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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Kong Lung Store

other name/site number: _____

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2. Location

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street & number: Lighthouse Road

not for publication: _____

city/town: Kilauea

vicinity: _____

state: HI county: Kauai code: 007 zip code: 96754

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: NA

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

John P. Keppeler "
Signature of certifying official

6.24.93
Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register _____ Continuation sheet 8/5/93
_____ 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): _____

for
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: Commercial Sub: department store

Current : Commercial Sub: department store

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

other

Other Description: stone commercial building

Materials: foundation concrete roof fiberglass
walls stone other NA
concrete

Describe present and historic physical appearance. ___ See continuation sheet.

The present Kong Lung Store was the last of the stone structures built by the Kilauea Sugar Company. It was constructed ca. 1941 to replace an older wooden frame building at the same site. The building measures 117' x 67' and is said to have cost \$10,000.

The Kong Lung Store is constructed of field stone up to the lower portion of the gable. The upper section is built of wood and has five ventilating jalousie windows at each end. The roof is of 4'x 8' sheets of corrugated fiberglass(?). The store and the lanai are on a concrete slab. The front elevation is of five bays. The two end bays step forward, while the central three are an inset lanai. The lanai has three stone piers which help to support the roof. Entrance to the store is through two screen doors. To the right, the former butcher, barber and lunch counter are now the men's clothing section and a flower shop. The main part of the store has also been renovated and is now a retail store selling clothing, gifts, and fine jewelry. Although some of the interior walls have been removed, the original ambiance of the building has been maintained and many of the interior fixtures are original. Located over the section with the flower shop is a loft now used as an office. It is reached by a staircase at the rear of the store. The store's interior is open to the roof which has a series of cross braces connecting the trusses. In remodeling the building, two picture windows on the front elevation were replaced by long bay windows, with an additional bay window added on the left side of the structure.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: statewide.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : NA

Areas of Significance: Architecture
Commerce

Period(s) of Significance: 1941 _____

Significant Dates : 1941 _____

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: _____

Architect/Builder: Ray M. Allen

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
X See continuation sheet.

The Kong Lung Store is an example of the masonry construction used for domestic architecture in Kilauea adapted to a commercial building. It is also significant for its associations with the sugar plantation and the goods it provided the plantation workers. The store was the last stone structure built by the plantation. While the building was owned by the plantation, it was managed independently by Chew Lung. Lung was the son of Lung Wah Chee, the original manager of the store.

Lung Wah Chee, the first proprietor of the Kong Lung Store was born in Cheong Kong, China, September 15, 1860. During 1894-1895 he had a contract with the Kilauea Sugar Company to load cane into cars with his own laborers. He was also required to furnish houses and firewood for the laborers.

In the 1890s, Lung Wah Chee (aka L.C. Achee) operated a general merchandise store on the site of the Parish Hall (Japanese Language School) in Kilauea. Lung Wah Chee moved to the present site in 1902 when Kilauea Sugar Plantation Co. decided to get out of the retail business and rented Chee their building. A bill of sale

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dated November 4, 1903, indicates that the plantation company sold to Kong Lung and Company a partnership for the sum of \$8534.29, including "all . . . the goods, wares and merchandise, stock-in-trade, show cases, scales, and implements, in, upon and about the store."

When the new store opened in 1941 it was managed by Kwai Chew "Chow" Lung (son of the founder) and a partner. In 1955 they bought the building from the plantation and operated the business until 1979 when the property was sold to Tim King and Kelsy Maddox-Bell.

Kong Lung Store originally contained general merchandise, a barbershop, butcher shop, and post office. During the war there was a lunch counter/diner to serve the many soldiers in the vicinity. Wages for store employees were about \$40.00/month. Workers for the store were said to have awoken at 2:00 a.m. to work in the store. Then, at 5:00 a.m., they would go to work in the fields. Merchandise for the store arrived in the cane cars returning from Kahili Bay after delivering cane to freighters.

In 1979 Chow Lung recounted the early days of the store:

"Customers in the supermarket were plantation people. Groceries and dry goods, general hardware is what we went into. In those days, people were working six days a week, nine and ten hours a day. They would have no time for shopping. We had a delivery service then. No frozen goods. The Sugar Plantation had its own dairy, between the store and the lighthouse. The slaughter was done there too. We had raw milk, no pasturized. Everyone had their own vegetables, and rice was grown down in Kahili and Kalihiwai Valley and all the families made their own bread, raised their own chickens and pigs. They were happy, everyone had their own big family and in those days there were a lot of fish. . . .No luxuries whatsoever, just pure basic food."

