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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 any 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 DAIFUKUJI SOTO ZEN MISSION

other names/site number 10-47-7222

2. Location

street & number MAMALAHOA HIGHWAY not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

city or town HONALO vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

state HAWAII code 001 county HAWAII code 001 zip code 96750

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

Kirk A. Stone March 16, 1994  
Signature of certifying official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or 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 commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I, hereby certify that this 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 Keeper Edson H. Beall Entered in the National Register 4/21/94 Date of Action

**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

**Name of related multiple property listing**

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

NA

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> Total

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**   0  

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:   RELIGION  

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sub:   RELIGIOUS FACILITY  

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**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:   RELIGION  

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sub:   RELIGIOUS FACILITY  

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

  OTHER  

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation   CONCRETE    
roof   METAL    
walls   WOOD    
      
other   NA  

**Narrative Description**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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  HAWAII    
county and State

The Daifukuji Soto Zen Mission is a one-story, frame building rendered in a typical Japanese Buddhist temple style for Hawaii. It is distinguished by its metal, irimoya (hip-gable) roof, outset front entry, and being elevated from the ground on posts.

The mission is located on a large property facing the Mamalahoa Highway, and is separated from the highway by a stone wall. The grounds between the temple and highway is primarily in lawn and a paved parking lot, although on the right side are two, more recently renovated, frame buildings used as a social hall, school and gym. To the rear and uphill of the temple is a cemetery, which is accessed by a paved road. In front of the temple is a small shrine, with its ornate, metal, irimoya roof, dates from 1961.

Four concrete steps serve as a pedestal for the Daifukuji Soto Mission building, and an additional eight wood steps provide access to the verandah. The steps are protected by an ornate portico with a metal, pent roof, with a karahafu motif, carved beams and elbow brackets. The verandah has a simple wood balustrade with onion dome posts and runs the length of the facade connecting the three parts of the mission building: the original, 1921, main hall in the center, the 1937 Kannon-do (Kannon Hall) to the left and the 1950 minister's dwelling to the right.

The main hall is dominated by its metal irimoya (hip and gable roof) which features a centered front gable with a decorative barge board and beam end. The roof is capped with a ridge beam with decorative beam ends, and has open, overhanging eaves with exposed rafters. The facade of the main hall is symmetrical with a centered entry with double sliding arched, 2 x 2 double hung sash windows flank the portal. A fan light is over each window. The building is of single wall construction. The interior of the main hall has been remodeled in recent times, but includes the 1915 statue of Buddha and the altar is of koa and carved in Hawaii.

The Kannon-do is connected to, and opens into the main hall. It is a single-wall, square structure with a hipped metal roof, connected to the main hall by a gabled roofed element with sliding windows. It contains an altar with a statue of Kannon, which was by a master sculptor in Japan, Mr. Sosaku Miki.

The minister's residence is to the right of the main hall, and a landscaped courtyard separates the dwelling from the main hall. It is also of single wall construction, is rectangular in floor plan and has a metal hip roof. Separate steps lead up directly to it.

The Daifukuji Soto Zen Mission has had no major alterations or additions, other than those mentioned above, which are sensitive to the original 1921 temple.

**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 a 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.

**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.)

HISTORY OF HAWAII SOTO-SHU 1903-1978, pp. 98-101

**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  
# \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1921-1940

**Significant Dates**

1921, 1937

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

**Cultural Affiliation**

JAPANESE

**Architect/Builder**

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

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

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Daifukuji Soto Zen Mission is architecturally significant as a good example of a Buddhist temple constructed in Hawaii in the early twentieth century.

Its mixture of Japanese and local architectural elements makes it a typical Buddhist building of its period and place. The use of the metal roof and single wall construction derive from Hawaii's plantation tradition, while the roof forms, elevated building, the decorative portico, and use of the verandah all derive from Japan. However, the round arched windows well bespeak a western influence amidst the otherwise oriental ornamentation. This building is the best example of the form on the Kona coast, and is one of perhaps a dozen such structures which remain extant in Hawaii. Other good examples of the form include the Hongwanji temples in Koloa (Kauai), Hana (Maui), and North Kohala (Hawaii); the Jodo Missions in Koloa (Kauai), Hamakua (Hawaii), and Lauphoehoe (Hawaii); and the Soto Zen Mission in Paia ( Maui).

