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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
	APR 11 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
WAIKANE TARO FLATS

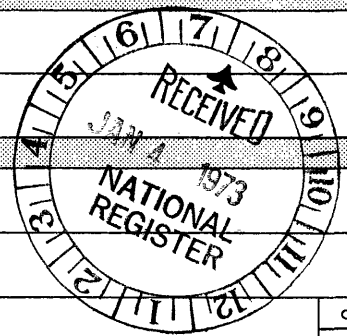
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *1 mi. NW of Waikane*
In upper Waikane Valley behind Kaneohe Bay, Oahu

CITY OR TOWN:
Waikane, Oahu

STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15 COUNTY: Honolulu CODE: 03



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 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) <u>Unused</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Elizabeth L. Marks et al.

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 649

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Bureau of Coveyances, Department of Land & Natural Resources

STREET AND NUMBER:
465 S. King Street

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Statewide Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Land & Natural Resources, Division of State Parks

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 621

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The upper reaches of Waikane Valley contains an area where numerous old Hawaiian taro terraces are found. These terraces are flat bottomed areas near the stream beds, each with a low stone retaining wall about .5 meter high on the downstream side. The average size of the taro flats is about 6 by 12 meters.

The general area is a valley bottom covered with lush tropical vegetation which precludes photographs. The vegetation consists of guava, mango, honohono grass, wild taro, and hau.

Associated with the wet taro beds, (lo'i) are several enclosures, habitation areas, and one large pit. Scattered throughout the area are a few rock alignments of unknown function. In one area, remains of the old auwai, or irrigation ditch, could be seen, which fed water from the nearby stream into the lo'i in succession.

Especially interesting is the presence of taro lo'i with numerous low earthen mounds within. These mounds were known in the literature, but this is the only place where physical remains of them have been found. The mounds were used in a specialized technique of taro raising. Other crops, such as sweet potatoes, may have been grown in rock circles on the hillsides above the taro lo'i.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-1778 |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These taro flats at Waikane are of significance for they are excellently preserved examples of old Hawaiian wet taro lo'i. They contain the only known examples of taro lo'i with interior mounds, used in a specialized taro growing technique. Associated habitation areas, and some indication of agriculture on the talus valley slopes, lend additional importance to this complex, particularly in the breadth of possible interpretation.

Since taro was one of the basic plant crops of the ancient Hawaiians, no thorough understanding of Hawaiian culture is possible without knowing something of taro raising. The Hawaiians developed dozens varieties of taro, and numerous techniques for its raising, including irrigated fields like these, as well as dry land areas such as are found on Hawaii Island.

The scenic beauty of Waikane in the site area is outstanding and it would be a beautiful park. The only drawback would be the presence of mosquitoes and its distance from the major highway.

Of all the known taro lo'i on Oahu, this is the second most important, exceeded only by the great taro lo'i at Kahaluu, some miles to the south. This complex certainly is worthy of preserving this important aspect of ancient Hawaiian agricultural proficiency.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None

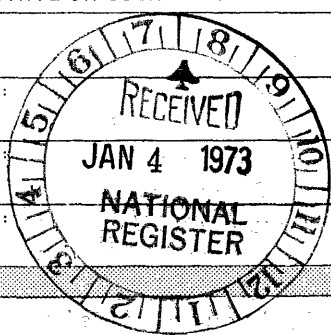
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 66

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: T. Stell Newman, Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION: Division of State Parks DATE: August 23, 1972

