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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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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 **\*\***  
GREENWELL STORE  
AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER HI 11  
CITY, TOWN NONE  
STATE Kealakekua VICINITY OF 2nd  
Hawaii CODE 15 COUNTY Hawaii CODE 001

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY                                        | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS                                              | PRESENT USE                                |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED                   | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED      | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT     |
|                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT        |
|                                                 |                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL        |
|                                                 |                                             |                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY          |
|                                                 |                                             |                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Jack B. Greenwell et al  
STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 238  
CITY, TOWN Kealakekua VICINITY OF STATE Hawaii 96750

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Bureau of Conveyances  
STREET & NUMBER 1151 Punchbowl Street  
CITY, TOWN Honolulu STATE Hawaii

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Hawaii Register of Historic Places #10-37-7243  
DATE January 1974  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS State Historic Preservation Office  
CITY, TOWN Honolulu STATE Hawaii

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structure itself is a rectangular plan about 25 feet by 55 feet with a basement, first floor and attic. It is located on a steep cross-slope lot with a main entrance verandah across the end facing the highway below. It is surrounded by open, overgrown pastures. Exterior walls are solid fieldstone, 24 inches thick below and 21 inches above on the first floor. The stone is rough cut into irregular blocks and is laid up in irregular courses with wide mortar joints, achieving an unusually picturesque pattern. Interior construction is timber framing with a steep open gable roof. The original slate roof is now covered with corrugated iron and has narrow eaves.

The full basement is completely above ground on one long side and rear end where there is an entrance door at grade. It has earth floor, 7 foot open ceiling and 2 rows of 6 inch 'ohi'a<sup>1</sup> posts with 6 inch by 6 inch beams supporting the first floor joists. The first floor is a single open space with a wood floor and 2 inch by 12 inch joists spanning the full 24 foot width to carry the attic floor above.

There is a narrow steep wood ladder-type stairs to attic. The attic is a single open space under the sloping roof with a wood floor and open rafters. Single windows are located in the gable at each end.

Windows on the main floor are single wood casements in thick wood frames set into the stone walls. Basement windows are small open grilled vents. The main feature is the entrance verandah facing a steep side road leading up from the highway. It is an open 3 bay porch with stone base and steps, wood rail and posts and full wood-planked gable end above.

On the main entrance is a pair of vertical plank doors. There is also a side entrance on the upper slope with stone steps and a single plank door.

Architecturally, this is an especially interesting construction. It is picturesquely fitted into its sloping site, well-proportioned and unadorned, depending on its straightforward structural components, skillfully handled for its quality.

