

HONOLULU HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT
SURVEYED PROPERTY CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

TMK: **98018042**

Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Portion of Alignment: **Ewa portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Forty Niner Saimin**

Sector: **13 Pearlridge Station Sector**

Location: **98-315 HONOMANU ST**

Owner: **CHAGAMI, RICHARD K TR**

Station Block:

Date-Original: **1947**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Restaurant**

Architectural Description:

This single-story building has a flat roof with a simple narrow band at the cornice. It is constructed of CMU with a stucco finish. Storefront windows are fixed light and three-light sliding sash with transom lights. Windows on the sides of the building are four-light casements with transom lights. There is a cantilevered concrete canopy over the Honomanu Street storefront and the windows on the northeast side.

Integrity:

Appears unaltered.

Significance:

Criterion "A" - associated with the early commercialization of saimin, which was first developed as a plantation staple. Criterion "C" - as an intact example of an early post-war commercial building west of Honolulu. Forty Niner Saimin was opened in August 1947 by the Chagami family, who built the restaurant after operating a lunchwagon on the site. Managed by brothers Richard and Henry Chagami, the Forty Niner specialized in home-made saimin, a dish that evolved on Hawaii's plantations. Saimin became popular when it was served as fast food at Honolulu Stadium (1926-1976). The restaurant closed for a time in 2006-2007. The building is a rare intact example of an early post-war commercial building west of Honolulu.

