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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hanalei Elementary School  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number Kuhio Highway  not for publication  
city, town Hanalei  vicinity  
state Hawaii code HI county Kauai code 007 zip code 96714

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 1/23/90  
State or Federal agency and bureau State Historic Preservation Office

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Amy Federman 3/4/90  
 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education  
School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade  
Business

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Wood  
walls wood  
roof metal  
other n/a

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The 1926 Hanalei Elementary School is a single story, five (5) classroom building, of wood construction, with a red gable roof of corrugated metal. This abbreviated-U shaped building was originally built in 1926 as a five (5) classroom school building of approximately 6,000 square feet, at a cost of \$30,872, by Y. Ouye. It is distinguished by an inset lanai and a hipped roof entry.

The construction is entirely of wood. The exterior surface of vertical wooden members with cream colored paint finish to produce a smooth surface. The building's abbreviated "U" shape is created by lavatories projecting on each end. A prominent, hipped gable projection accentuates the central entry. The end projections feature similar hipped roof design. Access is by steps at the center of the building and at each end by way of cement steps. All rooms are entered off the lanai through single doors with five (5) panels.

Lanai: A lanai, sheltered by the overhanging eaves of the roof, runs along the front of the building. Eight (8) large square posts support the lanai roof and a simple metal balustrade runs the length of the lanai.

Interior: The interior rooms perimeter walls are of tongue and groove with framing exposed. Although originally a five (5) classroom building, most interior partition walls have been removed to allow for more flexibility in the classrooms, and offices have been added.

Ventilation: The design of the building, its placement, and the windows all combine to maximize the advantages of the trade winds, characteristic of good traditional Hawaiian design.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
Education  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1926-1939  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1926  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

John Waiamau  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Hawaii's school system is one of the oldest public education systems in the nation, having been established in 1840 under the Hawaiian King, Kamehameha, III. This centrally organized system of public education, established under the monarch, survived the transition when Hawaii became a United States Territory and later a state. The public school system, unlike most in the nation, remained a statewide system, rather than a local one. Funds for education are thus collected by the State and distributed on a per-student basis throughout the system.

The first two decades of the 20th century saw an increased enrollment of more than double, and, consequently, a large number of new schools were built in the 1920's and 1930's. The Hanalei School is a local reflection of this expansion period in the history of public education in Hawaii.

The 1926 Hanalei Elementary School building is architecturally significant as a type of school house design that emerged on Kauai in the 1920's. This design may well be attributed to architect John Waiamau, an employee of the Kauai County Department of Public Works, as the Territorial Department of Public Education passed school design responsibilities to the Counties. John Waiamau was a member of the first graduating class at Kamehameha High School (1891) and prior to moving to Kauai in the early 1920's had his own architectural firm in Honolulu. Little is known about his career in Honolulu. He is credited with the design of the earlier and similar Kilauea School (1922 schoolhouse) and administration building.

Six (6) school buildings on Kauai that employ the style of the period remain in 1989: Kilauea, which is on the National and Hawaii Registers of Historic Places; Kapaa Elementary; Kalaheo Elementary; Kaumakani; Anahola; and Hanalei. Of these, the last two are no longer under the Department of Education control and ownership.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Department of Education records.

GARDEN ISLE for 1926

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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Zone      Easting      Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

This nomination includes the property owned by Gaylord and Carol Wilcox in 1989 as described by Tax Map Key 5-5-9:8

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Boundary Justification

This boundary reflects the land the building sits on and its immediate surrounding site.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Wire mesh transoms located on the north, front facing wall, in a line above the door frames, run the length of the front of the building, providing ventilation when the doors are closed. The north facing, projecting walls feature a tri-partite window with central workable sash flanked by the bracketing below the sill. A more decorative set of brackets support a projecting lintel over the windows. The back south wall, opposite the entry, features four (4) groups of five (5) double-hung sash windows, and two groups of four (4) glass transom windows each. The east and west facing walls and two (2) groups of four (4) glass transom windows each. The east and west facing walls feature one (1) group of five (5) double hung sash windows each, and one (1) similar single window for the lavatory. For the most part, original glass remains.

The building is raised approximately two (2) feet off the ground, on posts set on concrete blocks. The area between the lanai decking and ground is faced with evenly spaced lathes.

The State Department of Education (DOE) has constructed a new building on the grounds of the Hanalei School and intended to demolish the 1926 Hanalei school building. The current owners purchased the building and moved it to a new location in Hanalei, where it is being converted into a commercial complex.

The new location (TMK 5-5-9-8) is approximately one-half mile distance from the original site, on the same (south) side of Kuhio Highway, on similar terrain in that it is level. The new site is approximately 2-1/2 acres of commercially zoned property. The owner has sited the building in the same direction and near the back (south) property line, to preserve the perception of depth existing on the original site as much as is practical, given the limitations of property lines.

The building was cut into sections and hauled on Kuhio Highway to the new site, where it was re-assembled. The move had no effect on the building's appearance. It sits at approximately the same elevation from the ground. The cement stairs at the original site was moved, and replacement in kind was made.

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The design served Hawaii's climate and students admirably, and produced a building characteristic of its time, its place, and personality. Being raised off the ground and placed on cement or stone blocks was (and remains) the most effective way to prevent ground termite intrusion, or, at the least, to be able to identify it quickly when it occurs. The slight elevation also allowed for aeration, thus reducing areas of cool temperature. To this same purpose, the gable roof and ceiling combination, the ample windows and transoms, the deep lanais, and the orientation toward the trade winds and "U" shape of the overall structure all contributed toward maintaining well ventilated, well lit rooms with even temperatures.

The ample lanais served double duty as recreation areas, where children could play jacks and hopscotch if a passing shower kept them from the playground during recess, and was the friendly corridor that tied the school rooms together.

The Hanalei School is significant as a good example of the typical school building constructed on Kauai during the 1920's and 1930's. It is significant as an example of such construction which retains its integrity and original material, and has not been altered in any significant way.

Criteria Consideration: B: This property is being nominated to the National Register although it has been moved. The building is significant for its exemplification of a period and type of design and construction, and as an embodiment of the Department of Public Education's expansion in Hanalei in the 1920's. Although it has been moved, the qualities related to the building's significance have been retained. The current commercial building (steadfastly adheres to), architectural design and character of the original school. The building remains in Hanalei, only four blocks from its original location, on the same highway. Its orientation reflects the original and a lawn, more abbreviated than the original, still is in front of the building.

The building was moved as the DOE constructed a new building on the school property and had let a demolition contract. The present owners purchased the building from the demolition contractor and had it moved so it could be preserved. The federal tax incentives are making this project economically feasible.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000344

Date Listed: 3/14/90

Hanalei Elementary School  
Property Name

Kauai  
County

Hawaii  
State

N/A  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Ann Federman*  
Signature of the Keeper

3/14/90  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Although criterion A was not selected, the nomination discusses and adequately justifies the significance of the school in the area of education. The nomination is hereby officilly amended to include criterion A.

Verified by telephone with Don Hibbard of the Hawaii SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)