

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Dr. Archibald Neil Sinclair <sup>House</sup> Residence

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2725 Terrace Drive (mailing address) or  
2726 Hillside Avenue not for publication

city, town Honolulu vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Hawaii code 15 county Honolulu code 03

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Roger White, M.D./Irene Saikevych, M.D. (husband & wife)

street & number 2725 Terrace Drive

city, town Honolulu vicinity of state Hawaii

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bureau of Conveyances, State of Hawaii

street & number 1151 Punchbowl Street

city, town Honolulu state Hawaii

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

#80-14-1358  
title State Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Department of Land and Natural Resources

city, town Honolulu state Hawaii

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Dr. Sinclair residence sits on a hill, Puu Pueo (literally Owl's Hill), which in Hawaiian legend was the home of an owl who three times rescued/resurrected a Manoa beauty, Kahala O Puna, who had been killed three times by her jealous husband. The house stands near the rear of its 13,405 square foot lot, and has a large, sloping lawn in front. It commands a wide and unobstructed view, that encompasses Diamond Head, most of Manoa valley and other parts of Honolulu.

Buildings on the property include a main house (a private residence), a detached, separate maid's quarters/garage, and a more recent, detached, underground bombshelter. The house fronts on Hillside Avenue, while its rear and garage are situated on Terrace Drive.

The buildings are of the Colonial Revival Style. The main house measures 2811 sq. ft., the maid's quarters 240 sq. ft. The main house consists of two stories, built upon a foundation of lavarock and redwood piles. The house is of wood frame construction, with horizontal lap siding, and with wide wood trim about windows and doors. Most of the wood used appears to be redwood. Most of the windows are 8 x 1, double-hung sash; the windows on the verandah are sliding, with similar glass panes; the doors are glass-paned also. The main house has two main entrances, roughly on the east and west sides, with two covered porches flanked by Doric columns. The east entrance has a large verandah, partly enclosed with windows, which wraps around a portion of the south side of the house. In the 1930s or 1940s, the verandah was divided into two spaces to make the section on the south side a separate room (den) with a bathroom and closet. The remainder of the first floor consists of a foyer off the west entrance with steps leading into a large dining room-living room area, which in turn opens into a library with built-in gas fireplace of brick. Doric columns delineate the three areas but do not close them off, giving an openness to the space. The living-dining-library area has 12 foot ceilings with painted wood molding/trim along the walls--two feet wide along the ceiling, three feet wide off the floor, with intervening flat columns (pilasters). Three brass chandeliers and two brass wall lights are original, having been refinished. Likewise, there are numerous other fixtures (glass doorknobs, beveled mirrors, other lighting fixtures, etc.) here and throughout the house which are original. There are built-in leaded glass cabinets in the library and buffet and china cabinet in the dining room. The floors are of pine. French doors lead from the dining room to the den. There is a swinging door from the dining room into the butler's pantry, which has built-in wood and glass-paned cabinets and wet bar. The pantry connects with the kitchen, which has a wood cabinet and "cooler" area; an enclosed porch leads off the kitchen and has a separate outside entrance. There is a small half bathroom off the foyer also. The upstairs consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and numerous built-in cabinets. A large balcony above the verandah with entrances from 2 bedrooms, is present on the east and south sides of the house. A dressing room off the master bedroom was converted sometime

## 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"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) medicine, history of
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

**Specific dates** 1917 **Builder/Architect** Emory & Webb

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Dr. Sinclair residence is significant in the history of medicine for its associations with Dr. Sinclair and in architecture as an example of a typical architect-designed colonial revival residence in Hawaii built during the second decade of the twentieth century.

The house was built for Dr. Archibald Neil Sinclair, who resided here until his death in the early 1930s. His daughter lived here until 1982. Dr. Sinclair was a prominent physician in Hawaii at the beginning of the century. He came to Hawaii as a small boy, his family having moved here from New York so that his father could supervise the construction of Iolani Palace. The boy attended Punahou and received his medical degree in 1894 from Glasgow University in Scotland. After practicing medicine in England for several years, he returned to Hawaii. In 1900 he was appointed director of the Leahi Home (now Leahi Hospital). Also from 1901–1909, he served as city physician for Honolulu and between 1900–1919 he was associated with the United States Public Health Service. He also maintained a private practice.

Dr. Sinclair specialized in bacteriology, immunology, and pulmonary diseases, and had a local and national reputation as a specialist in tuberculosis. He wrote a number of significant scientific articles for leading medical journals, and for his work he was elected to the prestigious American College of Physicians, the American Association of Immunologists, the American Congress of Medicine, the American Association of Bacteriologists, amongst other medical societies. The Sinclair Society, consisting of pulmonary specialists, is named for him.

The dwelling was built at a time of expansion of the main city of Honolulu to the "suburbs," of which Manoa was one. Thus it is associated with the history of the development of this section of Honolulu. The house itself, is a good example of Hawaii's Colonial Revival style houses of the period with its extensive use of columns both on the interior and exterior, its outdoor spaces in the form of verandahs and balconies, and the large, open interior spaces. The house was designed by the firm of Emory and Webb, one of the leading architectural firms in the Territory during this period. This firm was responsible for the design of a number of important buildings including the Campbell Block, the Advertiser Building, the Blaisdell Hotel, Hawaii Theater (NR), and the Honpa Hongwanji (NR).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

- Place Names of Oahu, Pukui, Elbert, Mookini, eds., U of HI Press, Honolulu, HI, 1974.
- Original Blueprints
- The Builders of Hawaii, ed. by Nellist, George, Honolulu Star-Bulletin Ltd. Honolulu, HI, 1925.
- Men of Hawaii, vol. 1 & 4, eds., Siddall, J., & Nellist, George, Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Ltd., Territory of Hawaii, 1917 & 1930.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 13,405 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Honolulu

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

This nomination includes all the property described by Tax Map Key 2-9-15: 23 in 1983.

### 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 Irene Saikeyych, M.D.

organization University of Hawaii

date April 20, 1983

bus. Biomed Bldg. 1960 East-West Rd. bus. 948-8860 or -7437

street & number home: 2725 Terrace Drive telephone home 988-2246

city or town Honolulu

state Hawaii 96822

## 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

date

SEP - 8 1983

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date

10/13/83

  
Keeper of the National Register

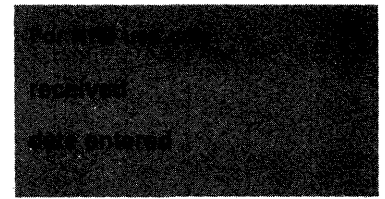
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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during the 30-40s into a bathroom. The other bathroom has wood cabinets and a claw-foot tub. The gabled roof, with wide overhanging eaves, is of moderate pitch, with asphalt shingles.

The maid's quarters/garage is of board/batten construction with vertical wood siding and consists of a living room, bathroom, and kitchen, with wood floors.

There have been no major alterations or additions.