

140055131

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Hawaii
COUNTY: Hawaii
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Puukohola Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Kawaihae

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE:
Hawaii

CODE
15

COUNTY:
Hawaii

CODE
001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Open space - some recreation</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. AGENCY

United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Western Region

STREET AND NUMBER:
450 Golden Gate Ave.

CITY OR TOWN:
San Francisco

STATE:
California

CODE
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
a) State Tax Office, 75 Alupuni St., Hilo, Hawaii 96720
b) NPS Hawaii State Office, 677 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Hawaii

STATE:
Hawaii

CODE
15

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: May 25, 1962 Federal State County Local

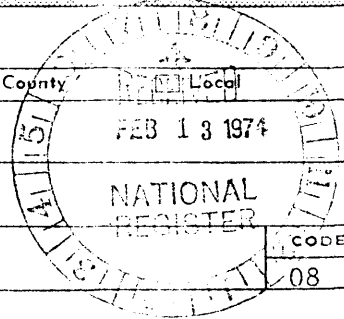
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of the Interior

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE
08



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Puukohola Historic District, approximately 76.57 acres, forms a small portion of a vast, arid coastal plain, covered mainly by hardy low growing grasses, exotic weeds, small shrubs and trees of Kiawe (*Prosopis* sp.) and haole koa (*Leucaena glouca*), sometimes called ekoa. The soil is reddish brown, typical of arid desert regions. Rainfall is scant--annual precipitation for over a 25 year period range from a high of 9.1 to a low of 0.2 inches. Mean annual temperature is about 78 degrees; extremes range from 90 to 60 degrees. Rain storms are infrequent, occurring less than once every two years; they may be intense but last only a short time. There is almost always an off shore breeze, but for comfort, a shade of some kind is a must.

The heiau sites on Puukohola (the hill of the whale) is 135 feet above the nearby beach, about a mile southeast of the village of Kawaihae. It is a massive, pile, lava rock structure measuring 225 feet by 100 feet, and is walled on the ends and on the landward side, by 40-50 feet sloping walls.

County road access to Spencer Park, a recreation beach, was built between Puukohola and Mailekini temple sites ca. 1933. State Route 26 passes between Puukohola and John Young homesite. A jeep trail branches off from the Spencer Park road at the southwest corner of Mailekini temple site.

1. John Young Homesite (PUHE No. 1)

Located on a hilltop at the extreme northeast corner of the proposed park boundary, it is approximately 3 by 5 meters, with the long axis on a north-south line, with the door on the south end facing the Puukohola temple site. The standing walls are in poor condition and during the April 26, 1973 earthquake, the highest standing wall collapsed and plaster from the east wall fell off. The top of all the walls were shaken loose and the rounded boulders used in the construction are nearly all exposed to the elements; the "adobe" used for mortar is being eroded at an alarming rate. This structure was built about 1798 and is among the first of western style houses in Hawaii. The site includes the Hawaiian style walls house platforms, and other features covering an area of about 50 by 30 meters.

Order of Significance: First

Acreage: Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ Location: Northeast corner of proposed boundary
155° 49' 30" W. Long., 20° 02' 05" N. Lat.Recommended level of treatment: Preservation-Restoration (Emergency Protection of Site high priority)

Preliminary cost estimates for above: EMERGENCY PROTECTION	\$ 7,000
Archeological Investigations for Preservation	23,000
Restoration based on Archeo-Hist. data	53,000

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

cont'd

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | Polynesian Socio- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | Political Religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | Systems; Pre and |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | Hist. architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

In 1790, Kamehameha the Great held half of his home island of Hawaii, and had occupied by military force, the islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai. A revolt on Hawaii brought him home. He begun building Puukohola temple about 1791, for his war god Kukailimoku, to insure his success in the conquest of all the islands. While he was involved in building his temple, the chiefs of Maui, Molokai and Lanai were joined by the Oahu and Kauai chiefs, which resulted in an inconclusive sea battle. After the completion and dedication of the temple, Kamehameha reconquered the three neighbor islands and conquered the island of Oahu. Eventually, he added Kauai island through diplomacy and founded the Kingdom of Hawaii. It was ruled by him, his sons and grandsons through 1872. The Kingdom Kamehameha founded is the political ancestor of the State of Hawaii. Puukohola Heiau (temple) is the most important structure associated with the founding of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

