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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Kamehameha Hall

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1162 Kalaniana'ole Avenue not for publication

city or town Hilo vicinity

state Hawaii code HI county Hawaii code 001 zip code 96720

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

John P. Keppeler
Signature of certifying official/Title

4.14.93
Date

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____

Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Russell A. Lee

5/20/93

Kamehameha Hall
Name of Property

Hawaii, Hawaii
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Social/Meeting Hall

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Social/Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other -- Hawaiian vernacular

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
walls wood

roof metal
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Architecture

Period of Significance

1938

Significant Dates

1938

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Royal Order of Kamehameha

Kamehameha Hall
Name of Property

Hawaii, Hawaii
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul K. Neves

organization Royal Order of Kamehameha date August 10, 1992

street & number 271 Silva Street telephone 808-961-6837

city or town Hilo state HI zip code 96720

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Hawaiian Home Lands

street & number 355 Merchant Street telephone 808-586-3802

city or town Honolulu state HI zip code 96813

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DESCRIPTION:

Kamehameha Hall is a vernacular one story wooden building with a corrugated metal double pitched hipped roof. The square building is of single wall construction with interior girts. The hall is on Kalaniana'ole Avenue, facing Puhi Bay at Keaukaha near Hilo on the Island of Hawaii. Its placement on a high rock mound in the center of the parcel gives the building prominence.

The building is approached by a stone lined concrete walkway and stairs. The front elevation is three bays wide, with an outset center bay. On the right side of this bay are three steps leading to the entry door. Located in the outset bay is the entry foyer. The two side bays each have a pair of double hung six over six light windows; all windows in the hall are of this type.

One enters the main hall through a set of double doors from the entry foyer. At the back of the hall, closest to the entry, is a space used as a lounge and reading room. This space extends across the entire front of the building. To the immediate left of the entrance is a platform with a koa chair. The back of the hall may be separated from the meeting hall itself with a sliding partition door. Located at the head of the hall is a second platform with a koa chair and a royal crest. On the right hand side of the main hall are six doors. All doors are of five panels. The four central doors are for closets holding spears, paddles, pulo'ulo'u (kapu sticks) and chapter memorabilia. Along the right hand side of the building is the high chief's office, entered through the door closest to the platform, a central bathroom, and a cloak room. The cloak room may be entered from either the hall or the lounge area. The hall contains its original glass lighting fixtures, five in the meeting hall and three in the lounge. On the walls of the hall hang portraits of Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole and other prominent members of the Order of Kamehameha. Located under the back half of the building is a basement with kitchen and additional bathroom facilities.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Kamehameha Hall is significant for its architecture and its associations with the Royal Order of Kamehameha. Kamehameha Hall is a representative example of Hawaiian vernacular design. The single wall construction, overhanging eaves and double hung windows mark it as a typical example of its period and of this type of architecture. The hall also demonstrates the style's adaptability to various building types. Because the building has had very few alterations since its construction, it maintains a high level of architectural integrity.

Kamehameha V (Lot) founded the Royal Order on 11 April 1865 in commemoration of his grandfather Kamehameha The Great. The stated purpose of the order was "to cultivate and develop, among our subjects, the feelings of honour and loyalty to our dynasty and its institutions and . . . to confer honorary distinctions upon such of our subjects and foreigners as have rendered, or may hereafter render to our dynasty and people, important services." Members of the Royal Order included: King Kamehameha V, King William Lunalilo, King David Kalakaua, Prince William Pitt Leleiohoku, Kuhina nui Mataio Kekuanaoa, Governors Kanoa, Nahaolelua and Dominis, and Robert C. Wylie and Charles E. Bishop. Foreign members included Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and King of Hungary, Emperor Wilhelm of Germany, Emperor Mutsuhito of Japan, King Louis II of Bavaria, King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, King Humberto I of Italy, King Charles I of Wurtemberg, Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm of Germany, Prince Alfred Duke of Edinburgh, Frederick Grand Duke of Baden, Louis II Grand Duke of Hesse, and Thomas Duke of Genoa.

With the overthrow of the monarchy in 1893, the Royal Order went underground. On 13 May 1902 Prince Kuhio began the process of restoring the Royal Order. Because of the problems with the use of the title "Royal," the organization officially resurfaced on 13 May 1903 as the Order of Kamehameha. In August of the same year Hawaii Chapter No. 1 Order of Kamehameha was established on Oahu. On May 1st 1907 Prince Kuhio, with the help of Reverend Stephen L. Desha, established Mamalahoa Chapter No. 2 Order of Kamehameha in Hilo. The hall in Keaukaha was built in 1938 to house the Mamalahoa Chapter. Between 1907 and 1938 the chapter met at the Masonic Hall in Hilo. The Kamehameha Hall is the only remaining Royal Order hall in the state.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

This nomination includes the parcel defined as TMK 2-2-21:43, owned by Hawaiian Home Lands and held under a revocable license by Mamalhoa Chapter 2 Order of Kamehameha in 1992.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

This is the parcel historically associated with the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Royal Order of Kamehameha records