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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Hawaii	
COUNTY: Honolulu	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 16 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Kahaluu Taro Lo'i

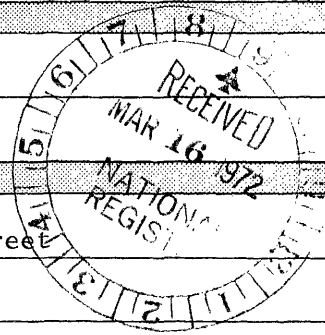
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
900 feet west of the west end of Hui Kelu Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Kahaluu

STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15 COUNTY: Honolulu CODE: 003



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 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>Unused</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Valley of the Temples Corp.

STREET AND NUMBER:
47-200 Kahekili Highway

CITY OR TOWN: Kahaluu STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Bureau of Conveyances, Department of Land and Natural Resources

STREET AND NUMBER:
465 S. King Street

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Statewide Inventory by the Hawaii Register of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: ongoing Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Hawaii Register of Historic Places

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input 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 Kahaluu taro lo'i (wet terraces) are located on Ahuimanu Stream and lie just under the pali of the Koolau Range. The site consists of a series of terraces or lo'i used in growing wet taro. A heavy cover today of hau, mango and guava makes it very difficult to accurately survey the entire system; however, it does include approximately 18 terraces and covers an area of ca. 25 acres. These terraces have a front facing of stacked local stone with these facings often reaching a height of 2 - 2.5 meters. Behind the facings is a flat of earth fill. In shape, the terraces are generally rectangular and have an average size of 5 x 10 meters. Both the facings and the terraces proper are in generally good condition except for the heavy vegetation cover noted above.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (x) pre-contact |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

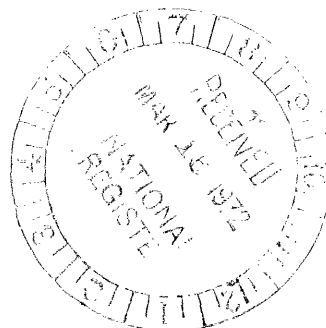
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This system is the largest series of intact wet taro terraces, lo'i, known on Oahu as well as among the most complex. In addition, these terraces stand alone as the best example of ancient Hawaiian expertise in this type of engineering. Despite the inroads of the vegetation cover noted, the facings of stacked stone remain in much the same good condition as they did when used for cultivating taro, a staple in the basic subsistence pattern of the Hawaiian. Heavy rainfall, 150" annually, and rather steeply sloping terrain notwithstanding, these terraces are neither washed away nor silted over; thus demonstrating still another facet of the expertise of the Hawaiians in conservation and flood/erosion control. Dates of use are not determinable at this time but could extend back into pre-contact times.

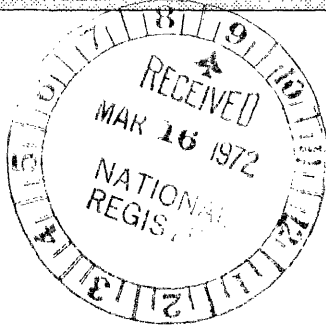
The nearness of the system to urban windward Oahu and the easy walk-in access over an abandoned jeep road make these terraces valuable as an interpretive unit to present the story of Hawaiian agricultural and engineering practices to the public.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None



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NO
4171

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	21° 26' 03"	157° 50' 32"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	21° 25' 58"	157° 50' 27"		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	21° 25' 52"	157° 50' 40"		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	21° 25' 55"	157° 50' 45"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 22

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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Jennifer Hunt Watts, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: **Hawaii Register of Historic Places** DATE: **9/29/71**

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12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Sunao Kido* Title: Chairman and Member Date: March 3, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert A. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/14/73

ATTEST: *W. Muntz*
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3.1.73

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2. Location

.3 miles NE of the North end of Kahuku Airport Road

