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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Thomas Alexander Burningham Residence

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 2849 Pali Highway  not for publication  
city, town Honolulu  vicinity  
state Hawaii code HI county Honolulu code 03 zip code 96817

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

John P. Kappeler 8.27.93  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Land & Natural Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Autawicki Deo 10/13/93  
 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DomesticSingle Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DomesticSingle Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th CenturyAmerican MovementsBungalow/Craftsman

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Stone and stuccoroof Composition Shingleother NA

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

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The Thomas Alexander Burningham residence is a single story, three bedroom bungalow with a flaired hipped roof of composition shingle. The rectangular shaped house is situated on a landscaped lot immediately adjacent to and overlooking the Pali Highway.

The house sits on a raised and battered lava rock foundation and has stucco walls. The stucco is textured with bits of lava rock. An inset, left corner lanai dominates the facade with its battered lava rock piers. Eleven concrete steps lead up to the lanai, which has a concrete floor and a board and batten ceiling with three large "beams". Three lights rendered in a Chinese mode provide illumination. A double set of bi-folding doors open from the lanai into the living room, and a single door leads to a front bedroom to the right of the lanai. The bi-folding doors have their original hardware and beveled glass windows from France. A leaded glass Wyatt window with transoms above looks out on the lanai from the living room. The leaded glass, which was produced in Australia, is in a floral pattern and includes the Burningham family crest. A similar window is located on the left hand wall of the living room and overlooks the Pali Highway.

The 21' 9" x 30' 6" living room has a coffered ceiling, rough finish plaster walls, and parquet oak floors. Two large Chinese style lights hang from the ceiling. A fireplace of glazed brick from Australia dominates the rear wall and has matching brass implements. A beveled mirror surmounts the fireplace. A built-in shelf is located under the Wyatt window on the left wall. A dish rail runs along the right wall and is also present in the corners of the room.

A short hallway at the right rear of the living room leads to the pantry and kitchen. A sliding door separates the living room and hall. The hall's floors feature parquetry. A built-in linen press is at the end of the hall, and a swinging door leads from the hall into the pantry. Both the pantry and kitchen were remodeled in the 1950s, although their board and batten walls remain. Off the right side of the kitchen is a rear, enclosed porch.

A bedroom is to the right and another to the rear of the living room. Both screen and solid doors separate these rooms from the living room. The rear, master bedroom has a dressing room and bath. The right side bedroom and the front bedroom off the lanai share a bath. The bedrooms all have parquet floors and the two on the right side of the house also have picture rails. The bedroom windows are paired casement with five light transoms. The bathroom walls are board and batten with plaster above. The bathrooms have their original tubs and sinks and in the masterbath is a built-in medicine cabinet with a beveled mirror.

The house has a basement and a central vacuum system. There have been no additions or major alterations.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
Architecture

Period of Significance  
1910 - 1938

Significant Dates  
1910

Cultural Affiliation  
NA

Significant Person  
NA

Architect/Builder  
Thomas Gill

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Thomas Alexander Burningham residence is architecturally significant as a good example of a house built in the bungalow style in Hawaii. Constructed in 1910, the house is a fairly early example of the style in the State. It is typical of the earlier bungalows with its hipped, rather than gable, roof, and use of stone and stucco siding, which differentiate it from most of the 1920s examples.

The house is one of the more substantial examples of this style for its period and exhibits a high level of craftsmanship and attention to detail. It displays a strong arts and crafts character with its use of natural materials, not only the lava rock in the foundation and battered piers, but also in the use of lava rock to texture the stucco. Other arts and crafts features displaying high attention to materials and craftsmanship include the parquetry, built-in furniture, glazed brick fire place, and leaded stained glass windows. In addition the central vacuum system is consistent with the attitude of convenient living which was associated with the bungalow.

Other features make the house typical for its period in Hawaii. These include the use of screen doors on the bedrooms, the bi-fold double door entry which quite literally opened the living room to the outdoors, and the use of Chinese lights which had been acquired in travels to the Orient. It is also one of the earliest houses to use local lava rock in more than a utilitarian manner, and the use of it in the stucco is innovative and quite rare. The stone for the house derived from the Oahu Country Club site, which was being developed contemporaneously with the house.

The house was designed by Thomas Gill, who practiced architecture in Hawaii from 1899-1941. His was primarily a residential practice and his career has not been well documented to date. Born in Brooklyn in 1870, he studied at Brooklyn Polytechnic and Pratt Institute. In 1892 he commenced his architectural career in the office of Walbridge & Walbridge of Brooklyn. He also practiced in Bellingham, Washington before arriving in Honolulu on December 9, 1898 at the conclusion of a world tour. In Honolulu he first worked in the office of H.L. Kerr, and established his own office in 1903. He designed the Oahu Country Club, of which he was a founding member.

The current occupant of the house, George L. Burningham, has lived in it since 1919, when, at the age of 8 he went to live with his uncle, Thomas. He inherited the property following his uncle's death. Thomas Burningham was employed as a salesman and clerk for a number of Honolulu companies including E.O. Hall & Sons, Vonn-Hamm Young, Castle & Cooke and Honolulu Iron Works, and later worked with the Interisland Steam Navigation Company as a purser. His nephew also worked for the Interisland Steam Navigation Company.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Interview with George L. Burningham  
Original blueprints in possession of owner  
City directories

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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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

This nomination includes all the property owned in 1988 by George L. Burningham Trust as described by Tax Map Key 2-2-34:40 and 41

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Boundary Justification

This is the portion of the historic property which retains its integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title George L. Burningham

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date August 1, 1988

street & number 2849 Pali Highway telephone 595-3044

city or town Honolulu state HI zip code 96817

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93001029

Date Listed: 10/13/93

Thomas Alexander Burningham House  
Property Name

Honolulu  
County

HI  
State

N/A  
Multiple Name

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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.

*Antoinette J. Gee*  
*for* Signature of the Keeper

10/14/93  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: The Period of Significance is amended to read: 1910.

This information was confirmed with Tonia Moy of the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Office.

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- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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Burningham Residence

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Photographic Information

1. Burningham Residence
2. Honolulu, Hawaii
3. Don Hibbard
4. August 1988
5. State Historic Preservation Division
6. View of front facade, looking northeast
7. #1