<sup>1</sup> 'ohi'a: a native hardwood, *metrosideros macropus*, *M. collina*

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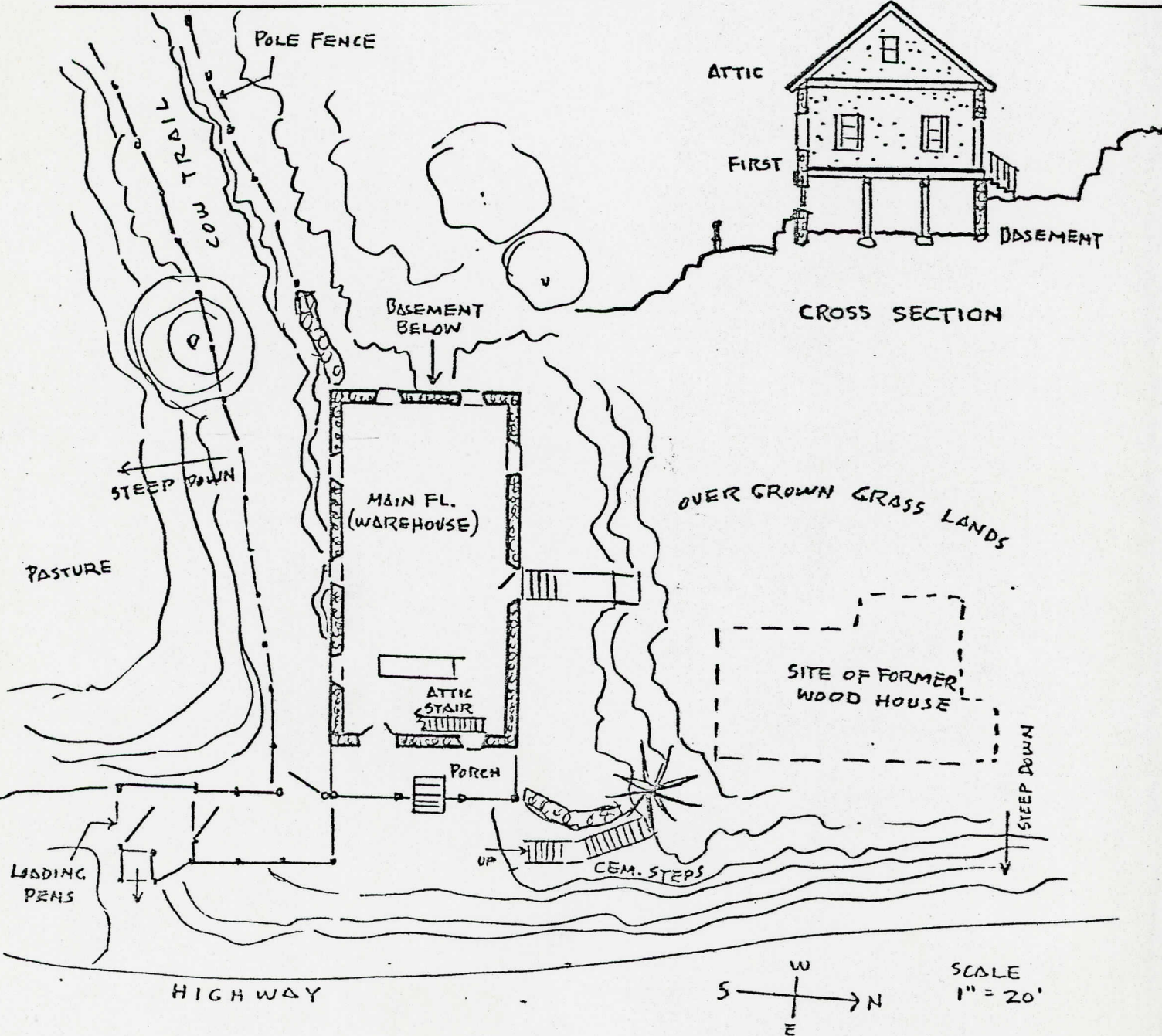
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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER

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THE OLD GREENWELL STORE  
KEALOKEKUA • SOUTH KONA, HAWAII

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD                                        | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |                                                 |                                                 |                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 900-      | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)                |
|                                               |                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |                                                 |                                                         |

SPECIFIC DATES    c. 1851 construction    BUILDER/ARCHITECT    Nicolas Greenwell

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Greenwell store of Kona built in c. 1851 originally served as a store and post office. Nicholas Greenwell, the store's builder, also served as the area's postmaster as well as the area's general merchandiser. The building is the only commercial structure from this period left in Kona. It displays a unique commercial use of mortar and fieldstone. The building is still owned and maintained by Greenwell heirs.

H. Nicholas Greenwell was born in England in 1826. He sold his commission in the Army at age 23 and left for Australia to make a new start where he bought a sheep station. In 1849 he sailed to California in search for gold. He then came to Hawaii and worked in Kailua. In 1867 Mr. Greenwell returned to England to visit his family and on his way back to Hawaii stopped in the Caribbean. On the island of Monsarrat he met his bride Elizabeth Caroline Hall. They returned to Hawaii together, bringing a new variety of oranges found in Brazil. Nicholas Greenwell is remembered for his cultivation of navel oranges which he exported, and his buying and selling of sheep skins which he did through his store. He also became involved with dairies in the 1880's and later began extensive ranching. He and his wife had eleven children.