Mailekini temple site is an older site probably representing the inter-chieftdom and inter-district or island warfare of the period prior to 1790. It is a temple site undoubtedly built by the district ruling chief. It was converted into a fort about 1812 by John Young for the protection of the Kawaihae Bay and the kingdom's arsenal. A third temple site, according to legend, dedicated to the sharks, is located offshore under 6 to 10 feet of water.

✓ Olohana (Englishman John Young) was the most important foreign advisor to Kamehameha. His advice and actions helped found the Kingdom of Hawaii, fostered acculturation and started the kingdom toward Americanization and eventually Statehood. The ruins of his house, from which he governed the island of Hawaii from 1802 through 1812, is still standing. Young built it in about 1798 and lived in it until his death at age 90 in 1835.

✓ Kamehameha the Great built his temple to his war god. After he dedicated it in 1791, he successfully united the Hawaiian Islands into one kingdom, ruled by him, his sons, and his grandsons through 1872. Kawaihae was the center of Hawaiian administration and religion, probably through 1812, and fell into complete disuse after 1819, when the Hawaiians abandoned their

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- i. Ellis, William Rev.
1917 A Narrative of a tour through Hawaii. Reprint of London 1827 edition. Honolulu, Hawaii.
2. Cluff, Deborah F., William K. Kikucki, Russell A. Apple & Yoshiko H. Sinoto
1969 The Archeology of South Kohala; the ahupua'a of Kawaihae. Na Heiau Puu Kohala A Me Mailekini. Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, Hawaii State Archeological Journal 69-3, Honolulu, Hawaii. cont'd

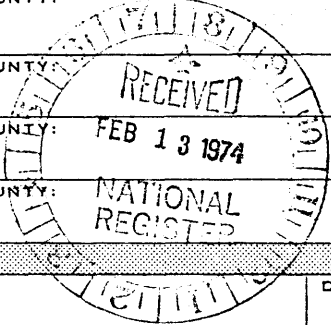
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	20 ° 02 ' 09 "	155 ° 49 ' 28 "		°	'	"
NE	20 ° 01 ' 53 "	155 ° 49 ' 47 "		°	'	"
SE	20 ° 01 ' 35 "	155 ° 49 ' 33 "		°	'	"
SW	20 ° 01 ' 50 "	155 ° 49 ' 12 "		°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 76.57 (Park boundary)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Edmund J. Ladd, Pacific Archeologist DATE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: State Director's Office

STREET AND NUMBER: 677 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 512 PHONE: 521-3027

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu, Oahu STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> None <p style="text-align: center;">_____ State Liaison Officer Signature</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p>
<p>In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> <u>20 NOV 1973</u> Federal Representative Signature Date</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Regional Director, Western Region</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Title</p>	<p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE	Hawaii
COUNTY	Hawaii
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Number all entries) 7 Cont'd

2. Puukohola Heiau (PUHE 2)

The site of Puukohola temple was designated a Registered National Historic Landmark in 1968. Dedication ceremonies were held on June 10, 1968; a plaque was presented to Olohana Corporation.

Puukohola's dry masonry platform on top of Puukohola hill (the hill of the whale) is approximately 225 by 100 feet in plan. The platform was completed ca. 1791, as the foundation for a ceremonial temple, thatched with pili grass ritual tower or towers of wood, altars and carved temple images. After the death of Kamehameha I and after the abandonment of the ancient religion in 1819, the temples of Hawaii, including Puukohola, were neglected and were soon destroyed by time and the elements. In the 1920's the platform was reconstructed by a Hawaiian Society, at which time a trail was established and reinforced with cement. A plaque commemorating the state wide centennial was installed on the site in 1928.

