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1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

February 28, 2011

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This property has been automatically entered in the National Register of Historic Places. This is due to the fact that the publication of our Federal Register Notice: "National Register of Historic Places: Pending Nominations and Other Actions" was delayed beyond our control to the point where the mandated 15 day public comment period ended after our required 45 day time frame to act on the nomination. If the 45th day falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, the property will be automatically listed the next business day. The nomination is technically adequate and meets the National Register criteria for evaluation, and thus, automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. 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 certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

Historic name Herbert Austin Truslow Residence House

Other names/site number Ellen G. Lyman Residence

2. Location

street & number 52 Halaulani Place

☐ not for publication

city or town Hilo

☐ vicinity

State Hawaii code HI county Hawaii code 001 zip code 96720

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 at the following level(s) of significance:

☐ national ☐ statewide ☒ local

[Signature]

Signature of certifying official

Date

12/29/10

Administrative

Title

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official

Date

Title

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

☐ determined eligible for the National Register

☐ determined not eligible for the National Register

☐ removed from the National Register

☐ other (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall 2-28-11

Herbert Truslow Residence
Name of Property

Hawaii

County of Hawaii, Hawaii
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	private

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
	sites
	structures
	Objects
	buildings
1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Halaulani Place

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

domestic

single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

domestic

single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th, Early 20th Century Movements

Bungalow

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation: post and pier

walls: wood: 8" clapboard

roof: corrugated metal

other:

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Truslow residence sits on a sloping 29, 867 square foot lot below the grade of Halaulani Place, landscaped with a spacious lawn dotted with areca palms and other tropical plants including Hawaiian tree ferns, crotons, and pygmy date palms. The house overlooks Pukihae stream, which forms the southern boundary of the property. The bungalow style house is distinguished by an octagonal sitting room at its northeast corner and an outset lanai running across the remainder of the façade. Two other lanai are on its east side. Its red corrugated metal hipped roof is broken numerous times: by the octagonal sitting room roof, the flat roof of the front lanai, intersecting side hip roofs and a right rear intersecting clipped gable roof, making for an irregular, picturesque composition. The rear, lateral running, intersecting gable roof has figure four brackets and a square, louvered ventilator in its gable end.

Narrative Description

The house sits on a lava rock post and pier foundation, with the 18' x 22', wrap around front lanai sitting on a lava rock base. The front lanai's crawl space is ventilated by round arched openings with vertical wood slats. A diamond pattern lattice apron covers the foundations on the sides of the house. The walls of the house are of 8" clapboard and pairs of eight lite casement windows are used throughout the house for light and ventilation.

Five concrete steps approach the house from the west side and lead up to the 9' wide front lanai. The lanai has a wood floor and is sheltered by a flat roof, which is supported by sets of three square columns that sit on lava rock piers. A simple balustrade with 2" x 2" balusters runs between the piers. The flat roof has overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. Its supporting beams have been decoratively carved with a demi-elliptic opening cut into their ends. Two sets of glass double doors, each with twelve panes, access the living room. The living room has a coffered ceiling, fir floor, and masonite walls with a 4' high, board and batten wainscot. Three flat arched openings with shallow pediments, open the living room onto the octagonal shaped sitting room, the central hall, and the dining room. Each of the octagonal sitting room's walls is 6' long and features a pair of casement windows. Two sets of double doors in the living room's east wall, similar to those on the front lanai, open onto an inset, 9' x 16' side lanai which is finished similar to the front lanai.

The dining room features a pair of green mottled glass, craftsman style, wood box lights suspended from the ceiling. It also has on its side wall a built-in sideboard. Its walls, ceiling, and floor are the same as the living room. Along the rear wall of the dining room the wainscot rises to the height of 6' and culminates in a dish rail. Three doors are in the rear wall of the dining room: a five panel hinged door leads into a breakfast room, a twelve lite, hinged door leads to a small rear lanai, and a five panel swinging, with a slit for the servants to look into the dining room, leads into a butler's pantry.

The diminutive, 5' x 11', inset rear lanai is appointed in a manner similar to the other lanai. The breakfast nook has an 8' high, board and batten, paneled dado with masonite walls above. A rear door leads to the kitchen, and a more recent pass through with a koa countertop has been made to connect it to the butler's pantry. Two, single pane, fixed windows are above the pass through. The butler's pantry has original cabinetry, beaded tongue and groove walls and ceiling and its rear door also leads to the kitchen. The kitchen has been remodeled, but retains its original cabinetry with its glass doors in the wall cabinets, and also its beaded tongue and groove ceiling. A stairway leads down to a 1,340 square foot finished basement of modern vintage, which has two bedrooms and a bath.

On the west side of the house are three bedrooms and two baths, connected by a central hall. The hall has a 4' high board and batten wainscot, and its walls and ceiling are composed of masonite. The two bathrooms, one off the rear bedroom, and the other accessed from the hall, have been remodeled; however each retain their original laundry chutes. The bedrooms have been remodeled, but retain their fenestration and the rear bedroom has its original walk-in closet with beaded tongue and groove walls. They retain their five panel doors and brass door knobs.

To the right rear of the house is a free standing garage which follows the design of the house, but is of recent construction.

The major public spaces of the house remain in excellent condition and are intact. The alterations that have transpired occur in less public areas, and are sensitively handled allowing the house to retain its strong sense of integrity.

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 grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Community planning and development

Period of Significance

1920-1959

Significant Dates

1920

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)

Ellen G. Lyman

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance commences with the construction of the house and concludes in 1959 in accordance with national register guidelines.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

NA

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria)

The Truslow/Lyman residence is significant at the local level for its associations with the development of Halaulani Place as well as the development of Hilo as described in the Multiple Property nomination Halaulani Place, 1917-1960. It was one of the first five houses constructed on Halaulani Place and is associated with the Security Trust Company's vice president H. A. Truslow. In addition, it is architecturally significant as a good example of a bungalow constructed in Hawaii in the 1920s. The property is also significant for its associations with Ellen G. Lyman.

