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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

**

Kamehameha III's Birthplace

AND/OR COMMON

Kauikeaouli Stone

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Keauhou

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Hawaii

CODE

15

COUNTY

Hawaii

CODE

001

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Daughters of Hawaii

STREET & NUMBER

2913 Pali Highway

CITY, TOWN

Honolulu

VICINITY OF

STATE

Hawaii

96817

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hawaii Bureau of Conveyances

STREET & NUMBER

403 South Queen Street

CITY, TOWN

Honolulu

STATE

Hawaii

96809

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Office Site #10-37-4383

DATE

1973

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Office of Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Honolulu

STATE
Hawaii

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Originally a pili (grass) house stood in the near vicinity of the Kauikeaouli stone. This house was where the birth actually occurred. No remains of the house or house foundations are visible today.

The Kauikeaouli Stone is a rounded, dark, volcanic boulder protruding about 24 inches from the ground at its highest point, and about 4 inches at its lowest point. It is about 18 inches across and was originally somewhat saucer-shaped. It is presently capped with a bronze tablet set in a cement base. The tablet bears the inscription: "Kauikeaouli Kamehameha III Son of Kamehameha I and Keopulani. Born March 17, 1814 Died December 15, 1854. Ka Moi Lokomaikai"

The stone is situated on a .035 acre parcel of land bounded by a low lava stone and mortar wall on the ocean or makai side and a cliff on the mountain or mauka side. The stone and surrounding land are maintained in good condition by its owner the Daughters of Hawaii.

NEW YORK

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1813/1814, 1914, 1925 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kamehameha III also known as Kauikeaouli, was the son of Kamehameha I and high chiefess Keopuolani. He was ruler of the Kingdom of Hawaii for thirty years from 1825-1854. The site of his birth is marked by a boulder, known as the Kauikeaouli Stone. This stone played an important role in the birth of the Monarch.

The precise date of Kauikeaouli's birth is a matter of uncertainty. David Malo believed it was in June or July of 1814. Fornander, armed with evidence from other Hawaiian sources, said it was on August 11, 1813. Stephen Reynolds, basing his information on a journal kept by a Captain Jennings who was supposedly with Kamehameha I at the time of Kauikeaouli's birth, set the date at March 17, 1814. March 17 was the day twice proclaimed as a national holiday in honor of Kamehameha III; first in 1846, then again in 1883. Emme Lyons Doyle, saying she had seen unpublished portions of John Young's journal, quoted Young in the August 24, 1958 Honolulu Advertiser as follows: "Kawaihae, March, 1813. News came by bearer a few days hence of the birth of a child who will be declared kapu as an heir to this kingdom's throne."¹

Fortunately, there seems to be no disagreement as to Keauhou being the place of Kauikeaouli's birth. The mother, Keopuolani, a chiefess of extremely high rank and mana, withdrew to a pili hut south of Keauhou when the time of birth drew near. She was attended by several chiefs, but was particularly concerned that an attendant, Kuakini, should be present. She had chosen him earlier to be the protector and foster-parent of the child, but feared that someone else might intercede.

As it turned out, Kuakini arrive in time, accompanied by David Malo, However, when the baby was born, he appeared to be dead. Kuakini refused to accept the baby

¹ The existence of the unpublished John Young journals cannot be verified.

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 December 12, 1973.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.35 acres (1525 sq. ft.)

UTM REFERENCES

A	⁰⁵ 0,4	1,8,9 0,0,0	2,1,6,6 1,1,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

TMK: 7-8-12: 17

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION Gary T. Cummins Historian, State Parks 1973
 STREET & NUMBER State Historic Preservation Office TELEPHONE _____
 CITY OR TOWN Kalanimoku Building STATE _____
Honolulu Hawaii

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE X LOCAL ___

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Dave L. Silverman SHPD DATE January 20, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles Adams DATE 7-24-78
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: Wathour Cole DATE 7-5-78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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and left. His cousin, Kaikio'ewa, then stepped in and took the child and gave him to a kahuna, Kapihe, who had accompanied him to Keauhou. The kahuna washed the apparently lifeless infant, then took him out of the hut to a nearby boulder protruding from the earth. He placed Kauikeaouli in a depression in the stone's top, fanned him, sprinkled him with water, and chanted a "chant of the living." Before long the baby began to stir and was soon completely revived. The kahuna named him Keaweawe'ula, or "The Red Trail", for the path by which a god descends from heaven.

Keopuolani gave Kaikio'ewa custody of the child. He took the future Kamehameha III to O'oma where he was cared for until his fifth year.

On March 17, 1914, the Daughters of Hawaii sponsored a ceremony at Keauhou to mark the one hundredth anniversary of Kamehameha III's birth. A bronze tablet was cemented in place on the boulder, now known as the Kauikeaouli Stone, and chants and other activities were carried out. Queen Lilioukalani, Prince Kuhio, and High Chiefess Elizabeth Kekaaniau Pratt and other notables participated in the observance.

In 1925, the Daughters of Hawaii concluded a transaction with the Bishop Estate whereby they received title to a small parcel of land containing the Kauikeaouli Stone and the birthplace site for a sum of \$50.00. The area is now maintained as a memorial site.