After serving community interests, the building was later used by the Greenwell ranch. It was turned into a ranch warehouse. In c. 1959 the interior was altered and the exterior portice and porch were added. The building's original slate roof was replaced with corrugated iron at that time. Plans are presently underway to donate the building to the Kona Historical Society, to be used as a general headquarters.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Greenwell family records and interviews with Amy and Norman Greenwell (1974).

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.0 A

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |         |                        |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|---------|------------------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 05   | 193160  | 2160320 <sup>340</sup> | B |      |         |          |
|   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING               |   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C |      |         |                        | D |      |         |          |
|   |      |         |                        |   |      |         |          |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Greenwell Store is located on a one acre rectangular lot in Kealahou town bounded by Mamalahoa Highway on the west side, Youth With A Mission facility on the east side, Kona Meat Market on the north side and Greenwell Ranch pastures on the south side.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John C. Wright

ORGANIZATION

Bishop Museum

DATE

January 19, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

1355 Kalihi Street

TELEPHONE

847-1443

CITY OR TOWN

Honolulu

STATE

Hawaii

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

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

*Jan L. Silverman*  
SHPO

TITLE

DATE

January 20, 1978

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

ATTEST

*Wathurui Cole*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER

DATE

5-22-78

DATE

5-5-78

Property

*Greenwell Store*

78001017  
Hawaii

State

*Hawaii*

Working Number

*1.30.78.2360*

**TECHNICAL**

Photos *3*  
Maps *1*

*Quite important.*

**CONTROL**

*OK pl*  
*1.31.78*

**HISTORIAN**

*Sheffy*  
*3-29-78*  
*accept*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*accept*  
*Brookman*  
*3-6-78*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

*"only commercial structure from this period left in Kona. It displays a unique commercial use of mortar and fieldstone."*

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Accept*  
*Lebovich*  
*4/3/78*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

*Accepted*  
*5/22/78*

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered **MAY 22 1978**

Federal Register Entry

*7.5.78*

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

INT:2106-74



Greenwell Store  
Kealakekua, Hawaii *County*  
Photo by John Wright, 1974  
Neg in State Hist Pres Office  
Looking west at front elevation  
Photo #1 *23*

JAN 30 1978

MAY 22 1978

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THIS PAPER MANUFACTURED BY KODAK



Greenwell Store  
Kealakekua, Hawaii *County*  
Photo by John Wright, 1974  
Neg in State Hist Pres Office  
Looking north at south elevation  
Photo #2 *03*

JAN 30 1978

MAY 22 1978

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Greenwell Store  
Kealakekua, Hawaii *County*  
Photo by John Wright, 1974  
Neg in State Hist Pres Office  
Looking northeast  
Photo #3 *23*

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GEORGE R. ARIYOSHI  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



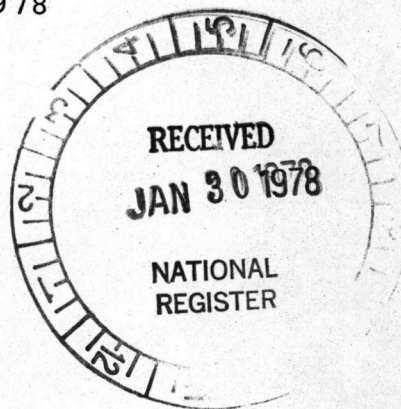
STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF STATE PARKS  
P. O. BOX 621  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

DIVISIONS:  
CONVEYANCES  
FISH AND GAME  
FORESTRY  
LAND MANAGEMENT  
STATE PARKS  
WATER AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

January 24, 1978

Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service  
18th and C Streets, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Keeper:

Transmitted herewith is the national register of  
historic places inventory--nomination form for:

GREENWELL STORE

Please advise us of its status after review.

