

The National Register Legal Federal Signature and Date of Listing for Chee Kung Tong Society Building (82000171) can be found in the Cover documentation of the Chinese Tong Houses of Maui Island Thematic Resource, reference number 64000143.

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>1912 Ket Hing</u>

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The three remaining Chinese Tong houses (out of six) on Maui were all constructed in the first decade of this century. They are all presently unoccupied although the Wo Hing Society continues to maintain their structure. The remaining two buildings are deteriorating with no maintenance. The largest, Chee Kung Tong, is in the worst state of repair and the only building in an urban area.

Although built in various parts of Maui and most probably by different craftsmen, the three Tong Houses are similar in construction. All are two-story wooden structures with gable roofs. All have verandahs, patterned balustrades and ornamental details.

The survey was conducted by the Maui County Planning Department with special assistance from the membership of the three individual societies and the Hawaii Chinese History Center.

### The Inventory:

1) The Chee Kung Tong Society building is a two-story wood frame structure set in a small rectangular urban lot in downtown Wailuku. Surrounded by single-story stores, the clubhouse is distinguish by its cement entrance lintel and walls on the street frontage. Large ethnic fruit trees in the front and rear of the site include mango, pomelo, lungan as well as palm trees. The site is presently unmaintained and the mature trees obscure the view of the once impressive structure from the street.

The two story wooden building has covered verandahs on both floors. Shingled intersecting gable roofs crown the structure and gable ends are articulated with fish scale patterned shingles painted in various colors in stripes.

Gingerbread detailing includes a scalloped architrave partially intact, camferred posts and decorative wheel and quatrefoil designed brackets. The entrance gable is marked by a carved bargeboard which gives the structure an Oriental character with its curved ends.

Ornamental lintels with applied designs of diamonds and coffered rectangles are set below a band of dentils. Balustrades on the first floor is composed of diamond patterns.

There is an entrance gate composed of concrete posts and a lintel with Chinese characters set on simple concrete brackets. The characters which appear on both sides of the lintel and are delineated in red translate to "Chee Kung Fui Kon" (the name of the society) as you enter the gate from the street and "Everyone is equal" as you leave the society grounds.

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The building is a rectangular structure approximately 55 feet by 34 feet with a trapezoid addition of approximately 19 feet by 32 feet by 14 feet constructed out of cinderblock bricks. It is located on the east side of the main structure.

Located at 2151 Vineyard Street, Wailuku, Maui UTM: 04/759240/2312220  
TMK 3-4-13:40, which is a parcel of 4,544 square feet.

Owners: Chee Kung Tong Society  
Kam Yet Dang - President  
P.O. Box 153  
Kahului, Maui 96732

2) The Ket Hing Society building is set on a level rise with a panoramic view of Kaho'olawe and West Maui. High above the road in rural Keokea, the society buildings are approached from a wooden staircase.

There are three structures associated with the Kula Tong House. A one-story wooden store and dwelling are located on the southwest side of the parcel closest to the road. This structure was built c. 1920. A one-story wooden kitchen house is located northeast of the main structure and was built c. 1908. The main two-story clubhouse was built c. 1907.

The Ket Hing building is a rectangular structure with a one-story shed attached to the rear. Of single wall construction there are verandahs across the front elevations on both floors. A low main gable roof with corrugated iron has boxed cornices and sawn bargeboards. Gable ends are articulated with scalloped shingles and arched louvered vents.

Entrance to the building is through double five-panel wooden doors flanked by red and gold Chinese panel.

Located on the East side of Cross Road, Keokea, Maui at  
TMK 2-2-03:36 a parcel of 1.034 acres. UTM: 04/775710/2292140

Owners: Ket Hing Society  
c/o Harley Ching  
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Kula, Maui 96790