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Who Was George Gora?

This small, musty, moldy suitcase was retrieved from The Dungeon decades ago and brought into the sunlight recently only to be placed once more in some obscure corner of one of the utility sheds on campus. No one bothered to see what it contained until late 2016 when the Council authorized the purchase of digital archiving equipment to support the Historian's work.

Many, if not all, of us know/hear about George Gora as being an exceptionally generous, curiously unlikely, patron of the church. The photos shown throughout this album and following pictures of a few artifacts from the suitcase will give you a glimpse of who the man was...but only a glimpse.

We invited George's daughter-in-law Angie to view the contents of the suitcase, especially the old photos. She was able to identify friends and relatives as noted throughout these pages and offered this brief account: Mr. Gora's father was a Takeshita who married a Portuguese woman who bore George and his 3 sisters: Bella, Julia and Marie. Sailing east towards the U.S., George jumped ship off the coast of Haleiwa & lived in Hawaii for a while taking the name of Matsugoro. Later, when he moved to Vallejo, CA, he judiciously assumed the name of George William during WW-II. Upon returning to Hawaii, he changed his name to George William Gora.