Sincerely yours,

Jane L. Silverman  
Historic Preservation Officer  
State of Hawaii

Enclosure

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      HAWAII

Date Entered      MAY 22 1978

Name

Location

Greenwell Store

Kealahou  
Hawaii County

Also Notified

Honorable Spark M. Matsunaga  
Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
Honorable Daniel K. Akaka

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Miss Jane L. Silverman  
Department of Land and  
Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 621  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

NR      Mott/bjr      5/24/78

GEORGE R. ARIYOSHI  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII

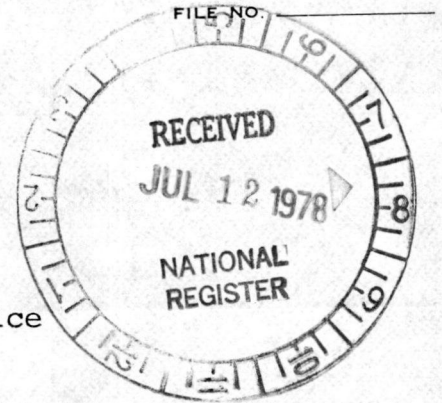


**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
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July 7, 1978

*Hawaii*

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Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
18th and C Streets, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Sir:

The Greenwell Store which was entered into the National Register of Historic Places on May 22, 1978 had a few errors on the final form. This is to inform you of these errors and provide the proper data so that the appropriate changes can be made on the form.

The construction date for the store should be 1870 instead of c.1851. The improper date appears twice in the significance portion of the form. The last line of the second paragraph in the significance section should read, "He and his wife had eleven children.", instead of ten children.

Sincerely,

*Nathan E. Napoka*

Nathan E. Napoka  
Historian  
Historic Preservation Office

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: **Greenwell Store**      ② OTHER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_      ③ date of entry: **MAY 22 1978**      ④ county code: **01**

⑤ LOCATION street & number: **HI 11**      city / town: **Kealakekua**      vicinity of: \_\_\_\_\_      state: **HI**      county: **Hawaii**      ⑥ NPS REGION: **W**

⑦ OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name) \_\_\_\_\_      ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL      ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO      ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: **2nd**      ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION:  STATE  FEDERAL

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  NO      ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  NO      ⑮ ACREAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 if state who prepared form? **John C. Wright**  
 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  fair  unexcavated  excavated

⑰ features: INTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-4  NOT APPLICABLE-7      EXTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-5  NOT APPLICABLE-8      ENVIRONS  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-6  NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS  YES - Restricted  YES - Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown      ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO      ⑳ SAVED?  YES  NO      ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2  ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1  AGRICULTURE -3  ARCHITECTURE-4  ART-5

ENGINEERING-11       LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15       POLITICS/GOVT.-21       RECREATION-28

COMMERCE-6       ENTERTAINMENT-26       LAW-16       RELIGION-22       SETTLEMENT-29

COMMUNICATIONS-7       EXPLORATION-12       LITERATURE-17       SCIENCE-23       URBAN PLANNING-31

CONSERVATION-8       HEALTH-27       MILITARY-18       SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24       OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

ECONOMICS-9       INDUSTRY-13       MUSIC-19       SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30

EDUCATION-10       INVENTION-14       PHILOSOPHY-20       TRANSPORTATION-25

㉓ CLAIMS: explain 'first'  'oldest'  'only'

㉔ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENTLY: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉕ dates of initial construction: \_\_\_\_\_ major alterations: \_\_\_\_\_ historic events: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

㉗ architectural style(s): \_\_\_\_\_      ㉘ architect: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉙ master builder: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉚ engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉜ interior decorator: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉝ artist: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉞ artisan: \_\_\_\_\_      ㉟ builder/contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

㊱ NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTIONAL: \_\_\_\_\_

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP