

**To Walk Under Palm Trees, The Germans in Sāmoa: Snapshots from Albums –
Part One (Tony Brunt. Apia, Sāmoa Historical & Cultural Trust, 2017.**

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Tony Brunt's book *To Walk Under Palm Trees, The Germans in Sāmoa: Snapshots from Albums—Part one'* (2017) is a rare collection of historical photographs showcasing German settlers in Sāmoa. Prior to its publication, the images were part of an online photographic exhibition of the same name for the Museum of Sāmoa in 2013 and 2014. Brunt has now transferred the exhibition beyond the digital portal to include a tangible text for the public. Funded by the Sāmoa Historical and Cultural Trust, the photographic quality of images is impressive, as is the restoration work which has enabled public viewing of these private collections.

The images detail the colonial society and their families, and the global events which affected them such as the First and Second World Wars. Key figures are represented in the photographs including Imperial German Governor Erich Schultz (1870–1935), and Brunt documents Schultz' friendship with Sāmoan Fatu Frost (d. 1956). In Samoa, colonial German interests centered on the plantation economy. However, these images provide a rare glimpse of society life and important insight into Sāmoa, Germany and New Zealand's past. Brunt has compiled a vast collection of images from descendants and friends. Thus, access to these rich collections brings into view never before seen images of our recent past.