

Charles Furneaux (American, 1835–1913)

*Hilo*, c. 1880

Oil on canvas

Gift of Punahou School, 1954 (2002.1)

Charles Furneaux was a drawing instructor from Boston who traveled to Hawai'i in 1880, first taking up residence in Honolulu and then in Hilo in about 1888. He served as the American consular agent at that the port of Hilo until the annexation of Hawai'i to the United States in 1898. Perhaps best known for his volcano subjects, Furneaux also depicted Hilo numerous times and here presents the community from across Hilo Bay and below the snow--capped peak of Mauna Kea.