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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Hawaii	
COUNTY: Honolulu	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <b>APR 25 1972</b>	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Thomas Square (80-14-9990)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Bounded by King St., Ward Avenue, S. Beretania St., and Victoria St.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE Hawaii	CODE 15	COUNTY: Honolulu	CODE 03
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
State of Hawaii

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Department of Land & Natural Resources

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE: Hawaii	CODE 15
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Bureau of Conveyances

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Tax Office Annex

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE: Hawaii	CODE 15
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
None

DATE OF SURVEY:

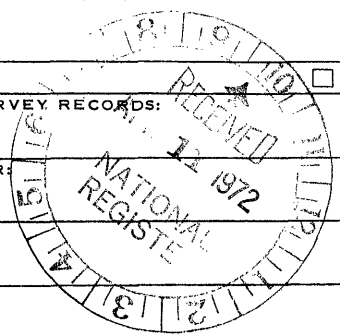
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:	CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

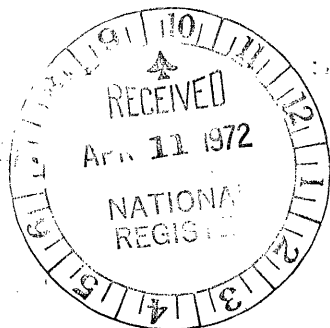
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Thomas Square is approximately 6.5 acres of landscaped lawn across South Beretania Street from the Honolulu Academy of Arts. It offers a green and quiet space to residents and visitors both in the Honolulu Civic Center area.

The park is surrounded by a trimmed mock orange hedge and is planted with many shrubs common to Hawaii. The center of the square is marked by a single fountain spurting 20 ft. in the air and cascading into a surrounding pool. The central area of the park is made cool and shady by the presence of a huge banyan tree. Other areas of the park are shaded by different varieties of banyan, flowering shower trees, and some rare varieties of Hawaiian "fish poison" trees.

The square is bounded on all sides by a wide pedestrian sidewalk allowing the interior space to remain lawn and shaded areas for recreational use.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input 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 |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1843

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

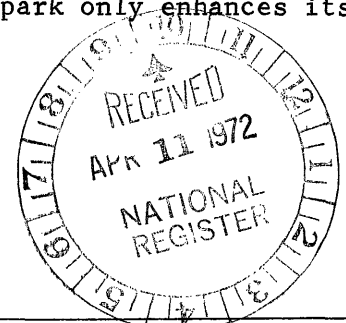
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In early 1843, Lord George Paulet, representing the British Crown, overstepped his bounds, landed sailors and marines, seized the government buildings in Honolulu and forced the King (Kamehameha III) to cede the Hawaiian kingdom to Great Britain. Paulet raised the British flag and issued a proclamation formally annexing Hawaii to the British Crown. Queen Victoria, on learning the injustice done, immediately sent an envoy to the islands to restore sovereignty to its rightful rulers. The man chosen for this task was Rear Admiral Richard Thomas, and on July 31, 1843, pompous ceremonies were held whereby the Hawaiian Kingdom was restored. It was on the occasion of the restoration that Kamehameha was moved to say, "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono" -- The life of the land is restored in righteousness. (This statement has since become the official motto of the State of Hawaii.)

From July 31, 1843, the plot of land on which the ceremonies took place was known as Thomas Square. Kamehameha III later officially gave this name to the area and dedicated it as a public park. In 1850, the Privy Council voted to enlarge the square, and in 1925, a Joint Resolution of the legislative session set aside Thomas Square as a public park and placed it under the management of the Park Board of the City and County of Honolulu. It remains this today.

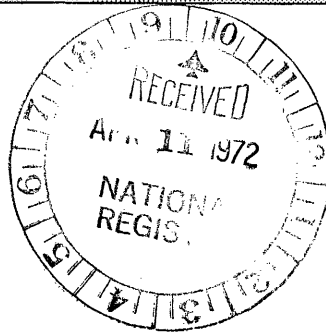
From the time of Captain Cook's discovery (1778) until annexation to the United States (1900), the Hawaiian government was beset with diplomatic problems with other, more powerful nations. On many occasions gunboats were anchored off Honolulu or Lahaina. The incident with Lord Paulet was probably the most outstanding as it is the only one that resulted in the forced take-over of the Hawaiian Kingdom by a foreign power. For this reason, the site of the restoration by Admiral Thomas has special significance. That it is preserved today as a park only enhances its value.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None



HR  
NO  
UTM

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	21°	18'	20"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	157°	51'	06"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 1/2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Dorothy Riconda, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Hawaii Register of Historic Places DATE: March 23, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 621

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National  State  Local

Name Sunao Kido Title Chairman and Member Date 3-30-72

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

Robert M. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/25/72

ATTEST: William M. ...  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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