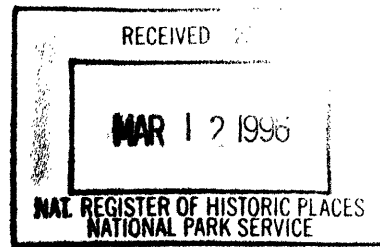


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Yamase Building

other names/site number Site #30-05-9318

2. Location

street & number 4493 Moana Road not for publication

city or town Waimea vicinity

state Hawaii code HI county Kauai code 007 zip code 96796

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

2/29/96

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the
National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the
National Register

removed from the National
Register

other (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall

4.12.96

National Register of
Historic Places

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Non contributing
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE
 DOMESTIC

Sub: department store
 single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE
 DOMESTIC

Sub: specialty store
 single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

 OTHER - Vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete Footings

roof wood shingle

walls wood vertical boards

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or a grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

 A. Commerce

 C. Architecture

Period of Significance

 c. 1921 - 1945

Significant Dates

 c. 1921, 1928

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

 Murakama

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre

UTM References Old Hawaiian Datum, International 1909 Spheroid

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>04</u>	<u>430640</u>	<u>2428440</u>	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendell Nunes, owner

organization _____ date August, 1995

street & number 6089 Lokomaikai Place telephone (808)822-1910

city or town Kapaa state Hawaii zip code 96746

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Wendell and Josephine Nunes

street & number 6089 Lokomaikai Place telephone (808) 822-1910

city or town Kapaa state HI zip code 96746

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CONTINUATION SHEET**

Section 7 Page 1 Yamase Building Kauai County, Hawaii
name of property county and State

The Yamase Building is a two-story, wood frame, tongue-and-groove structure built on a corner lot along the main thoroughfare of Waimea, a small town in West Kauai. The form of the building follows the curvature of the corner, creating a rounded two-story block, topped by a rectangular wood shingle gable roof with small hip ends, cantilevering approximately 20 feet from the first floor supporting wall at the corner. The tongue-and-groove gable end walls feature wood louvered vents.

The balcony of the first floor follows the rounded form and is cantilevered approximately 6 feet from the first floor forming a protective awning over the commercial first floor. Thin wood posts and railing are suspended from the large roof overhang supporting the wood planked balcony. The balcony provides exterior circulation space in the same manner as the verandah of a Japanese home. Although the interior configuration has changed, it remains in residential use and the exterior six-over-six windows and paned sliding doors reminiscent of Japanese shoji doors have been replaced with similar.

The commercial level features two over two double hung windows and double doors to two different commercial spaces. The building has experienced floods and hurricanes and general termite damage. The most recent hurricane, Hurricane Iniki in 1992, caused the destruction of an old side addition to the Yamase building seen in a 1924 photograph which was used as a barber shop. Also since the hurricane, many repairs and new structural requirements were added to the building on the interior, such as double wall construction. The exterior remains largely intact on the public corner of the building and its most crucial character-defining elements have been retained. There are no other additions, and the only alterations are the ones mentioned above which do not compromise the integrity of the building.

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Section 8 Page 1

Yamase Building
name of property

Kauai County, Hawaii
county and State

The Yamase Building is significant as a very distinctive representative of commercial architecture in rural Hawaii and for its unique structural characteristics, unlike any other building in Hawaii. Masonry buildings often used the curve corner form for commercial buildings and there are a few buildings in Hawaii that do express the curve corner, but it is most unusual to have the rectangular gable roof cantilevered over the building since most commercial buildings of this vintage were built in the false-front style common throughout the United States. The building displays strong ties with the Japanese in its form and use of balconies. It is also significant for its association with the development of commerce in Waimea town and the success of immigrants in Hawaii.

Historical Background

The Yamase building, was constructed circa 1921 by an itinerant Japanese temple builder named Murukama. It was owned by Seiichi Yamase, one of six children, who was the second generation of their ancestors raised on Kauai. His two brothers Toichi and Manji came from Japan and operated a tailor shop next door to the Yamase building. Seiichi later returned to Japan and sold this property to his brother Kinjo Yamase for one dollar with the stipulation that if Kinjo wished, at a later time, to sell the land, he must give first priority for purchase to his brothers. It was first used as a Japanese Bank called the Sumitomo Bank. A 1924 photograph shows how it appeared as a bank.

For many years, the bottom floor was used for various commercial purposes such as a shoe store, barber shop, liquor store, and curio shop. The top floor was utilized as a residence as was common practice throughout the islands and the United States until the development of shopping malls.

Waimea town in the early 1900s was a prosperous town with the nearby port and sugar mills providing a great deal of commerce. After experiencing the 1960s and 70s decline of the small town, Waimea town has lost many buildings to neglect and natural disasters, but is beginning its revitalization with the help of the Main Street program. The Yamase building remains standing as a landmark in the area, symbolic of this family who migrated from Japan to establish themselves in a foreign land.

