Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Index to the Donated Copy of the Records of the Trust, 1981 – 1987

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1. What information is in these records?

This series is an index to copied records of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) from the period of its governance by the United States through a Trusteeship Agreement with the United Nations. The TTPI included the Micronesia archipelagoes of the Caroline Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Mariana Islands and the Palau Islands. The index includes geographic area, government department, author and title of publications, dates, microfilm reel and frame, format and quantity of material and subjects such as: budget, communication, community and economic development, education, housing, immigration, law and legislation, and property.

2. Why were these records created?

As the Trust Territory of the Pacific Island (TTPI) was turning over sovereignty to the Caroline Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Mariana Islands and the Palau Islands, the TTPI microfilmed its records and returned the originals to the newly independent states. It also created this index to provide access to microfilmed copies records relating to the previous governance of the territory.

3. How can I have access to the Trust's records identified by these records?

NARA holds the copied records for which the index facilitates access. Those records are in the series, "Donated Copy of the Records of the Trust, 1981-1987." A second copy of the index and the microfilm is housed in the Hamilton Library, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii. The film and index were transferred to both sites in 1988.

4. How can I access a copy of the full file?

The raw data file, along with the associated technical documentation, may be downloaded from the National Archives Catalog at: https://catalog.archives.gov/. There you can search by the series name, Index to the Donated Copy of the Records of the Trust, or using the National Archives Identifier 571559, which is the description identifier for this series.

In the results, select to view the full series description. Click on the link "file(s) described in the catalog" next to "Includes:" for a list of the file units within this series. Then select the file unit containing the records of interest to you. The file unit description will include the list of electronic records and documentation files available for viewing and/or downloading.

Additional information about downloading electronic records from the Catalog is available at: https://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/access-in-catalog-faqs.

Please keep in mind that the data file consists of the raw structured data as loaded into AAD (i.e. the coded values without meanings), but without the AAD software that displays the meanings for coded values and field titles. For more details about using files containing raw structured data, you may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at: https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf.