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MAF'AKIAG HETA

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Fu'ak Haitiohiag ne ta te la haiağaagat, ne ta hanuet, ia te garueag pumua paut se ta le'et ne ao 'e pa 'inea te fo'ou, la haiasaog se te ne 'inia vah, ma se rak'ak te, ma se te ne mou se rako. Gou le'et ne re se' ta ao te rauraut hün se ag āk Rotuma se 'otou faki'oaog heta 'e 1985-1990, ma gou kau'ak pau 'es'ao ne kainag garue te'is. Gou armou 'otou kat Haipoag ma Fu'ak Haitiohiag ne te ne fa'i, 'e av he ta'ag, ma gou tör sio ma av rauraut 'e 'otou aoao ne te ne kat taf ra se goua 'e ri hatag puk ma'oi pau. Te 'ne te ne Professor Alan Howard ma 'on haina Jan Rensel fa' ma fakput 'e 'oria gargarue, tāe haiasaog ti' paut se goua 'e 'otou ao te ta. Fu'ak Haitiohiag ne te ne le'et ma le'et fa'i, ma ut ne poome ma hanua tutu ne pania, ma ofrau ne 'inea hün se pānāag ne te 'e ran te', gou po ma a'tatau'akia te fa' 'e 'on rerege ne haipalaga ma asoa se te ne pan ma va'hia hün se le'et ma le'et, ma gou po ma rāe rogrog ne gou pa 'ese. Kepoi ka Fu'ak Haitiohiag ne te ne le'et ma le'et fa'i pan 'e av he ta'ag ma gou kat tör av ti' ra ma könnt'sak ne. 'Otou 'ua'ua'ākia ma voivoi'aki naaf se le'et ne vahia ma na 'on ava la haitauna'igen ma fu'akia te ne le'et ma le'et fa'i 'e te a' mumue te', 'e reko gou rāe ne kainag garue te' noanoa ka 'eagke te fūrmāri. Garuet ne kopla a'lel a'lelei pau, ma vahia rōt'aki, la jipiar noj as 'on le'et ma le'et, ne fa'ia, ma la noj tape'ma as ne puk heta, ne rogrogot ne mou sin, ma maf ne faut ne pania, ma le'et ne pania, ma nampa ne peap ne mou se te tutu (ma te 'e 'on rerege) ne kat ma'oi ra fāmōr mājau ne la po la re'ia. Ma 'e avat ne fāmōr 'i la 'es 'ao'aki 'oris talene la re ta garue lamlam ti' tape'it ne la 'es'ao ofrau se famori, ma nooj pau la 'ua'ua'ak. 'E Māf'akiag luak te'is, gou la 'eag, "Faiaksea 'e garue maha" se Antoine N'Yeurt, Will McClatchey ma Hans Schmidt 'e te fahmans te'is, ne gou ma iris ma'oi ne aoao te ne mou se Rotuma ma nohnoh 'on kakait ne hua'ia la 'io'io hō' sin.

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A comprehensive bibliography about a topic or place is one of the most valuable tools for the researcher or academic. As one who carried out extensive research on Rotuman culture for my thesis from 1985-1990, I can vouch to the value of a work such as this. Unfortunately for me, this Bibliography was not available then and I had to spend hours hunting for obscure sources in various libraries. The personal collection of Professor Alan Howard and his wife Jan Rensel helped me enormously in this respect. The bibliographies and references in their various publications and their broad knowledge of the publishing world enabled me to identify the relevant citations, and with the help of other published materials and individuals I was able to locate the relevant information that I needed. Had this Bibliography been published then, I could have saved myself considerable time and frustration. I have the greatest respect and admiration for anyone who takes the time and patience to put together a bibliography, primarily because I see this kind of work as tedious and unfulfilling. It is painstaking work that requires attention to detail: the correct spelling of the author’s name, the correct title of the book or article, the year of publication, the publisher, the page numbers of articles (and so on) require special skills that few people have. When these individuals use their talents to provide an invaluable service that benefits other people, they deserve to be thanked. This short preface is my way of saying faiaksea e garue maha to Antoine N’Yeurt, Will McClatchey and Hans Schmidt for this gift that I, like many others engaged in research on Rotuma and Rotuman society, will be consulting again and again.

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One of the greatest aids to good scholarship is a good bibliography, and this Bibliography compiled by Antoine N’Yeurt, Will McClatchey and Hans Schmidt will prove a real boon to anyone doing research on or about the island of Rotuma and/or the Rotuman people. Just as important, it will provide a major resource for Rotumans, now scattered around the world, to learn more about their island, its history and culture.

When I first began research on Rotuma in 1959 I was able to find very little information about the island in my university library. Published sources were scattered in obscure journals or buried in biographical accounts by explorers, missionaries, traders and the like; unpublished resources were known only to the libraries and archives that housed them. I spent six months working in the Fiji National Archives (then the Central Archives of Fiji and the Western Pacific High Commission) reading government documents, searching out references to published and unpublished sources, and talking to more knowledgeable people. I received a great deal of help, not only from the Archivist, Ian Diamond, but by such others as the Reverend Allan Tippett (then at Davuilevu), Dr Humphrey S. Evans (who had been a District Officer on Rotuma), and Dr Lindsey Verrier. After completing my field work I felt compelled to share what I had learned about sources with other scholars and in 1963 compiled a twelve page, annotated bibliography of Rotuman materials that I circulated to scholars whom I thought might be interested. In response I was advised of additional resources by interested scholars, such
as Harry Maude, who graciously took the time to prepare a supplementary list from his own files. Philip Snow’s *Bibliography of Fiji, Tonga and Rotuma* (1969) was also a major contribution. Over the years I and my wife Jan Rensel (who began her own research on Rotuma in 1988) have attempted to keep track of the relevant literature and to build our own personal library of Rotuman sources. The intervening years have seen a burgeoning of research on Rotuma and a significant increase in publications on scholarly topics. Hitherto little-known unpublished resources, as well as some obscure published items, have also been discovered. Rotumans too have been busy publishing, including many items in the Rotuman language.

The time is ripe for a comprehensive, updated bibliography and we — speaking for everyone with an interest in Rotuma — are grateful to N’Yeurt, McClatchey and Schmidt for making this compilation available. Like all good bibliographies this one will stimulate interested scholars to search libraries and archives in every part of the world — a task to which I personally look forward with considerable relish.

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INTRODUCTION

ROTUMA ISLAND

The small isolated island of Rotuma (Fig. 1) is situated about 465 km to the north of the Fiji Islands, at 12°30'S and 177°05'E. It is a high volcanic island of late Pleistocene age, and occupies about 44 km$^2$ in surrounding oceanic waters in excess of 3.5 km depth (Woodhall, 1987). Although being politically attached to the Fiji group, it is quite unique in terms of its culture, language and geology from any other island in the Pacific, and lies in fair isolation at the crossroads of Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia. The island is about 14.5 km long by 4.5 km wide at its widest point, with hills up to 262 m, and is home to a predominantly Polynesian-looking population of approximately 3000. Rotuma’s existence was first revealed to Europeans in 1791 by Captain Edwards of H.M.S. Pandora while looking for mutineers from the Bounty, and following a period of turmoil and religious wars was ceded to Britain in 1881 from which time it has been administered by the Fiji Government. The main island is surrounded by eight smaller uninhabited islets (see Fig. 1) and is divided into seven “districts” subdivided into approximately 15 main villages around the Rotuman coast. Rotuma has been relatively little known both culturally and scientifically, and references to it are scattered in the literature. In order to assist researchers interested in this unique island, it was felt that a comprehensive Bibliography of interdisciplinary material concerning Rotuma was warranted, and such an effort has been attempted in the present publication. It is hoped that the information presented here will give a fairly accurate picture of work already carried out on Rotuma, and provide a stimulus for more research in a wide number of fields which would undoubtedly benefit scientific and cultural knowledge, and in turn the Rotuman people as a whole.

ANALYSIS OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHY

From the material presented in this Bibliography, it can be seen that the literature concerning Rotuma is relatively scattered over time. Figure 2 graphically presents the frequency of selected publications concerning Rotuma over the years. From the latter graph, it is clear that the number of writings concerning the island has steadily increased over the last 200 years, with a peak in the present decade (1991-2000). The material is fairly heterogenous, covering aspects of the history, culture, native flora and fauna, and geology of the island.

Despite the small size of both the Rotuman culture and land mass, an interesting number of researchers have found their way to this unique group. The earliest students to study Rotuma arrived by chance and/or while on missionary endeavours. These explorers or missionaries arrived on ships of exploration from Britain and France. Their works, although not leading to educational degrees, form the foundations of modern research on Rotuma. These individuals included: W. L. Allardyce, G. Bennett, W. Fletcher, J. S. Gardiner, A. M. Hocart, R. P. Lesson, H. McDonald, G. MacGregor, H. H. C. Roget, H. St. John, and Sir J. Thurston. Educational studies of Rotuman culture and language as well as of the physical and biological resources of the islands began with the work of the Methodist Missionary, C. M. Churchward in the 1920-30's. Churchward’s Ph. D. dissertation, Rotuman Grammar and

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4 Includes only dated material of substantial contribution
Dictionary, was the first of no less than fifteen advanced college degrees to be earned on the basis of Rotuman studies. Individuals having earned advanced degrees from studies based on Rotuma include J. J. Bryant (P. G. D. A.), C. Craddock (M. A.), A. Fatiaki (Dip. Ed.), D. Fatiaki (LL. B.), V. Hereniko (Ph. D.), A. Howard (Ph. D.), T. N. Ladejge (Ph. D.), J. Langi (B. D.), M. Managreve (M. A.), J. P. Rensel (Ph. D.), H. Schmidt (Ph. D.), J. Tana (P. G. D. G.), and each of the present authors. Additionally, many other educational studies have been conducted on Rotuma and remain as unpublished manuscripts. An attempt has been made to locate and record herein these additional unpublished records. It is encouraging to note that the number of native Rotumans writing about their island is also increasing, the first account being by Fuata Taito (1940). In recent years Professor Vilsoni Hereniko has contributed much to Rotuman literature, and it is hoped that more Rotuman islanders will be drawn to pursue this trend.

**SOURCES USED IN THIS BIBLIOGRAPHY**

A large proportion of the material presented here was originally obtained in the context of research projects by both authors on Rotuma, namely McClatchey (1993) and N’Yeurt (1993a, b). Additional material was obtained through consultation of records held at the University of the South Pacific, Suva, the Fiji National Archives, Suva, the Library of Congress and the University of Hawai’i Library (via Internet); the libraries of Cambridge University and the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew; Brigham Young University Library, the Bean Museum Herbarium Library, Provo, Utah, and the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu. Snow (1969a, b) published a Bibliography of Fiji, Tonga and Rotuma, which was also consulted for the present work. Unless otherwise stated, secondary bibliographic material is not included in this compilation. While utmost care was taken to verify the accuracy and completeness of entries wherever possible, any errors or omissions remain the responsibility of the authors.

**FORMAT OF ENTRIES IN THE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Included in this Bibliography are all published and unpublished works relating to Rotuma known to the authors, and these are listed under broad subject headings organized alphabetically as shown in the Table of Contents. Entries are listed alphabetically by first author in each heading section, and all entries are chronologically numbered from one section to the next. Each major heading begins on a new page. Book and journal titles are in italics, and are given in full wherever possible. In some cases library accession numbers for the rarer entries are given to facilitate location of the material.

Material available on microfilm at the Fiji National Archives, Suva; the Hamilton Library, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Honolulu; the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales, Australia; and the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau, Canberra, Australia, is listed at the end of the Bibliography, as well as being included individually under the appropriate subject headings in the Bibliography. Similarly, material housed in the Pacific Collection, Audiovisual and Micrographic Rooms, The University of the South Pacific, Suva, is listed following the microfilm section and is referred to in the Subject Index

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preceded by “V”. A section containing articles relating to Rotuma published in Catholic missionary periodicals is provided following the audiovisual records. A short historical chronology of early contacts with Rotuma as gleaned from bibliographic records is provided after the Audiovisual section.

Following the main part of the Bibliography is an Author Index, and a Subject Index. The Author Index is arranged alphabetically by author, and following the author’s name are numbers corresponding to the numbered publications in the main Bibliography. Where a publication has two or more authors, the number of that publication can be found associated with the name of each author. Numbers which refer to the same publication listed under separate headings are linked by an equal sign (=). The Subject Index is organized alphabetically, and includes specific information which can often only be obtained by going through the actual reference. It is thus more precise than the broad listing under subject categories, and should be useful in that respect. Subject entries are followed by a number corresponding to the numbered publications in the main Bibliography. Where a publication is listed more than once in the Bibliography, only the first occurrence is shown.
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ORIGINS, CONFLICTS


### CATHOLIC CHURCH

[SEE ALSO PACIFIC MANUSCRIPTS BUREAU MICROFILM REELS 159, 160]


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ECONOMY / EXPORTS


EDUCATION / SCHOOL CURRICULUM MATERIAL


ETHNOLOGY


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vol. 5 (1911): 108-111.

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1. Outward letters of superintendent of Rotuma Circuit (Rev. C. M. Churchward). 1936. Includes letters to Chairman and other Mission staff and to local ministers, firms and personages in Rotuma.
   Ref.: Rotuma/A/1.

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   (a) Register of Baptisms (Feb. 16, 1908 - Oct. 19, 1915) and Marriages (Oct. 10, 1908 - Sept. 16, 1909).
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Register of Baptisms (May 5, 1930 - Jan. 14, 1951) and Marriages (July 11, 1930 - Aug. 28, 1954) [contains some baptisms and marriages performed at Noa’tau and Motusa].
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1. Notes and Instructions written by Rev. C. M. Churchward for Rev. L. C. M. Donaldson (Baptist and ex Presbyterian Minister) on latter’s departure for temporary service in Rotuma. Dec. 20, 1936. Includes Inventory of Mission House, Rotuma; preaching places and itinerary, and a Map of Rotuma. Also some notes on stores, medicines, schools, and account books.
Ref.: M/92/D

2. Various letters of Rev. C. M. Churchward to and from Chairman of District and other Mission staff, 1936-1937. Topics include Fijian Hymn Book, Rotuman legends, Rotuman appointment, and Fijian Grammar.
Ref.: M/92/E

E. Rotuman Dictionary, 1935-1936

“Carbon copy (in two boxes) of C. M. Churchward’s Rotuman Dictionary (unrevised and not quite complete). Entrusted to the New South Wales Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in October 1937, for safe-keeping”. First box letters A-M; second box letters N-Z.
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<td>Ship &quot;Duff&quot; (English)</td>
<td>First missionary visit (Wilson 1799: 292-4).</td>
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<td>1820</td>
<td>Ship &quot;Rochester&quot; (English)</td>
<td>English whaling ship which left several deserters on Rotuma (Duperrey 1826).</td>
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<td>1825</td>
<td>Corvette &quot;Coquille&quot; (French)</td>
<td>First French visit. Several deserters from the &quot;Rochester&quot; were removed while two new deserters remained behind (Duperrey 1826, Lesson 1838-9).</td>
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<td>Ship &quot;Research&quot;</td>
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<td>One of the last French visits (Tromelin 1829).</td>
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<td>First explorer to provide (English) cultural and botanical information (Bennett 1831, 1832a, 1832b).</td>
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<td>Brig &quot;Camden&quot; (English)</td>
<td>Left two Samoan teachers representing the London Missionary Society (Turner 1861).</td>
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<td>Left Tongan teachers to conduct missionary work. (Turner 1861).</td>
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<td>London Missionary Society (LMS) (English)</td>
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<td>Noted uniqueness of the Rotuman language and beauty of the island (West 1865: 425-8).</td>
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<td>Reverend William Fletcher arrived as the first European Methodist missionary. He remained until 1870 (Churchward 1938a).</td>
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<td>At about this time two Roman Catholic priests (Frs Trouillet and Dezest) arrived and began missionary activities (Churchward 1938a).</td>
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