The site is in fair condition, however, because of the built in weakness of the prehistoric construction methods, the platform is very fragile. Portions of the northwest corner, next to the entrance, collapsed in the April 26, 1973 earthquake. Emergency stabilization is necessary before the development of the site.

Order of Significance: First

Acreage: Less than 1

Location: 155°49'27" W. Long., 20°01'50" N. Lat.

Recommended level of treatment: Preservation-Restoration (EMERGENCY STABILIZATION NECESSARY)

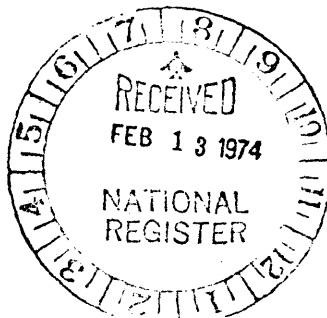
Preliminary cost estimates for above: EMERGENCY STABILIZATION:	\$ 29,000
Archeological Excavation & Comprehensive Stabilization	21,000
Restoration based on Archeo-Historical data	150,000

3. Mailekini Heiau (PUHE 3)

Mailekini temple site was apparently constructed and used during prehistoric times. It is approximately 295 by 72 feet in ground plan. It was probably modified ca. 1812 by John Young and used as a fort, complete with gun emplacements. The site is fair to poorly preserved. EMERGENCY STABILIZATION IS NECESSARY.

Order of Significance: Second

Acreage: Less than 1



cont'd

Form 10-300a
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FEB 13 1974

NATIONAL
REGISTER

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Hawaii	
COUNTY Hawaii	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Number all entries) 7 Cont'd

Location: Halfway between Puukohola temple site and the ocean
155°49'33" W. Long., 20°01'49" N. Lat.

Recommended level of treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimates for above: EMERGENCY STABILIZATION \$ 21,000
Archeological Excavation & Comprehensive Stabilization 29,000

4. Hale-O-Kapuni Heiau (PUHE 4)

According to local legend, there was an "underwater heiau" dedicated to the shark god or shark gods, offshore directly in front of the Mailekini temple site, in about 6 to 10 feet of water. Its actual location has never been determined; local residents say it was covered over by the construction of the island as part of Kawaihae harbor development. Much research needs to be done in reference to this site.

Order of Significance: Second

Acreage: Less than 1

Location: (approximate) 155°49'47" W. Long., 20°01'52" N. Lat.

Recommended level of treatment: Preservation (after location)

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$10,000 underwater investigations

5. Puukohola Historic District

Within the proposed boundaries of the Park are numerous areas where historical or archeological work has not been done. For example, recent finds include some "rock drawings" in the wash between Puukohola temple site and the John Young Homesite. This entry is for archeological-historical surface and sub-surface investigations and/or excavations of known and unknown (unrecorded) archeological-historical resources, excluding classified structures separately identified within the district. This may also be construed as a portion of the "Development Concept Plan", which must be completed prior to development of construction (visitor use facilities) programs.

Order of Significance: First

Acreage: 76.57

Location: North corner 155°49'28" W. Long., 20°02'09" N. Lat.
West corner 155°49'47" W. Long., 20°01'53" N. Lat.
South corner 155°49'33" W. Long., 20°01'35" N. Lat.
East corner 155°49'12" W. Long., 20°01'50" N. Lat.

Recommended level of treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimates for above: \$20,000

PROPERTY BOUNDARY

Actual district boundary to coincide with National Historic Site boundary when established.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Hawaii	
COUNTY Hawaii	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Number all entries)

8 Cont'd

ancient socio-political religious system after the death of Kamehameha the Great.

9 Cont'd

3. Kamakau, Samuel Manaiakalani
1961 Ruling Chiefs of Hawaii. The Kamehameha School Press, Honolulu,
Hawaii.

