

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

Historic name Oahu Railway and Land Company Depot and
Other names/site number Document Storage Building

2. Location

Street & number 333 North King Street not for publication NA
City, town Honolulu vicinity NA
State Hawaii code HI county Honolulu code 003 zip code 96817

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: NA
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 _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

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Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
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5. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

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- determined not eligible for the National Register.
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- other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

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Transportation

Rail-related

Government

Government office

Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Mission/Spanish

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Concrete

roof Ceramic tile

other NA

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Oahu Railway and Land Company depot is a two-story Spanish mission revival building which is characterized by its stuccoed concrete walls, tile hipped roof, four-sided clock tower and first story arcade.

The depot is an L-shaped building with an eight bay wing extending to the rear off the left side. A flat roofed arcade is outset from the building and runs the length of the facade and wraps around the left (east) side of the building. The arcade is capped by a projected band at the parapet. The archway springers are articulated by a similar band. The bases of the arch columns are projected and the arcade floor is composed of brick set in a herringbone pattern. The arcade's flat ceiling is broken at the arch columns by an exposed wooden beam which is "supported" at its ends by small conical "corbels". The arcade has been enclosed in the six western most bays of the facade.

The facade is eighteen bays wide. The seven western most bays are recessed slightly from the remainder of the facade. The other eleven bays are dominated by the central clock tower which rises from the body of the building. The tower has clocks with Roman numerals on all four sides and terminates with a crenelated battlement. The clock tower bay is also the entry bay for the building and this bay of the arcade is outset from the others. A wrought iron balcony surmounts this bay of the arcade.

The entry features a lunette with wrought iron ornamentation. Stairs lead from the entry to a rear, second story lanai which runs the length of the rear (south) side of the building. The lanai is enhanced by a round arched arcade. Much of the interior of the building has been modified for governmental office use, but some of the original tile work still remains.

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National Park Service



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Continuation sheet

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At the east end of the depot is a single story porte cochere which is four bays wide and has a flat roof. Constructed of hollow tile, it appears this feature was added at a later date.

All windows are 1 x 1 double hung sash usually grouped in pairs or threes.

To the right (west) of the depot stands the office and document storage building. It is a two-story, reinforced concrete building rendered in a stark Georgian revival style. It is rectangular in floor plan and its east facing facade is characterized by a heavy pediment.

A centered entry is capped by a pediment and flanked on either side by a small, two light, projected window with a stylized extrado. Three steps lead up to the entry, which has a pilaster on either side "supporting" the pediment.

A pair of band moldings run around the building and demarcate the first and second stories. The upper molding connects the sills of the second story windows. There are three such windows in the facade, one for each bay, and four along the north side. These windows are jalousie and have awnings over them. The south wall has three openings: a small two light projected window toward the rear (west) side, a single jalousie window and a jalousie window door pair. The door leads to the top of a concrete platform which is supported by a large bracket.

The building terminates with a gable roof which has a heavy cornice.

To the rear of the office and document storage building is a small, single story, building constructed of reinforced concrete poured with rough board formwork. It was built sometime between 1919 and 1927, and was a vault. It currently is unoccupied.

There have been no additions or major alterations to the exteriors of these buildings.

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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
Agriculture
Transportation

Period of Significance

1925-1948
1914-1948

Significant Dates

1925
1914

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

NA

Architect/Builder

Guy Rothwell

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

The Oahu Railway and Land Company depot and office and document storage buildings are significant for their associations with the Oahu Railway and Land Company. The depot is also architecturally significant as a good example of Spanish mission revival architecture in Honolulu.

The Oahu Railway and Land Company was started in 1889 by Benjamin F. Dillingham. The railroad ran west out of Honolulu to Waianae, around Kaena Point and on to Kahuku, and is significant in the development of the sugar industry on the island of Oahu. As a result of the development of this rail line the lands of western and northern Oahu were able to be opened for the cultivation of sugar, with plantations started at Ewa, Waipahu, Waianae, Waialua, Kahuku and other areas. Besides freight, the O.R. & L. also provided plantation workers with easy access to Honolulu. The railroad prospered until the 1930s when the advent of improved roadways led to its decline. The railway continued in operation through World War II, but in 1947 all operations outside of Honolulu were abandoned. Shortly thereafter operations in Honolulu also ceased. With the abandoning of the railway the depot served as a bus depot for a number of years and in recent years has been rehabilitated for State government office use.

The depot is a good example of Spanish mission revival architecture in Honolulu. Designed by Guy Rothwell, the building was completed in 1927 and replaced an earlier frame depot. Its arcade, plaster walls, red tile roof and tower are all characteristic of the style during this period. When Mediterranean style buildings were considered the appropriate style for warm environments.

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Honolulu Advertiser: December 7, 1924
Star-Bulletin: October 18, 1924
Thrum's Hawaiian Annual for 1926 p. 121
Paradise of the Pacific, December 1924, pp. 116-117

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:
 State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Specify repository:

Department of Land & Natural Resources

Geographical Data

Acage of property 1 acre

References

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Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
D			

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Boundary Description

This nomination includes all the property designated in 1987 by Tax Map Key 1-5-7:14

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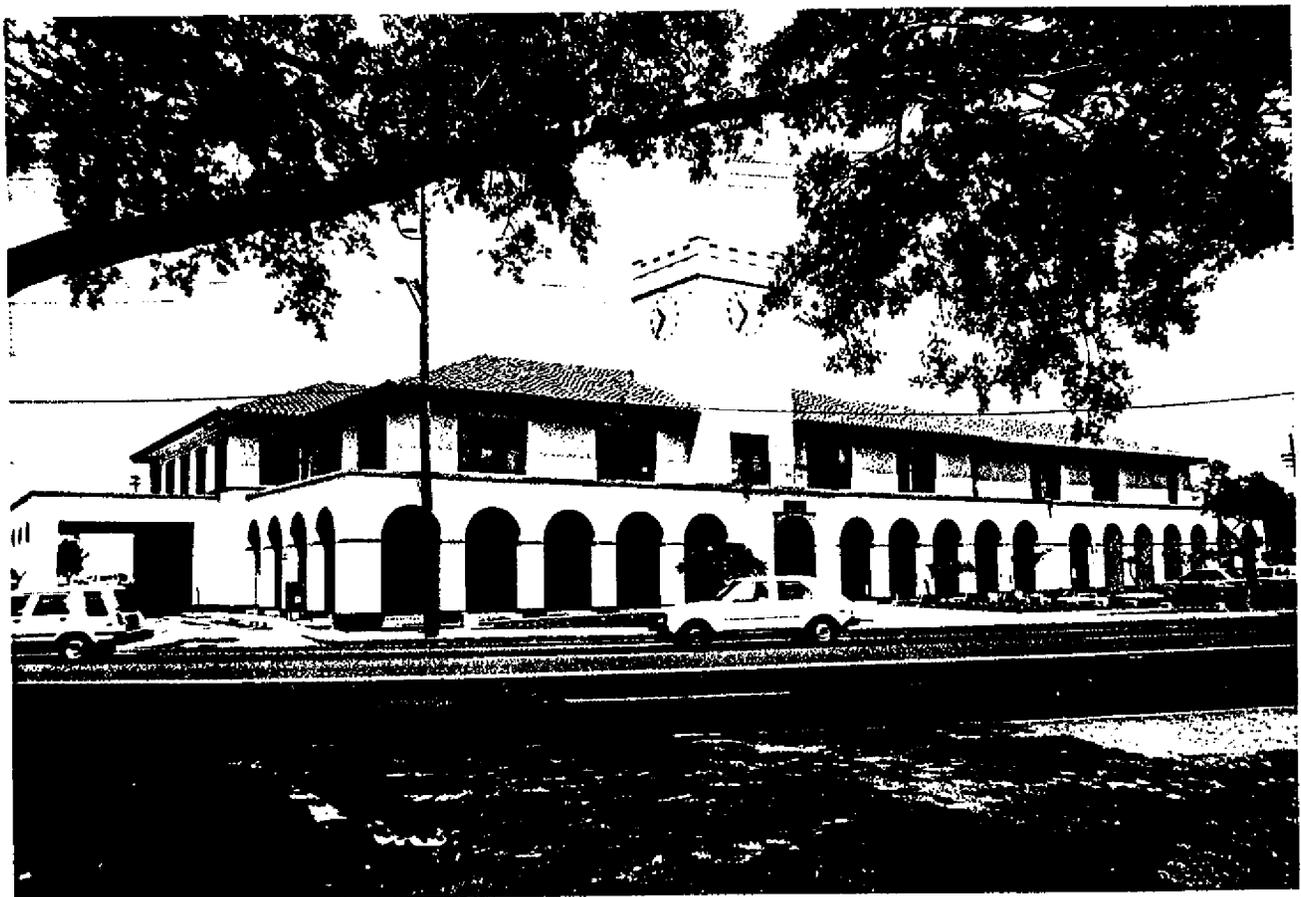
Boundary Justification

This property includes all extent structures associated with the OR&L Depot complex in Honolulu.

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1. Form Prepared By

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OR&L Depot and Document Storage
Building

Honolulu, Hawaii
Photo by Nathan Napoka May 1987
Neg in State Hist Pres Office
Looking northwest at entry
Photo #2 of 4

OR&L Depot and Document Storage Building

Honolulu, Hawaii
Photo by Nathan Napoka May 1987
Neg in State Hist Pres Office
Looking SE at King Street elevation
Photo #1 of 4