

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Cathedral of Ponape Belltower

and/or common Ponape Belltower

2. Location

street & number Catholic Mission ___ not for publication

city, town Kolonia ___ vicinity of congressional district

Trust Territory of
state the Pacific Islands code county Ponape code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input 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:

4. Owner of Property

name Catholic Mission

street & number N.A.

city, town Kolonia ___ vicinity of state Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lands Entity, State of Ponape

street & number

city, town Kolonia, Ponape state Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N.A. has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Ponape Belltower consists of two major elements, the belltower and the adjacent apse.

The tower is 4.8m x 4.8m and is approximately 20.7m high with the top of the cross an additional 1.8m high.

The apse extends 5.8m to the side and is 9.6m long. The apse is approximately 10m high.

The belltower and apse were part of a large structure whose nave and sacristy were destroyed during World War II. Attached photographs show the appearance of the original cathedral.

The original structures' finishes were left natural and never painted. The remaining surfaces are similar to their original appearance.

The tower originally consisted of three levels; ground, first level above ground which was the same level as the chancel in the apse, the belfry level approximately 14.9m above ground.

The first floor of the tower and apse, the chancel, were of wood construction and have been destroyed. The stairs in the tower were of wood construction and also destroyed. The belfry floor is a composite slab of concrete and steel I beams. Its condition can not be determined. The belfry ceiling was reinforced concrete and is in poor condition. The condition of the tower roof is unknown.

The tower is in fair condition except the south wall, which was not originally intended to be exposed, has deteriorated due to weathering and vegetation growth. The apse walls are in fair condition but the apse roof, unreinforced concrete, has partially collapsed. There are some major cracks in the side wall of the apse.

The tower is constructed of a 2 foot thick basalt and lime mortar foundation wall to the first level. The rest of the tower is constructed of concrete bricks approximately 8cm x 24cm x 10cm and lime mortar. The walls are 40cm thick; there is a good quality 2cm thick cement mortar plaster on both the interior and exterior surfaces. Composite blocks 25cm x 25cm x 30cm are used for quoins at edges and openings. The composite blocks consist of a good quality 2cm cement finish and a granular interior.

The tower has two brass bells cast in 1911 and are approximately .9m in diameter.

The steel rockers for the bells are badly rusted and the wood framed supports for the bells termite infested.

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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1900-1913	Builder/Architect	Capuchin Fathers
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)			Othman Gesang Melehior Majewski Kolonat Metzen, Kaloman Wiegand

The Ponape belltower is the largest remaining structure from the German administration. Its construction along with the church of which only the apse remains, was a major architectural accomplishment for 1909 in such a remote and undeveloped area as Ponape. It remains an important landmark for Ponape. The remaining construction bears evidence of the exactness and attention to detail of the German Capuchins Fathers who directed its construction.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Cathedral of Ponape. Descriptions and Photographs, Catholic Mission, Ponape December 1979
2. Ponape Belltower Preliminary Evaluation Report; J.B. Jones, December 1979.
3. Ponape Belltower Final Evaluation Report; J.B. Jones, April 1980.
4. Interview, Father Contaro, Catholic Mission, Ponape December 1979.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale 1:12,500

UMT References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification Five meters beyond the perimeter of the original Ponape Cathedral, including the Belltower.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands			
state	code	county	code
			Ponape

11. Form Prepared By

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organization	J.B. Jones, Architect, AIA	date
street & number	P.O. Box 6277	telephone
city or town	Tamuning,	state
		Guam 96911

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

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title Acting Historic Preservation Officer

date 8-4-80

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

W. Ray Jones

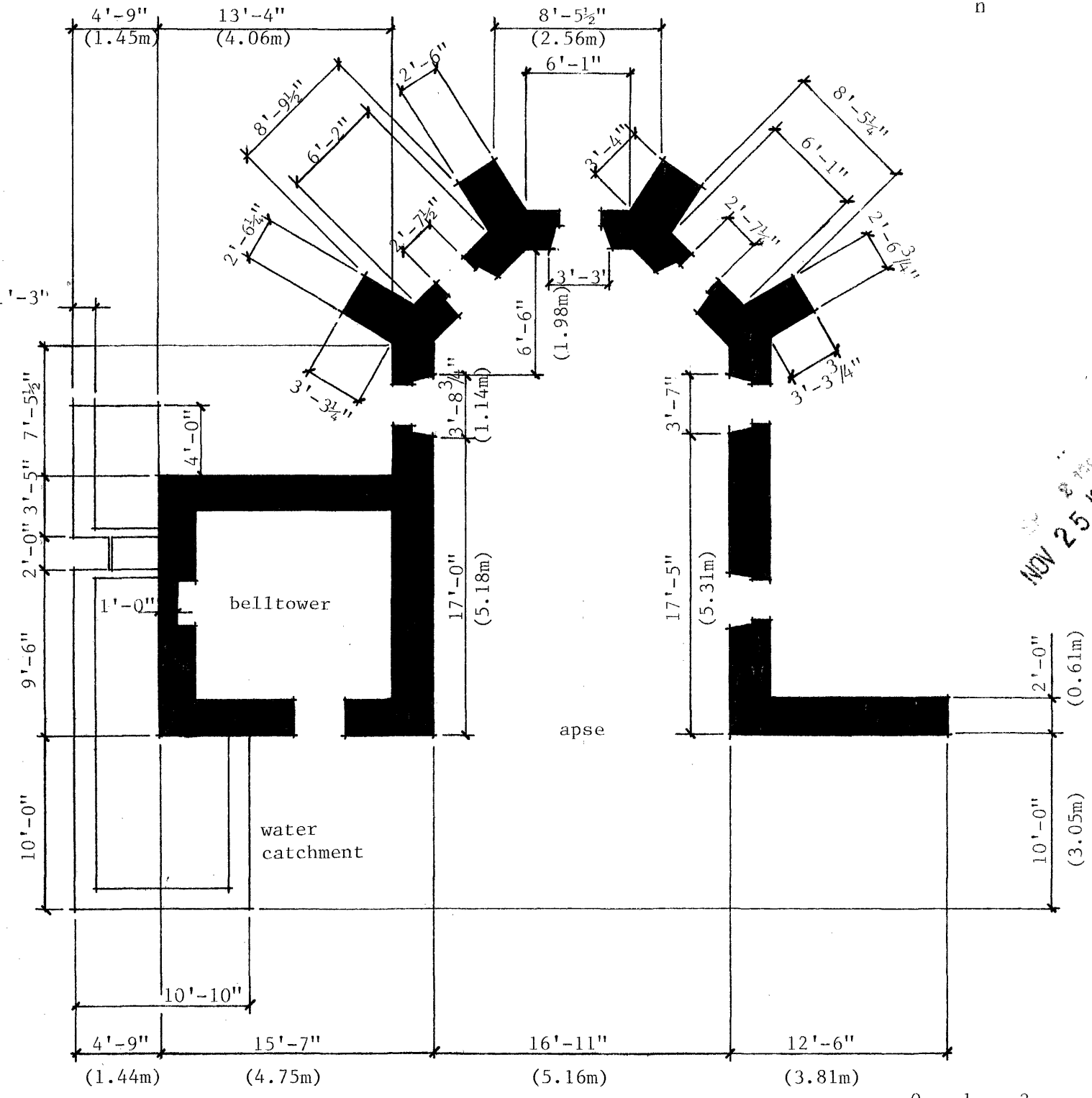
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Patricia Andrews*

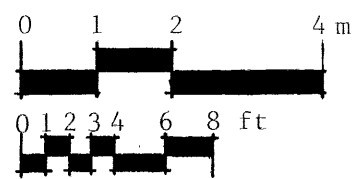
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Chief of Registration



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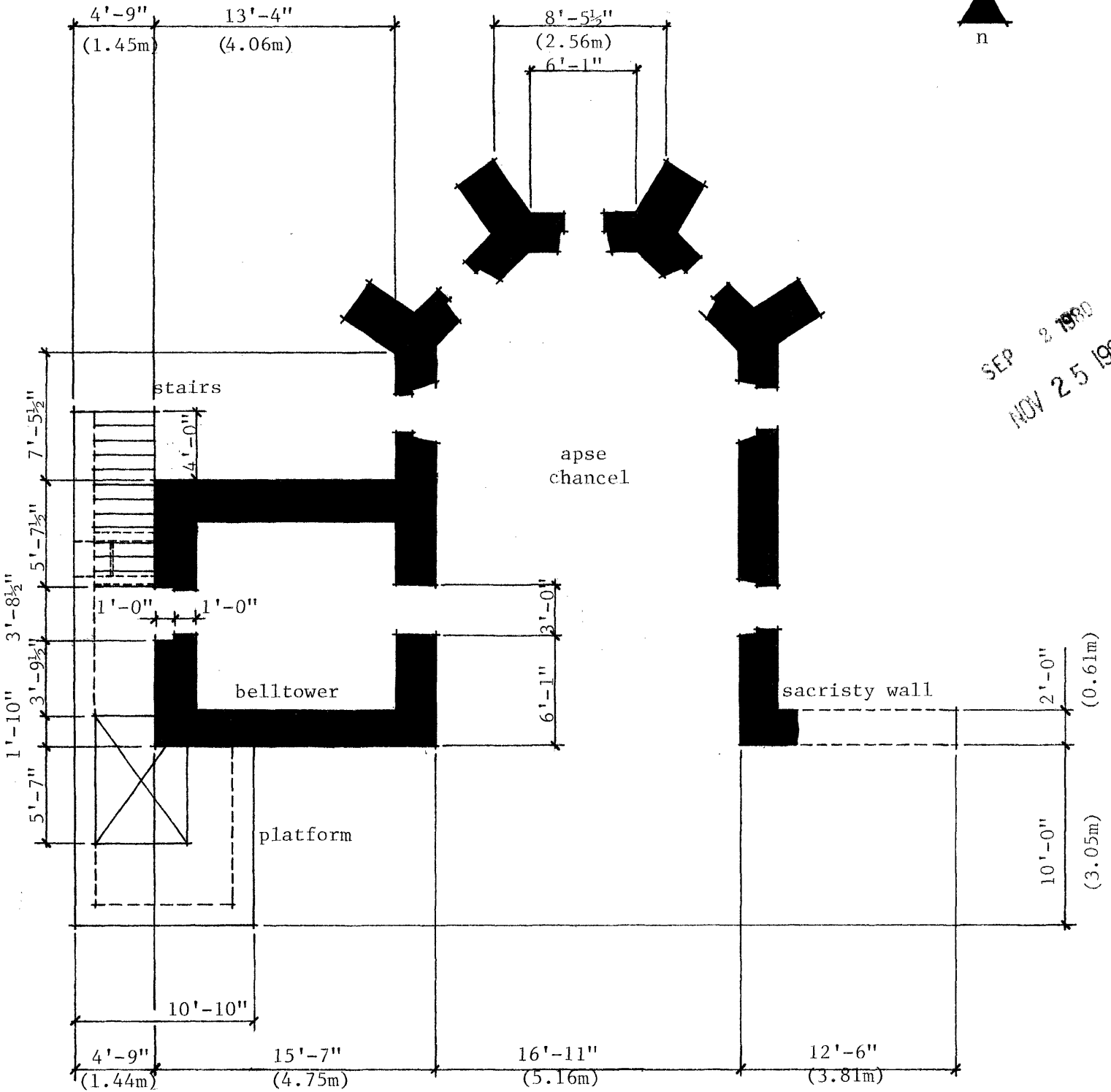
ground level
ponape belltower



1. Ponape Belltower.
2. Kolonia, Ponape.
3. J.B. Jones.
4. May 16, 1980.
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6. Ground level.
7. Plan 1.

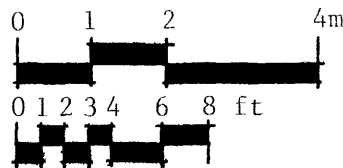


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first level

ponape belltower



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7. Plan 2.

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Map No. 1.
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