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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC SOKEHS MASS GRAVE SITE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Kolonia
Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96941

CITY, TOWN NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE VICINITY OF CODE COUNTY CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Buried Site

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. OFFICE OF LANDS AND SURVEYS, Ponape, E.C.I.

STREET & NUMBER

Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands

CITY, TOWN STATE

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96941

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE CLEAR TITLE AS PUBLICLY OWNED LAND

DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS OFFICE OF LANDS AND SURVEYS

CITY, TOWN STATE

PONAPE, EASTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS 96941

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Currently, the Sokehs Mass Grave Site is in a weed covered state and only the two beetle nut trees planted to commemorate its location, are visible from the road in front of it.

The plot itself is said to have been a 16' X 16' square bordered by small rock and marked by the two trees.

It is very simple and plain.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<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) Buried Site	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sokehs Mass Grave is the Grave Site of 15 Ponapean volunteers (sometimes referred to as "REBELS"), who on February 24, 1911 were "Rounded-up" shot and buried on top of one another by German soldiers.

The Volunteers were fighting with the Ponapean General Soumadau of Sokehs, against the Germans, in what has become known as the "Sokehs Rebellion." The fighting began on October 18, 1910.

The Volunteers buried at the Site were considered by the Germans to be the leaders of the Rebellion.

To Ponapeans, the Grave is representative of the tragedies of war and fighting, and serves as another memory of the German occupancy or role in this district.

Probably the most significant fact about the men in the Grave, is that today they are considered to be District or National Folks Heroes among the people of Ponape.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .07 acres

UTM REFERENCES 3400 70-8000
 158° 12' 17.5" (E) 6° 58' 10" (N)

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Sokehs Mass Grave Site is located in the corner of designated park land in the Komonlaid section of Kolonia.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dan McAllister, Technical Advisor

ORGANIZATION

Ponape District Historic Preservation Committee

DATE

April 16, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Community Development Office

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands 96941

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL Ponape District

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 Neil K. Chase,

Neil K. Chase

TITLE Chief, Branch of Resources & Land Use, Div. Lands/Surveys DATE TTPI

May 20, 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST *Charles C. ...*

DATE

9/30/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8.17.76