Narrative Statement of Significance (provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance)

The Truslow/Lyman residence is significant for its architecture as a good example of a bungalow constructed in Hawaii during the period 1913-1920. The large house is typical of bungalows built in Hawaii in the period between 1913-1920 in that it sits under a hipped roof and incorporates lava rock in its porch elements, as well as its foundation. Its front octagonal sitting room is distinctive providing the residence with an asymmetry and modulation usually associated with the Queen Anne revival style of the late nineteenth century, but is known to have appeared in several bungalows in Honolulu, including the Leroy Bush residence in Kaimuki, as well as the sun room in the Spanish mission revival style Kin Lum residence, also in Kaimuki. The presence of two side lanai, off the living room and dining room also deviates from standard bungalow plans, and most likely is a Hawaii adaptation which not only allowed for outdoor living opportunities, but also afforded ocean views, which now have been obscured by tall trees. In addition, its craftsman style, mottled glass lights suspended from the dining room ceiling were reputedly made at the Hilo Boarding School, and are a rare decorative element in Hawaii houses. The remainder of the interior, with its coffered ceilings, use of beaded tongue and groove, built-in sideboard, and floor plan are all typical of its period.

The house is also significant for its associations with Ellen Lyman. Ellen G. Lyman was the daughter of Frederick and Isabella Lyman, and the sister of Levi Lyman, who resided next door to her on Halaulani Place. Lyman was born in Hilo in 1861, and was educated at Oahu College (now known as Punahou High School) and the Rockford Seminary in Illinois. Upon graduation she returned to Hilo and accepted a position teaching at the Hilo Boarding School, an institution founded by her paternal grandfather, missionary David Lyman in 1836, and over which her father presided for thirty four years as president of the board of trustees. She died in April 1940.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

The house was built for Herbert Austin Truslow, who at the time of its construction was treasurer and general manager of the Security Trust Company. Truslow was born in Tennessee in 1890, and came to Hawaii in 1911 to work as an accountant for Parker Ranch. In 1912 he relocated to Hilo, where he was employed by the Hilo Breakwater Company as an accountant. He subsequently worked as a cashier for the First Bank of Hilo in Kealahou and then the People's Bank in Hilo, rising to the position of vice president with the latter institution in 1921. He also served as treasurer and general manager for the Security Trust Company, and in 1921 assumed the positions of vice president and general manager for that company as well as the bank.

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When the People's Bank failed, and the Security Trust Company became insolvent, his dwelling was sold at auction to the Lyman family in 1922. Miss Lyman lived in this house until her death in 1940.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

"Ellen G. Lyman Dies in Hilo," *Honolulu Advertiser*, April 29, 1940, page 1.

Polk's City Directories for Hawaii, 1921-1940

Siddall, John William, *Men of Hawaii*, Honolulu: Honolulu Star Bulletin, 1921, page 387.

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

☐ State Historic Preservation Office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other
Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

This nomination includes the lands owned by Don Curry and Patricia Lewis in 2009 as described by Tax Map Key 2-6-006: 007.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

This is the property historically associated with the Truslow/Lyman Residence.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A full-scale 7.5 minute USGS map with property location indicated is included.
- **Photograph(s):** A b/w photo meeting National Register photo submission requirements is included, along with a cd-rom containing a TIFF file of the photo.
- **Photographic Key:** A photo key with direction of view of residence indicated is attached.
- **Additional items:** A PDF copy of this entire National Register of Historic Places Registration Form is also included, located on the cd-rom containing the Photo TIFF file.

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Photo Key: Herbert Truslow Residence



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 11000060 Date Listed: 2/28/2011

<u>Truslow, Herbert Austin, House</u>	<u>Hawaii</u>	<u>HI</u>
Property Name	County	State

Halaulani Place, 1917-1960 MPS

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

2/28/11
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Certification:

The documentation was submitted by the nominating authority as a "nomination" that "meets" the National Register Criteria.
[The certification blocks on the nomination form were inadvertently left blank and have now been corrected.]

Significance:

Criterion B is deleted from the nomination, as is *Ellen G. Lyman* as a Significant Person. [While Lyman appears to have been local professional, the nomination provides insufficient context with which to understand the relative significance of her contributions, or the existence of other properties that may be associated with her active career. In order to establish significance under Criterion B it is necessary to apply a comparative analysis to help evaluate the relative importance of the individual and the single property most representative of that persons contributions during his or her productive life (in this case that might include other homes, offices, and social institutions).]

These clarifications were confirmed with the Hawaii SHPO office.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Truslow, Herbert Austin, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Halaulani Place, 1917-1960 MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: HAWAII, Hawaii

DATE RECEIVED: 1/13/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/28/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 11000060

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 2.28.11 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The property is locally significant under National Register Criteria A and C in the areas of Community Planning & Development and Architecture. The handsome early, twentieth-century design was a significant component of the successful Halaulani Place sub-development and reflects the growing prosperity of twentieth-century Hilo.

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



NAME OF PROPERTY: Herbert Truslow Residence
CITY OR VICINITY: Hilo
COUNTY: Hawaii
STATE: HI
NAME OF PHOTOGRAPHER: Don Hibbard
DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH: February 17, 2009
LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DIGITAL FILE: 119 Merchant St.,
#501, Honolulu, HI 96813
DESCRIPTION OF VIEW: North facade, camera
facing southeast.
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS: Photo #1 of 1

