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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

GERMAN CEMETARY

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

Kolonia

Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96941

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

X SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

X BUILDING(S)

X STRUCTURE

X OBJECT

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

X UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

X AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

_ PARK

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

INDUSTRIAL

X TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY

OTHER: Cemetery

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE:
OFFICE OF LANDS AND SURVEYS

PONAPE, EASTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

CLEAR TITLE AS PUBLICLY OWNED LAND

DATE

FEDERAL

STATE

COUNTY

LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Office of Lands and Surveys

PONAPE, EASTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS 96941

STATE
The German Cemetery in Kolonia is kind of like an OASIS in the middle of a vast barren desert. It is accessible, but only after a person walks through the dense clump of stream ridden mangrove between the closest road and the cemetery. About 40 yards.

The cemetery is located at the base of a palm tree covered hill and is size wise about 50' X 65'.

Many of the original headstones placed at the site by Germans are in excellent repair, however, a few have fallen prey to vandals and severe climatic changes over the past 65 or 66 years.

Two bright rows of red hibiscus bushes, serve to color the entire cemetery site.

Pieces of a German constructed wrought iron gate and fence are scattered about the area.
SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD
- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW
- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCIAL
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- X OTHER (SPECIFY)

Cemetery

SPECIFIC DATES  1907

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Site is of major significance and value to Ponapeans as it serves as a reminder of events which took place during the German Occupancy of Ponape.

Two German Governors, one who died mysteriously in 1907—the same day he dug up the tomb of the first king and father of the monarchy or traditional leader system still employed in Ponape; and one killed on October 18, 1910, are among those buried in the cemetery.

The first Yapese man to come to Ponape, a contemporary of the Germans, is also buried in the cemetery.
### Major Bibliographical References

Members of the Ponape District Historic Preservation Committee and particularly Mr. Pensile Lawrence were the references for this nomination.

### Geographic Data

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The German Cemetery is located in the part of the designated park and recreation land in Kepinle.

### List All States and Counties for Properties Overlapping State or County Boundaries

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### Form Prepared By

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**Organization**

Ponape District Historic Preservation Committee

c/o Community Development Office

**City or Town**

Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands 96941

### State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

**State Historic Preservation Officer Signature**

Neil K. Chase

**Title**

Chief, Branch of Land Resources and Use, Lands and Surveys Division

May 20, 1976

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

**Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation**

**Keeper of the National Register**