

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Hawaii	
COUNTY: Honolulu	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
The Royal Brewery

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
553 S. Queen Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE: Hawaii      CODE: 15      COUNTY: Honolulu      CODE: 03

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>not in use</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
C. Q. Yee Hop

STREET AND NUMBER:  
125 N. King Street

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu      STATE: Hawaii      CODE: 15

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Bureau of Conveyances

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Tax Office Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu      STATE: Hawaii      CODE: 15

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Old Honolulu (The Historic Buildings Task Force)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Archives of Hawaii

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Iolani Palace Grounds

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1899, a New York architect designed a brewery building to the specifications of the Honolulu Brewing and Malting Company. The basic structure of the four story building is a steel frame encased in concrete (up to 18" thick in some interior walls) with a decorative brick facade. The basic design follows closely the traditional forms and detailing of many mainland breweries of the same period. The main facade, fronting 105 feet on Queen Street, is of grand proportion and a rare architectural statement with its three-story brick arches, corbels, and intricate patterns reflecting the finest masonry craftsmanship of the time. The interior spaces are broken up into various sizes and shapes to accommodate the operation of brewing beer. The main structural floors are of "I" beams approximately three feet on center covered with thick concrete slabs and formed to create vaulted ceilings for the rooms below. To further strengthen the steel and concrete, structural steel tie rods were placed in the concrete slabs running the complete width of the building.

Currently, the building is in good basic structural condition although it has received no maintenance since it last produced beer in 1960.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brewery building on Queen Street is a landmark in the downtown area. It was constructed from materials shipped in from Sand Francisco and New York in 1899-1900 and was the original home of Primo, Hawaii's local beer. It is probably the oldest brewery in Hawaii besides being the only building of its type in the state.

While it was being built, the Advertiser (December 9, 1899) stated that "while of plain design and intended only as a business structure yet the elevation on the Queen Street side presents a pleasing appearance, a stone arch flanking the windows from the first floor to the top of the third story, which bears also the carved legend, 'The Honolulu Brewing and Malting Company.'"

The Brewery has not produced beer since 1960. Many of the secondary buildings around the main structure have been torn down and most of the area is being used as a parking lot although the main building still stands as a unique structure in Hawaii and an example of a type of industrial architecture once popular in the United States.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Pacific Commercial Advertiser, December 9, 1899

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		21°	18'	22"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		157°	51'	42"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Dorothy Riconda, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Hawaii Register of Historic Places DATE: Nov. 15, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 621

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu STATE: Hawaii CODE: 15

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: United States Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1959			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Property boundaries where required.</li> <li>North arrow.</li> <li>Latitude and longitude reference.</li> </ol>			

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Dorothy A. Riconda			
DATE OF PHOTO: April 23, 1971			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Hawaii Register of Historic Places			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Looking in southeast direction from the Kawaiahao Cemetary, this photograph shows the front facade and side elevation of the building.			