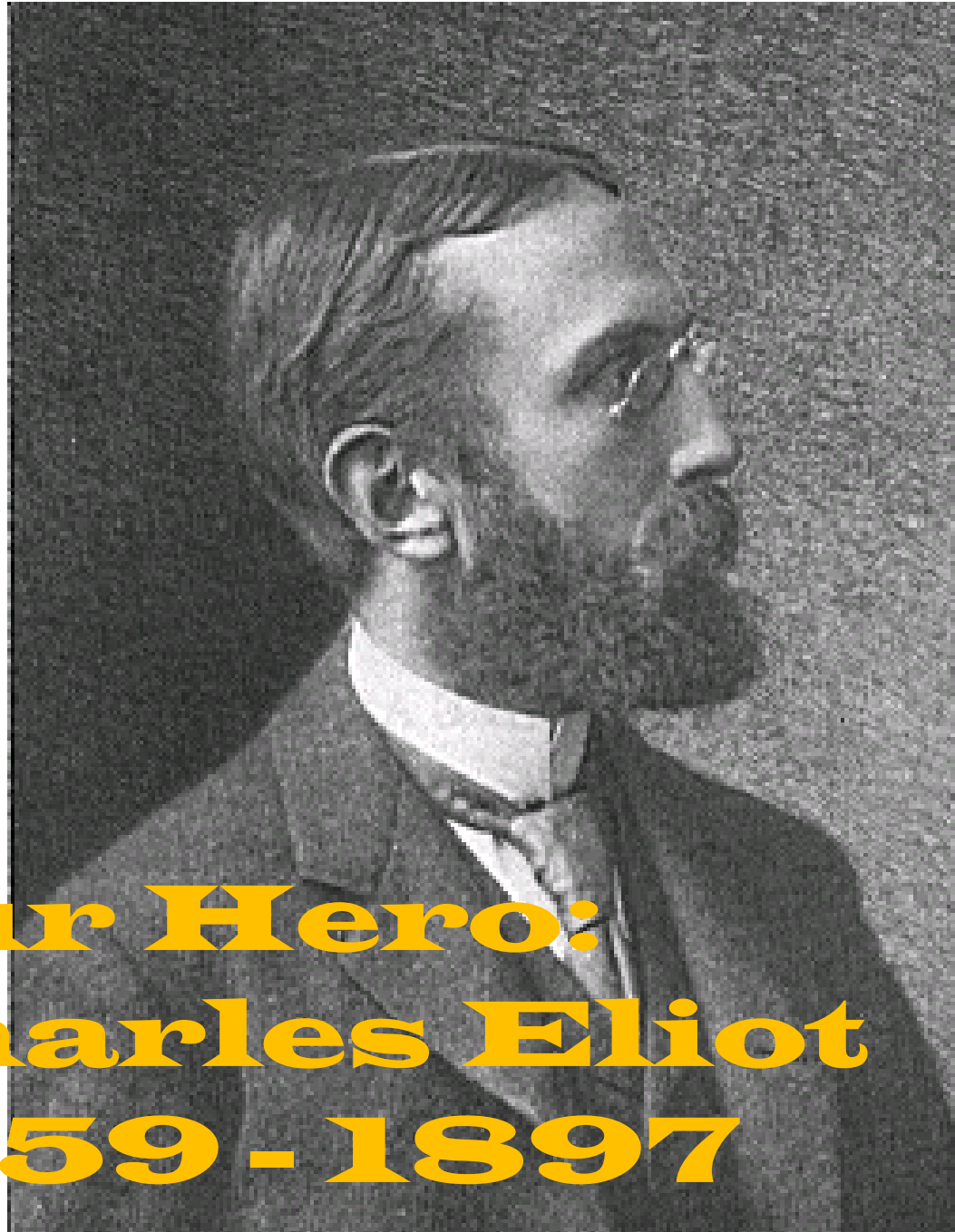


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**Our Hero:
Charles Eliot
1859 - 1897**

The “Waverly Oaks” Letter to
Garden and Forest
Magazine, March 5, 1890

- Non-Profit Organization
- Governed by volunteer trustees or board
- Empowered by the State (Commonwealth)
- To hold land free of taxes for the public to enjoy

1891

Massachusetts establishes the

Trustees of (Public) Reservations

“for the purpose of acquiring, holding and maintaining beautiful and historic places within the Commonwealth”

1951

- The Nature Conservancy founded
- Over 119 million acres protected worldwide

Land Trusts

- Not a lot of action until the **Tax Reform Act of 1976** made donation of Conservation Easements **DEDUCTIBLE** as a charitable contribution

~ and ~

- The **Uniform Conservation Easement Act** was approved in **1981** for adoption by the States

TODAY

- Over 1700 Land Trusts across the U.S.
- 38 MILLION ACRES protected, an area about the size of New England
- National Accreditation Program
- 2008 – More land protected than developed
- Emphasis on working lands, sustainable uses

Hawai`i Island Land Trust



Current Projects

- Land Conservation Plan
- Steward Keopuka
- Palila Protection Plan
- Kipuka Mosaic – Volcano
- Malu Aina
- Burial Cave
- Hamakua Farm

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