo series is a collection of Samoan cultural scenes, panoramic views of the island of Tutuila, American Samoa, as well as several military photographs. The captions for each photograph are based on narratives written on the backs of the photographs. This collection is made possible through the courtesy of the Jean P. Haydon Museum in American Samoa.

[Evan's Brief.](#)

This gallery consists of a single photo from June, 1922, at Tau, Manu'a,

during the Flag Day celebrations there. This was the second time in the history of Tutuila and Manu'a when the High Chiefs of what is now American Samoa were together at one time- the first time being in almost prehistoric days when what is now American Samoa was parceled out in districts and counties. Photo displayed, courtesy of EDWIN T. POLLOCK.

[Hydroplant 1.](#)

This gallery contains the first 58 black and white photos depicting events ranging from the gradual grading for pipelines used for water supply on the island of Tutuila, to the construction of a dam and reservoir, and ending at photos depicting the relaying and realigning of pipelines towards the end of the 1930s. The dates of the photos displayed range from October 31, 1917 to June 1939.

[Hydroplant 2.](#)

This gallery contains the second half of the previous album. It has 36 black and white photos depicting events ranging from the gradual grading for pipelines used for water supply on the island of Tutuila, to the construction of a dam and reservoir, and ending at photos depicting the relaying and realigning of pipelines towards the end of the 1930s. The dates of the photos displayed range from October 31, 1917 to June 1939.

[Easter Sunday 1923.](#)

This gallery contains 2 photos of celebrations for Easter Sunday, 1923.

[Fita Fita National Guard.](#)

This gallery contains assorted photos of the Fita Fita National Guard and marches, local Samoan Marines, Panoramic Views of the Pago Pago Harbour, circa 1943, and of a local wedding celebration.

[Navy Marine Corps 1 of 2.](#)

This gallery contains a variety of photos ranging from maps of the local Naval Station for the years 1939-1945, photos of Malietoa Tanu, as well as other locals, and sights.

[Navy Marine Corps 2 of 2.](#)

This gallery contains photos of local Samoan Marines, the Pago Pago Harbor, circa 1943, and other pictures taken of locals and Naval officers enjoying

the local sights.

[Samoan Garb.](#)

This gallery contains three photos of the Samoan garb adorned by locals, August, 1922.

[Satala Naval Cemetery.](#)

This gallery contains photos of some of the graves at the Satala Naval Cemetery.