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Interview with Chow Lung, ca. 1979.

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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of Property: less than 1

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C _____ D _____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

This nomination includes a portion of the property owned by Thomas D. King, Jr. and Kelsey Maddox-Bell in 1991 as described by Tax Map Key 5-2-8: 29 and as indicated by the accompanying sketch map.

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

This is a portion of the historical boundary for the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

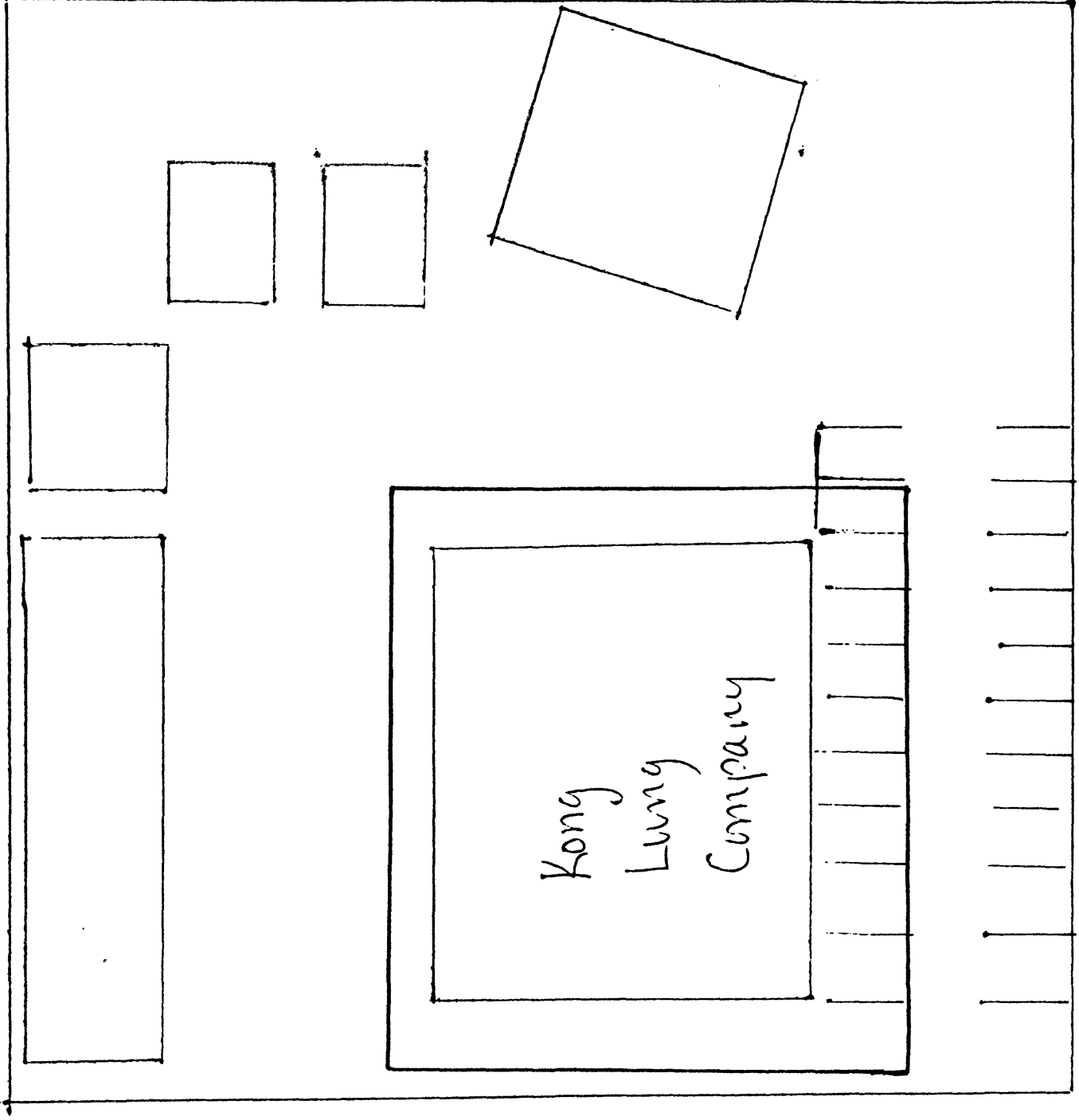
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Light house
Road

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PHOTOGRAPH.

1. Kong Lung Store
2. Kauai County, Hawaii
3. Daina Penkiunas
4. May 1991
5. State Historic Preservation Division
6. Front facade, looking northeast