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Section 8 Page 2

Yamase Building
name of property

Kauai County, Hawaii
county and State

The building was often victim of floods due to its proximity to the ocean and two extremely damaging hurricanes. In 1983, Hurricane `Iwa damaged much of Kauai and the building sustained some damage, but in 1992, Hurricane `Iniki destroyed many more buildings and much of the landscape of Kauai. As testimony to its superior craftsmanship, the Yamase Building is one of the few historic buildings left standing in the area. However, damage was considerable and a few structural engineers had recommended its demolition. Thanks to the support of the community and Kauai County, an owner who was interested in the preservation of this Waimea landmark was found and the badly damaged building repaired.

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Section 9,10 Page 1 Yamase Building Kauai County, Hawaii
name of property county and State

9. Bibliography

Information sources:

Bayot, Edna Badua

Kojiri, Shizuyo Yamase

Kojiri, Tsutomu

Okino, Bernice Masaki

Yamahiro, Noburu

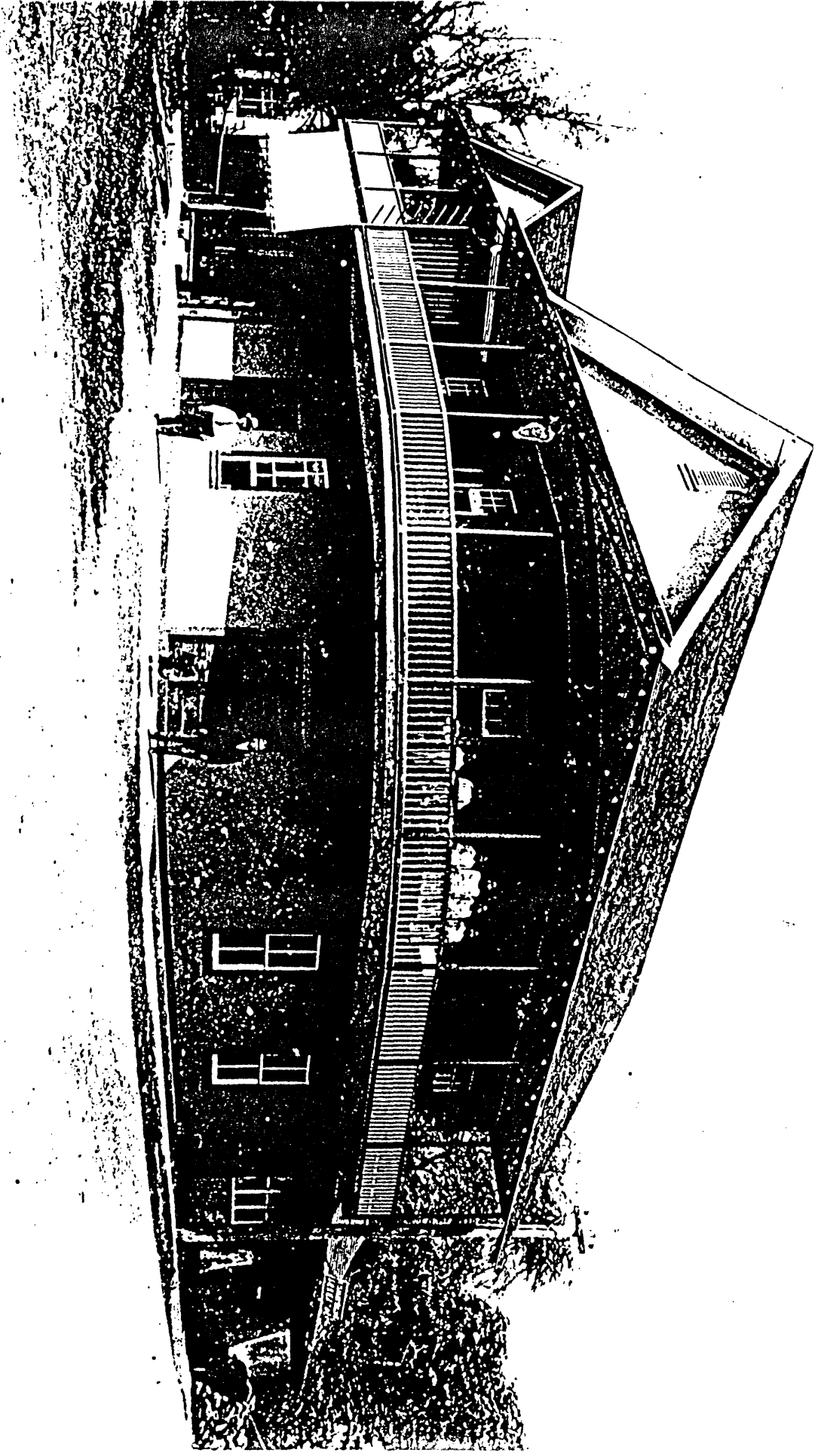
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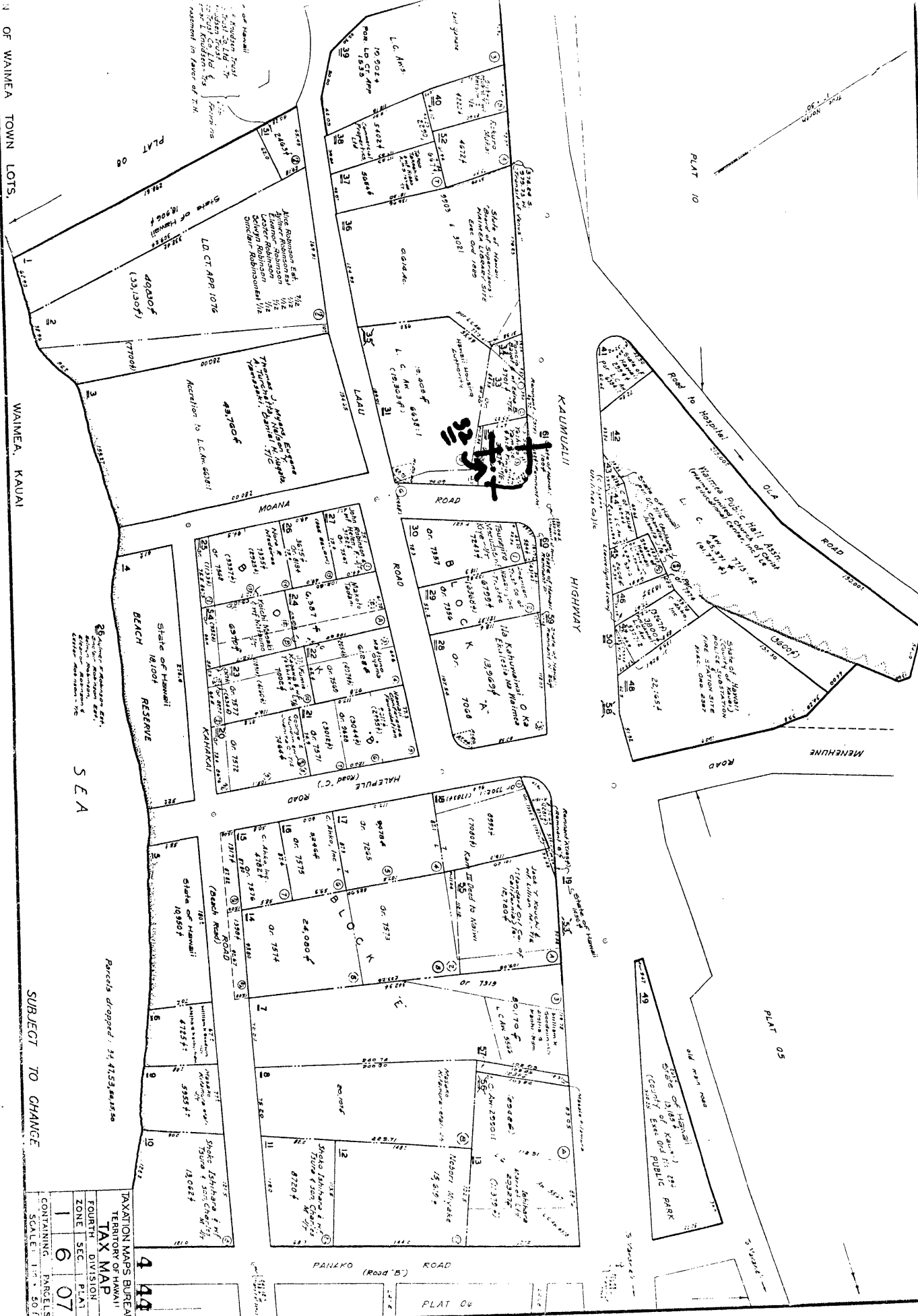
This nomination includes all the property owned by the Wendell and Josephine Nunes in 1995 located at a portion of TMK: 1-6-007:032 on the island of Kauai.

Boundary Justification

This is the boundary historically associated with the building which remains intact.

PHOTO "A" - photo label in the back indicates photo taken in 1924, when building was used as Sumitomo bank.





OF WAIMEA TOWN LOTS.

WAIMEA, KAUAI

SEA

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TAXATION MAPS BUREAU			
TERRITORY OF HAWAII			
TAX MAP			
FOURTH DIVISION	PLAT		
ZONE	SEC.		
1	6	07	
CONTAINING PARCELS			
SCALE 1" = 50 FT.			

Parcels dropped: 34 4153, 4453, 4454

State of Hawaii
Public Health Station
County Substation
Public Park

State of Hawaii
Beach Reserve
18,100 f

State of Hawaii
LD CT APP. 1076
40,000 f
(33,130 f)
(7700 f)

MOANA ROAD

HALEPULE ROAD (Road C)

PANIKO ROAD (Road B)

KAUNAHU HIGHWAY

MENEHUNE ROAD

ROAD to Hospital

ROAD to Hospital

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