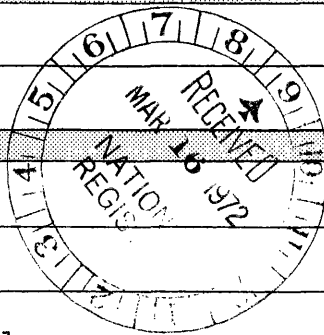


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Hawaii	
COUNTY: Honolulu	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Keaiwa Heiau

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Aiea Heights Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Aiea

STATE Hawaii	CODE 15	COUNTY: Honolulu	CODE 003
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Hawaii

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu	STATE: Hawaii	CODE 15
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Bureau of Conveyances, Department of Land and Natural Resources

STREET AND NUMBER:
465 S. King Street

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu	STATE: Hawaii	CODE 15
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Statewide Inventory by the Hawaii Register of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: ongoing Federal State County Local

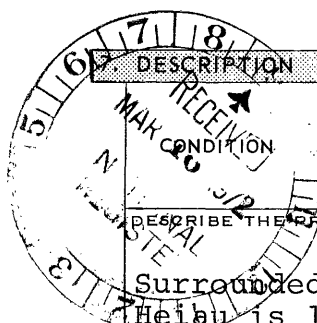
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Hawaii Register of Historic Places

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DESCRIPTION

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good		<input type="checkbox"/> Fair		<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
(Check One)						(Check One)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered				<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered				<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Surrounded by groves of Norfolk and Australian pines, Keaiwa Heiau is located on Aiea Heights overlooking Pearl Harbor. Within a state park and forest reserve area, the site is accessible by roads leading to within about 40' of the structure. Adjacent to the structure itself is a small herb garden containing several of the trees and herbs used by the medical practitioners, kahuna lapa'au, of ancient Hawaii.

Keaiwa Heiau was once a medical ^(healing craftsman) school, a temple for the gods who guided the kahuna lapa'au and a gateway guarding the medicinal herbs used in treating illness and disease among the Hawaiians. The structure was first adequately described in 1933 by McAllister:

"A small rectangular structure, 100 feet by 160 feet, of one terrace with low surrounding walls. The only definite feature within the inclosure is a short low stone wall running parallel with the sides. The walls average about 4 feet in height and about 5 feet wide and are evenly faced with one-foot stones with a rubble fill. A small outer step or terrace on the southwest corner may have formerly have been an entrance. Since the surrounding area was once under cultivation, any adjoining features were obliterated. The slope west of the heiau must have eroded very rapidly after being plowed, for that wall has almost completely destroyed by the large amount of soil that has washed over and into the heiau. The great number of loose stones lying on the whole of the west end would indicate former platforms or terraces. The heiau faces south, overlooking Puuloa. Thrum notes that it was erected in the time of Kakuhihewa with Keaiwa for priest."

McAllister's ground plan and perspective sketch are included on a continuation sheet. As he indicates, there seems to have been some reduction of the original scope of the heiau and there are reports that some of the stones were removed for road building in World War II by military personnel. Still, there remains enough of the structure for a clear picture of the nature of the site. In 1951 the heiau was cleared of hau and other brush but no reconstruction was undertaken and the site remains essentially as described by McAllister. On November 15, 1951 Keaiwa Heiau was rededicated in traditional ceremonies led by Kahuna Lapa'au Kamakaokalanikapiliokomoku and two other direct descendants of Hawaii's highest chiefs. Present as honored guests were representatives of modern medicine, then meeting in Hawaii for the Pan-Pacific Surgical Congress.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

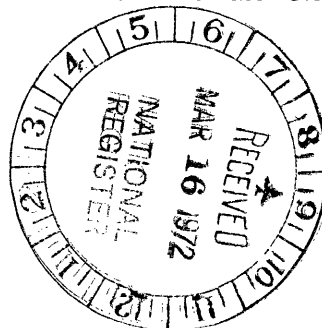
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hawaii stands alone as the only group within Polynesia to step beyond superstitious treatment of disease and illness; the only place where heiau lapa'au, temples of healing, were constructed and where kahuna lapa'au, master craftsmen in the healing arts, were trained to administer to the needs of the people. Often this process took twenty years as the young novices followed daily the activities of the kahuna lapa'au. Selected for their kind and gentle dispositions, the novices were sent to live with the kahuna and learn by example and teaching the more than 300 herbs useful in treating the varied ills of the populace. Identification, method of selection, preparation of the medication, the chants to be used each step of the way...all these had to be learned before the young novice could be considered competent to treat on his own. Following this portion of training, some were sent on to other centers for advanced training in diagnosis and specialized treatments. (Larsen 1951)

While two other heiau lapa'au are located on Oahu, they are relatively unknown and inaccessible. Keaiwa's location within a State Park makes it accessible to the general public and should provide opportunity for more extensive interpretation than is now offered. While there is little that is structurally unique about this heiau as compared to others on this island, it is significant as the single representative of its functional class now available to the public. With the small herb garden adjacent, the structure provides a nucleus for presenting the story of Hawaii's singular achievement in the field of medical arts in the Pacific.



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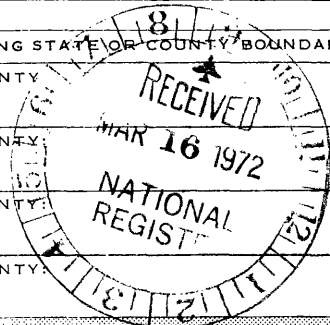
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Jennifer Hunt Watts, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Hawaii Register of Historic Places

DATE: 9/8/71

STREET AND NUMBER:
465 S. King Street

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu

STATE: Hawaii

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12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Sunao Kido*

Title Chairman and Member

Date March 3, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/9/72

ATTEST:
M. Woodford
Keeper of The National Register

Date Nov. 7, 1972

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