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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Royal Mausoleum, one of the few examples of Gothic Revival architecture in Hawaii, was built between 1863 and 1865. The building is in the form of a latin cross measuring '27' 9" by 34' 3½". Originally, the exterior walls were of cut coral with raised mortar joints. Buttresses were added to the corners and mid-walls. The roof is steep gable form originally roofed with English slate and surmounted by bronzed and gilded crosses.

The entrance opening, in the long arm of the cross, is a peaked arch with decorated cast iron double gates. Originally, the Royal Coat of Arms was displayed in a circular window in the east gable. Two arched "gothic" windows with wood casement sashes were set in each gable, each containing glass in the colors of the Hawaiian flag.

/In 1904, there were extensive repairs and changes made in the Royal Mausoleum. Light tone stucco was applied to the exterior walls and scored to represent mortar joints. The original flooring of coral was covered with cement (and has since been again covered with synthetic modern tile). A circular window was opened in the entrance gable and in the other gable ends. Arched "gothic" windows were cut into either side of the entrance door and all lights were replaced by simple rose colored glass (including the Royal Coat of Arms). The ceiling was also braced at this time with groined wood arched trusses-one of the more outstanding features of the building at the present time./

Although the building was converted into a chapel in 1922, very little was actually changed in the structure of the building. An altar and some koa wood paneling were added to the interior.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"This small chapel, one of the few examples of Gothic Revival architecture in Hawaii, serves as a memorial to Hawaii's past rulers, many of whom were interred here. The single story attractive structure was constructed of materials native to Hawaii.

It was designed by Theodore C. Heuck, Honolulu's first professional architect. Originally from Germany, Mr. Heuck arrived in Honolulu in 1850. He also designed the Iolani Barracks, another "romantically" styled building.

During the reign of Kamehameha IV, there was talk of building a new royal mausoleum (at this time, Hawaii's ruling chiefs were buried in the crypt enclosure on the Palace grounds). His death on November 30, 1863 was the impetus needed to begin the construction. The west wing was completed in January 1864 and a State funeral was held for Kamehameha IV on February 3, 1864. The remains of Ka Haku O Hawaii (the boy Prince of Hawaii) were also taken there and placed next to his father. The building was completed in 1865.

R. C. Wyllie, the venerable Hawaii Minister of Foreign Affairs, was buried with a State funeral in the Royal Mausoleum in October 1865. After this, the remains of the chiefs and rulers were brought to the new mausoleum from the tomb on the grounds of Iolani Palace. Besides the rulers, Kamehameha II and Kamehameha III, the bones of the chiefs of old Hawaii, originally housed in the Hale O Keawe at Honaunau, Kona, were brought to the new mausoleum. Other members of the Kamehameha and Kalakaua families were buried here.

In 1904, the building was refinished and minor changes were made in the structure. Many of the remains were removed to private family plots. In 1909, Liluokalani suggested turning the Royal Mausoleum Anto a house of prayer. This was not done at the time but when the puilding became vacant in 1918 the idea was again considered and accepted. Princess Kalanianaole (Prince Kuhio's widow) paid for the renovation (later she was reimbursed by the government) done in 1922 and the changel was gedicated on March 26 of that year (Prince Kuhio's birthday compendoration.)

Since this time there have been minor changes in the interior of the building but it still retains the hushed atmosphere of the last resting place of the ruling chiefs of Hawaii.

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