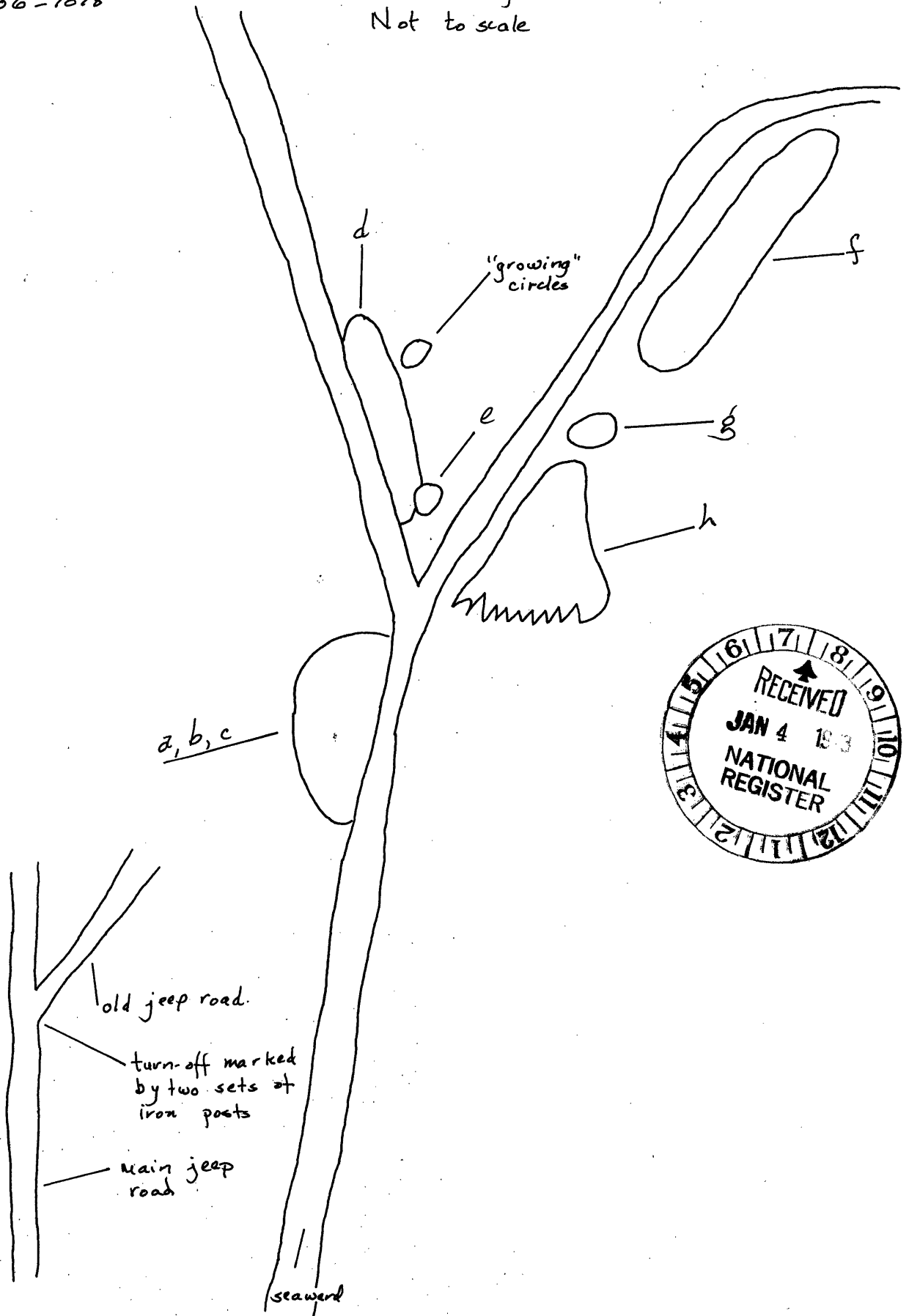
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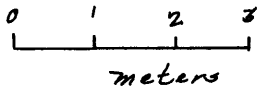
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12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register 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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Sunao Kido</u> Title: <u>Chairman and Member</u> <u>Board of Land & Natural Resources</u> Date: <u>DEC 12 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>4/11/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>W. S. ...</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>4 9 73</u></p>

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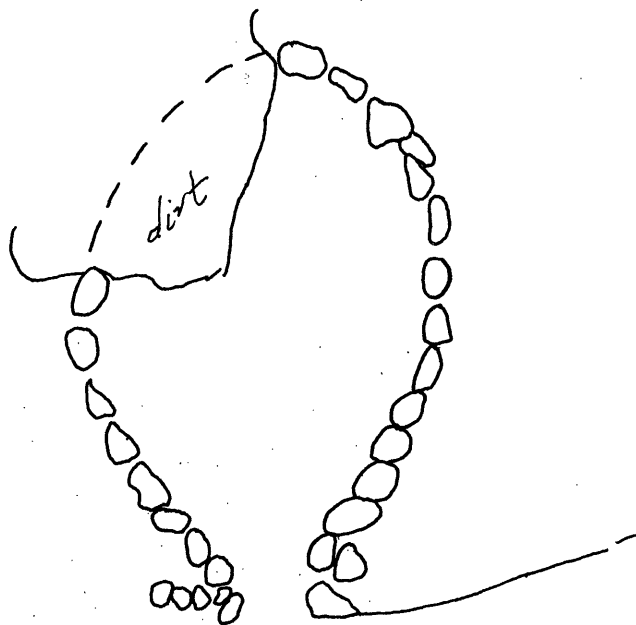
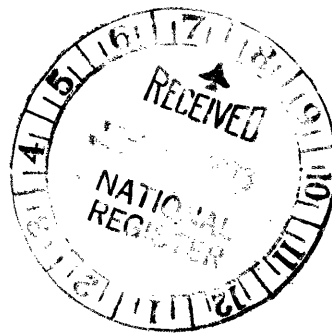
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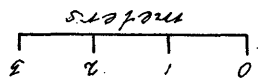


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