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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

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GREENWELL STORE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

H-1000

CITY, TOWN

NONE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Kealahoukua

VICINITY OF

2nd

CODE

15

COUNTY

Hawaii

CODE

001

Hawaii

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jack B. Greenwell et al

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 238

CITY, TOWN

Kealahoukua

VICINITY OF

STATE

Hawaii

96750

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bureau of Conveyances

STREET & NUMBER

1151 Punchbowl Street

CITY, TOWN

Honolulu

STATE

Hawaii

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Hawaii Register of Historic Places #10-37-7243

DATE

January 1974

FEDERAL  STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Honolulu

STATE

Hawaii

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structure itself is a rectangular plan about 25 feet by 55 feet with a basement, first floor and attic. It is located on a steep cross-slope lot with a main entrance verandah across the end facing the highway below. It is surrounded by open, overgrown pastures. Exterior walls are solid fieldstone, 24 inches thick below and 21 inches above on the first floor. The stone is rough cut into irregular blocks and is laid up in irregular courses with wide mortar joints, achieving an unusually picturesque pattern. Interior construction is timber framing with a steep open gable roof. The original slate roof is now covered with corrugated iron and has narrow eaves.

The full basement is completely above ground on one long side and rear end where there is an entrance door at grade. It has earth floor, 7 foot open ceiling and 2 rows of 6 inch 'ohi'a<sup>1</sup> posts with 6 inch by 6 inch beams supporting the first floor joists. The first floor is a single open space with a wood floor and 2 inch by 12 inch joists spanning the full 24 foot width to carry the attic floor above.

There is a narrow steep wood ladder-type stairs to attic. The attic is a single open space under the sloping roof with a wood floor and open rafters. Single windows are located in the gable at each end.

Windows on the main floor are single wood casements in thick wood frames set into the stone walls. Basement windows are small open grilled vents. The main feature is the entrance verandah facing a steep side road leading up from the highway. It is an open 3 bay porch with stone base and steps, wood rail and posts and full wood-planked gable end above.

On the main entrance is a pair of vertical plank doors. There is also a side entrance on the upper slope with stone steps and a single plank door.

Architecturally, this is an especially interesting construction. It is picturesquely fitted into its sloping site, well-proportioned and unadorned, depending on its straightforward structural components, skillfully handled for its quality.

<sup>1</sup> 'ohi'a: a native hardwood, *metrosideros macropus*, *M. collina*

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	c. 1851 construction	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Nicolas Greenwell
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Greenwell store of Kona built in c. 1851 originally served as a store and post office. Nicholas Greenwell, the store's builder, also served as the area's postmaster as well as the area's general merchandiser. The building is the only commercial structure from this period left in Kona. It displays a unique commercial use of mortar and fieldstone. The building is still owned and maintained by Greenwell heirs.

H. Nicholas Greenwell was born in England in 1826. He sold his commission in the Army at age 23 and left for Australia to make a new start where he bought a sheep station. In 1849 he sailed to California in search for gold. He then came to Hawaii and worked in Kailua. In 1867 Mr. Greenwell returned to England to visit his family and on his way back to Hawaii stopped in the Caribbean. On the island of Monsarrat he met his bride Elizabeth Caroline Hall. They returned to Hawaii together, bringing a new variety of oranges found in Brazil. Nicholas Greenwell is remembered for his cultivation of navel oranges which he exported, and his buying and selling of sheep skins which he did through his store. He also became involved with dairies in the 1880's and later began extensive ranching. He and his wife had eleven children.

After serving community interests, the building was later used by the Greenwell ranch. It was turned into a ranch warehouse. In c. 1959 the interior was altered and the exterior portice and porch were added. The building's original slate roof was replaced with corrugated iron at that time. Plans are presently underway to donate the building to the Kona Historical Society, to be used as a general headquarters.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Greenwell family records and interviews with Amy and Norman Greenwell (1974).

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B 

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Greenwell Store is located on a one acre rectangular lot in Kealahou town bounded by Mamalahoa Highway on the west side, Youth With A Mission facility on the east side, Kona Meat Market on the north side and Greenwell Ranch pastures on the south side.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John C. Wright

ORGANIZATION

Bishop Museum

STREET & NUMBER

1355 Kalihi Street

CITY OR TOWN

Honolulu

DATE

January 19, 1974

TELEPHONE

847-1443

STATE

Hawaii

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

January 20, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST *Wayne Cole*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5-22-78  
DATE 5-5-78

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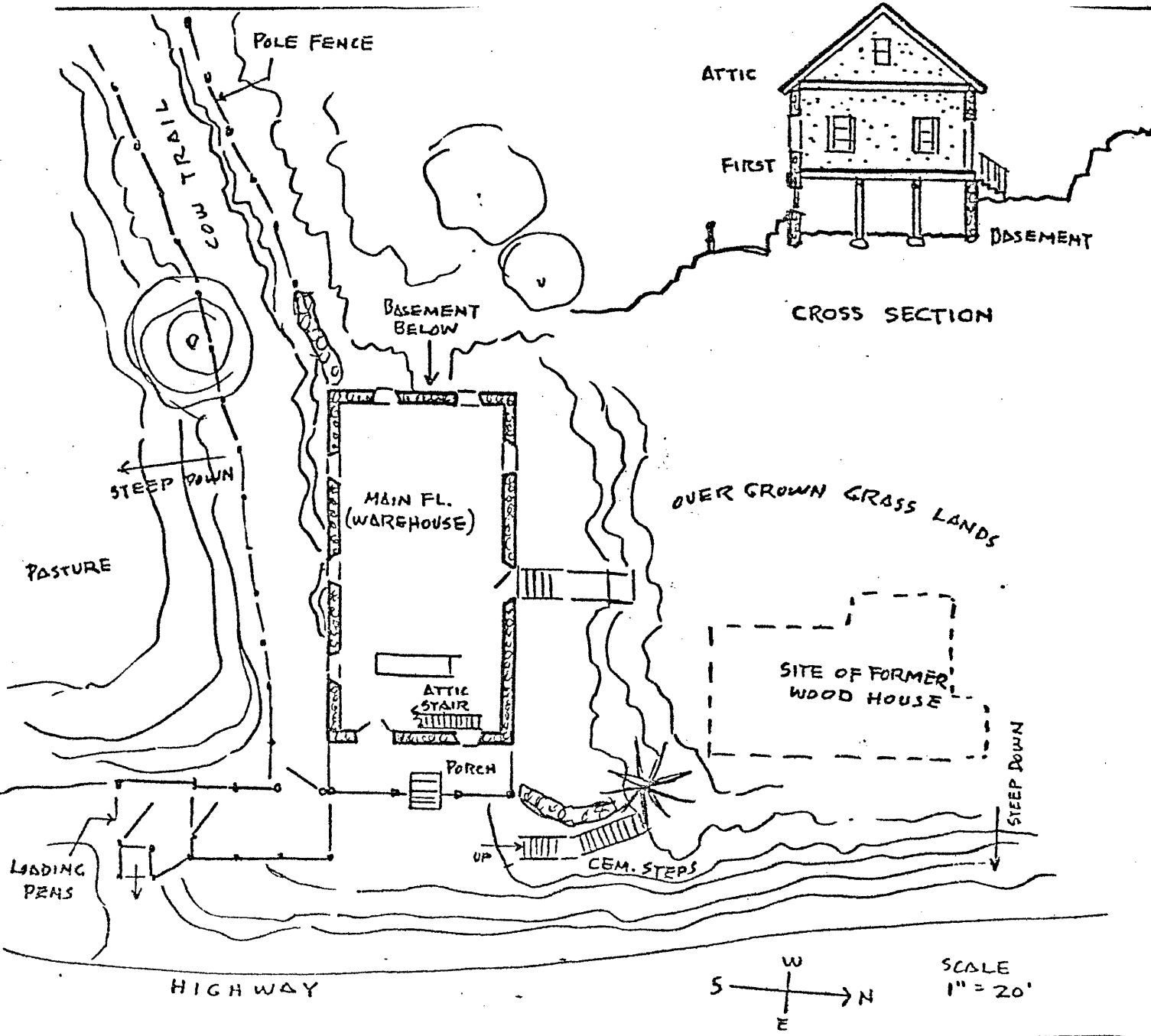
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THE OLD GREENWELL STORE  
KEALOKEKUA • SOUTH KONA, HAWAII