This is the oldest Soto Zen temple Hawaii. The congregation was established in 1914, and under the direction of Reverend Kaiseki Kodama a temple was constructed, approximately 200 yards north of the current building. In 1918 Reverend Meido Kakiura took over the ministry at Honalo, and in 1921 dedicated the present building.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Daifukuji Soto Zen Mission

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: HAWAII, Hawaii

DATE RECEIVED: 3/22/94                      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/05/94  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/21/94                      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/06/94  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000382

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: Y    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    4.21.94 DATE    Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



1. DAIFUKUJI SOTO ZEN MISSION

2. HAWAII COUNTY, HI

3. JOHN WRIGHT

A. OCTOBER, 1973

5. SHPD OFFICE

6. FACING MAIN HALL ENTRANCE

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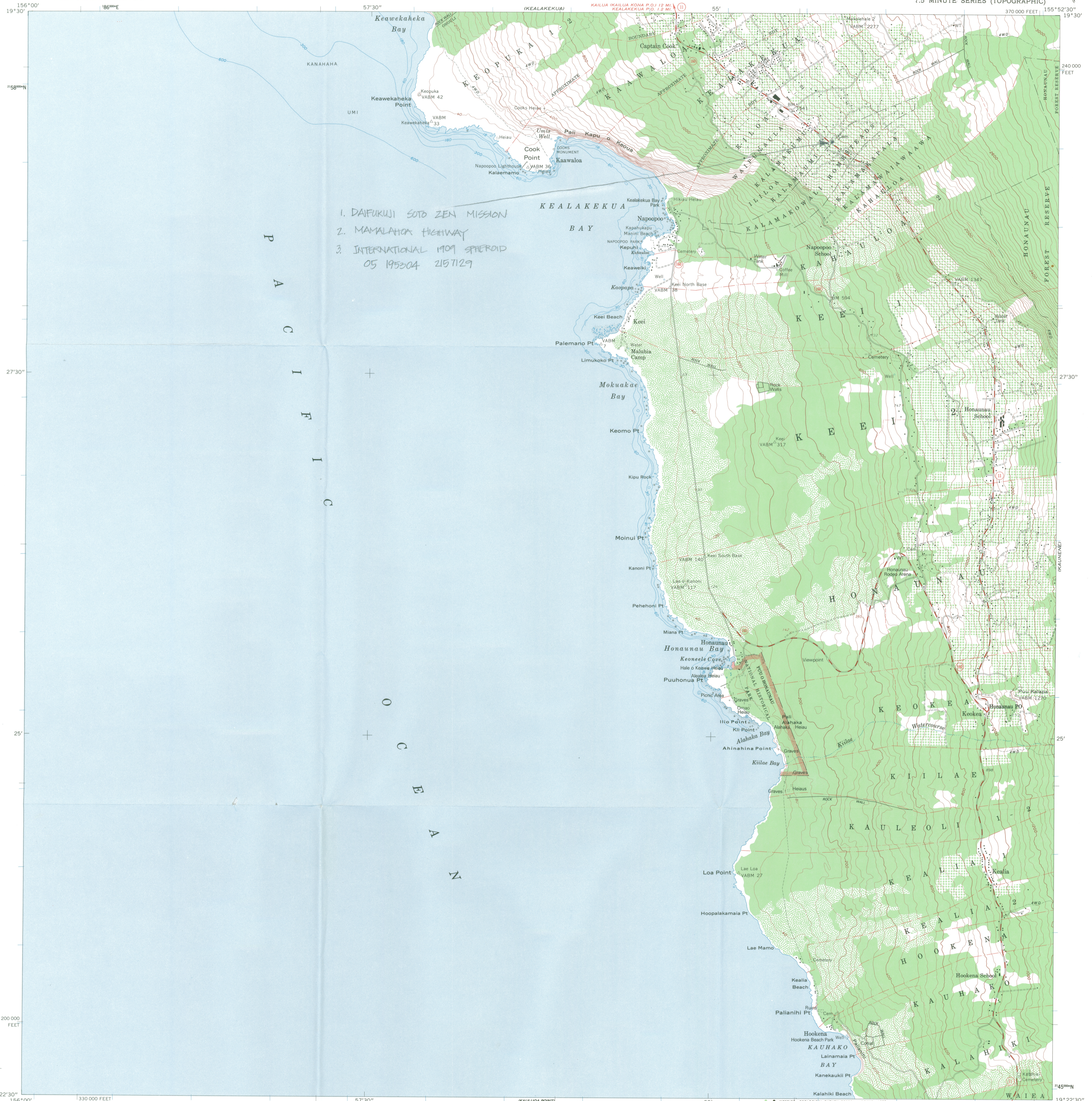
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2. HAWAII COUNTY, HI
3. JOHN WRIGHT
4. OCT. 1973
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6. ENTRANCE TO MINISTER'S  
HOUSE
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1. DAIFUKUJI SOTO ZEN MISSION
2. HAWAII COUNTY, HI
3. JOHN WRIGHT
4. OCTOBER, 1993
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6. INTERIOR, MAIN HALL ALTAR
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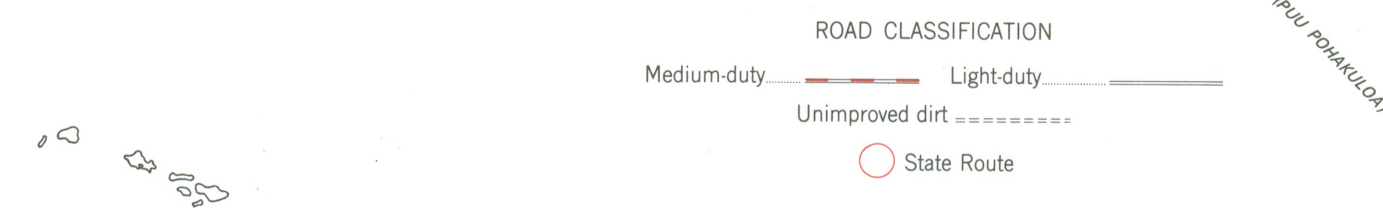
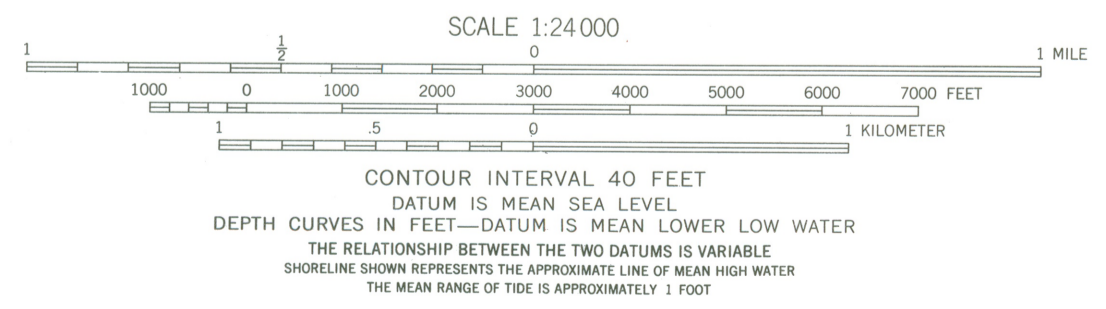
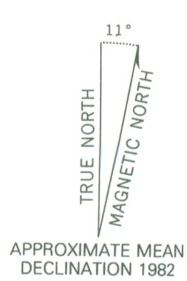


1. DAIFUKUJI SOTO ZEN MISSION
2. HAWAII COUNTY, HI
3. JOHN WRIGHT
4. OCTOBER, 1993
5. SHPD OFFICE
6. 1961 ALTAR
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1. DAIFUKUJI SOTO ZEN MISSION  
2. MAMALAHUA HIGHWAY  
3. INTERNATIONAL 1909 SPHEROID  
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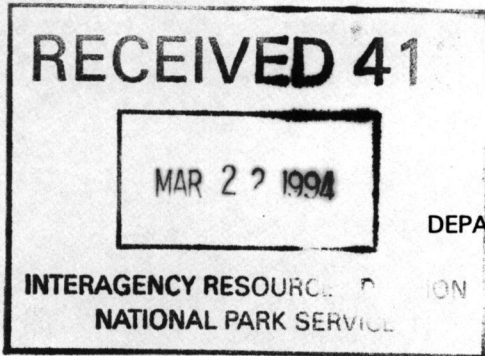


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National Park Service  
National Register Program  
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DOC NO: 9403TM03  
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Dear Ms. Shull:

SUBJECT: **National Register Nominations**  
**Daifukuji Soto Zen Mission, Honalo**  
**Hilo Masonic Lodge, Hilo**  
**Waihee Church, Waihee, Hawaii**

We respectfully submit to you the following nominations:

1. The Daifukuji Soto Zen Mission, located in Honalo on the Big Island of Hawaii.
2. The Hilo Masonic Lodge, located in downtown Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii.
3. Waihee Church, located in Waihee on the island of Maui.

We ask that these sites be considered for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Should you have any questions, please call Tonia Moy at 587-0005.

Very truly yours,

KEITH AHUE, Chairperson and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures