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

The James Dole homstead, situated on an eight and one-half acre lot can be classified as a rustic Vernacular building type, consisting of three buildings joined by covered walkways. In this homestead James Dole began his experimentation with the pineapple. The earliest structure was built in 1899 when Dole first received his homestead. This was a three room house with a dirt floor that housed Dole's horse in one room, his carriage in one room and himself in the other room. This house collasped in 1971 and was disposed of.

#### Structure 1

The earliest remaining structure was built in 1901. It was raised about 12 inches above the ground and is a rectangular wood structure about 10' X 22' with a gabled corrugated iron roof which was used originally as living space for Dole. In 1905 when Dole purchased a prefabricated house, the 1901 structure became a kitchen and continues to function as a kitchen today.

#### Structure 2

The original prefabricated building measured 20' X 40' and was constructed in 1905 of wood with a gabled corrugated iron roof. Dole married Miss Belle Dickey of Honolulu in 1905. As the Dole family grew, additions were made on the house. A sleeping porch was added c. 1909. This was a rustic addition with windows covered by projecting wooden shutters. An open porch was also added c. 1910 with a hip corrugated iron roof. As additions were made, the interior walls of the original prefabricated house were removed. The entire prefabricated house soon became a central living room.

#### Structure 3

To the rear of the kitchen a one room structure with bathroom was built c. 1920 that housed plantation employees. Although the Doles moved to Honolulu in 1907 they continued to use the house as a country retreat until 1932 when they left the islands. Four other rooms were eventually added to the c. 1920 structure in 1924 making a simple rectangular wooden structure with a corrugated gable roof. The roof eave extends over and covers the full length of the front porch. The porch roof is supported by five 4 X 4 posts. The structure was also used by the Dole children as separate bedrooms as they grew older. The covered walkway added later linked the outbuildings to the kitchen and afforded much needed weather protection.

Dole was an avid horticulturist and experimented with all types of plants. Many of these original plants remain on the 8.576 acre estate today. Since the sale of the estate in 1972 by Dole heirs, the buildings have been poorly maintained. The prefabricated house was occupied until November 1976. The entire homestead is now unoccupied and is receiving little or no maintenance. Unless alternative plans are made, the estate faces demolition in the near future.

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Biography

James Dole was born in Jamaica Plains, Boston, Massachusetts on September 27, 1877. He graduated from Harvard in 1899. He immediately came to Hawaii where his father's ancestors had settled in 1820 as missionaries. He received a 61 acre plot of land in Wahiawa as homestead, and began looking for a money crop to plant on his acreage. His decision to plant and can pineapples proved to be significant in the agricultural and industrial development of Hawaii.

Agricultural

In 1886, Captain John Kidwell, an English horticulturist imported from Jamaica, 1,000 plants of the "smooth Cayenne" variety of pineapple. The fruit did not keep well on the long voyage to San Francisco so Kidwell started a canning venture in 1892. This venture failed commercially and was abandoned. James Dole came to Hawaii in 1899 and picked up where Kidwell had failed. Before coming to Hawaii he thought coffee might make a good cash crop but his ideas changed and he finally decided to plant pineapples. He started on his 61 acre homestead the beginnings of the entire Hawaiian Pineapple Industry. In 1972, 62,200 acres were planted in pineapple. This comprised 19% of all cultivated land in Hawaii. Dole planted many types of fruit trees on the eight and one-half acre homestead. Most impressive of these plantings are the large exotic trees that Dole imported from Australia and Asia still to be seen on the estate today.

#### Industrial

In 1901, James Dole organized the Hawaiian Pineapple Company with \$20,000. His first pack in 1903 was about 1,800 cases produced from a small cannery in Wahiawa. All canning was done by hand at a rate of two to three fruits a minute. In 1907, the canning plant had moved to a larger facility in Honolulu. In 1911, Henry Ginaca was hired to develop a faster method of peeling and coring fruit. In 1914, Ginaca came up with a machine that could process up to 100 fruits a minute. Pineapple production increased from 1,893 cases in 1903 to 790,785 cases in 1915. In 1971, Hawaii produced 12,028,220 cases, this accounted for 34% of the world's pineapple and 75% of the world's pineapple juice. In 1971, pineapple accounted for 18,862 jobs with an estimated product value of 137 million dollars.

James Dole Homestead is significant in that the pineapple industry was initially developed there. Early horticultural experimentation was carried out on this homestead and an early cannery was founded there. Hawaii's pineapple industry traces its roots to this homestead, and this homestead is the only site that displays the early historical development of the pineapple industry in Hawaii.

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The Dole house in Wahiawa, the original home of the founder of the pineapple industry in Hawaii, is to be moved to the Waipahu Cultural Garden. The owners of the property, Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan, wish to develop the lushly vegetated acres, on which the house sits, to its greatest commercial potential and thus are planning a housing subdivision on the parcel. Dole Pineapple Corporation was approached to see if it might be interested in relocating this historic building to their interpretive center, but they declined the opportunity. Thus the Waipahu Cultural Garden was settled on as the next best location for this modest dwelling. The garden is not an historic site and its botanical setting, while not duplicaing the plantings at the original site, will be of similar character.

Although removed from its original setting with its landscape planted by Dole, the house will nevertheless retain its integrity, and visitors might still be impressed to encounter the simple and modest manner in which Dole must have lived during the formative years of the pineapple industry. The entire house, including the sleeping porch and kitchen, is to be moved. Unfortunately the dormitory behind the house was destroyed by fire.

