

## Princess Title of Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Ellerbrock-Kawananakoa is Disputed

Was not a Princess or the last Hawaiian Princess

HONOLULU, HAWAII, USA, January 29, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The news of Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Ellerbrock-Kawānanakoa's passing has brought great sadness. May God grant her eternal rest and comfort her family and friends.

Sadly, the news of Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Ellerbrock-Kawananakoa's passing also reveals a collective loss of historical knowledge and memory for the people of Hawai\(\text{I}\) i as evidenced by the inaccurate reported use of the title

Heir & successor of His Majesty King Kamehameha III - Became H.M. King Kamehameha IV on Jan. 11, 1855, dies at age 29 on Nov. 30, 1863 Princes and Chiefs eligible to be Rulers.

Alexander Liholiho, Heir Apparent to the Heir and successor of H.M. King Kamehameha IV - became H.M. King Dies at age 44 on July 30, 1873 amehameha V on Nov. 30, 1863 – dies vith no heir at age 42 on Nov. 11, 1872 Dies at age 16 on April 2, 1852 Dies at age 44 on Nov. 26, 1880 Married H.M. King Kamehameha IV, had H.R.H. Prince Albert who dies at 4 yrs. old. H.M. Queen Emma dies at age 49 on April 25, 1885 Dies at age 28 on May 29, 186 . 8. 1873. dies with no heir on Feb. 3, 1874 at age 39 Dies at age 28 on Feb. 13. 1861 Second king to be elected under Named heir & successor to the throne Named heir & successor to the thron (not by electron), became gueen on Jan. 29, 1891, proclaimed H.R.H. Crown Princess Ka'fulani as heir & successor to the throne (not by election). Crown Princess Ka'fulani dies on March 6, 1899 at age 23. Eligible to the throne under Article 22 of the 12, 1874 – dies at age 54 on Jan. 20, Constitution. Became Head of the Royal House on Nov 11, 1917 upon the death of H.M. Queen Lili'uokalani. Princess Elizabeth dies on December 20, 1928 age 94. Her heir & successor is her niece, H.R.H. Princess Theresa Owana Ka'öhelelani La'anui, born May 1, 1860 – died Jan. 5, 1944 Queen Lili'uokalani, forced to abdicate her throne on Jan. 17, 1893 and dies on Nov. 11, 1917

Timeline of Sovereigns and Eligible Rulers of the Hawaiian Kingdom

Princess when referring to her person as well as the recurring comment that she was the last Hawaiian Princess and that her ancestor, David Kawananakoa had been named as an heir to the throne of Hawai\(\text{li}\)i. These statements however, are not only false, but serve to perpetuate untruths and further mislead the Hawaiian people, the residents of Hawai\(\text{li}\)i, the general public and the international community.



I was sent to what was then known as the Royal School, because its pupils were exclusively persons whose claims to the throne were acknowledged"

> Her Majesty Queen Lili'uokalani

Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Ellerbrock-Kawananakoa was widely known for her cultural, social and philanthropical work, was in fact a descendant of David Kawananakoa (1886-1908) but he was only a nephew of H.M. King Kalākaua's wife, Queen Consort Kapi olani. That makes him and his descendants "in-laws" and not direct or collateral descendants of H.M. King Kalākaua.

By definition and in accordance with the rules governing

succession, the offspring of a queen consort's sibling were not royal and therefore not eligible to rule. David Kawananakoa's princely title was in fact a "courtesy title" or what is known as a

"courtesy treatment" bestowed upon him by H.M. King Kalakaua for exclusive use in the court and it was only valid for the duration of David Kawānanakoa's lifetime. It therefore extinguished upon his passing and thus did not pass to any of his descendants because honorary titles, or in this case the "style" or "treatment", was not hereditary. "...David and his brothers were proclaimed princes of the realm in 1883; the title could not, however, be inherited."

Consequently Ms. Kawananakoa was neither a princess, did not have the treatment of "Her Royal Highness" and nor was she or anyone in her family ever eligible to rule. To suggest otherwise ignores and greatly diminishes the preservation of the surviving Royal Family of High Chiefess H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth Keka\( \Prince\) aniau La\( \Prince\) anui (1834-1928) who was in fact pre-emptive and eligible to ascend to the Throne.

Upon the passing of H.M. Queen Lili\(\text{U}\)uokalani in 1917, the High Chiefess Princess Elizabeth Keka\(\text{D}\)aniau La\(\text{D}\)aniau was recognized as the head of the royal family of Hawai\(\text{Li}\)i. As royal children, Princess Lili\(\text{U}\)uokalani (Lydia Kamakaeha) and Princess Elizabeth (Elizabeth Kekaniau) both attended and resided at the Chiefs' Children's School which was created to educate and groom future rulers of Hawai\(\text{Li}\)i. In her own book, "Hawaii's Story by Hawaii's Queen" H.M. Queen Lili\(\text{U}\)uokalani affirms High Chiefess Princess Elizabeth Keka\(\text{D}\)aniau La\(\text{D}\)aniau La\(\text{D}\)aniau's place and status in the royal family. Queen Lili'uokalani states in her book that the School's "...pupils were exclusively persons whose claims to the throne were acknowledged". Hawai\(\text{Li}\)i's royal succession was subject by law per the proclamation by His Majesty King Kamehameha III in June 1844 where he named High Chiefess Princess Elizabeth Keka\(\text{D}\)aniau La\(\text{D}\)aniau among the sixteen "Princes and Chiefs eligible to be Rulers" of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

H.R.H. High Chiefess Princess Elizabeth Keka aniau La anui descended directly from the High Chief Kalokuokamaile, eldest brother of H.M. King Kamehameha I, which is why she was chosen to be an eligible ruler along with her Royal Cousins.

After the death of Queen Lili uokalani, it was indeed High Chiefess Princess Elizabeth Keka aniau La anui who solely held the "Fons Honorum" and the Exclusive Right to continue to use the Royal Prerogatives, Styles, and Treatments of the Heir Presumptive. Today, the position of Head of the Royal Family of Hawai and Pantheon of the Royal Fons Honorum solely belongs to H.R.H. Princess Owana Ka heir and successor of High Chiefess H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth Keka aniau La anui.

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