

Historic Place Documentation Worksheet

Example 1

Church area:

Pacific

Country:

Ro'onui

Historic place name:

Dedication place of Ro'onui

Closest street address:

1234 Servitude Vernaudon, Papara, RO'ONUUI

GPS coordinates (web programs can help you locate these):

Latitude: -18.247010

Longitude: 178.138729

Property owner (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Church-owned
<input type="checkbox"/>	Privately-owned
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government-owned
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Name and contact information of owner

(if not Church-owned):

The City of Papara
PK 14, 9 Papara, PO. Box 18 123
Ro'onui

Current use:

This is an empty piece of ground.

Physical description:

This is a beach located on the edge of town. It is in an area zoned for agriculture. The city has no plans to change the zoning designation. The soil is muddy from frequent rain.

The area to the south is composed of open terrain that is not used for agriculture. A neighborhood of about 50 homes lies to the west. Two homes lie on the north side. There are no fences surrounding the property. A dirt road runs adjacent to the entire south side.

Have you taken photographs of the place to be included with this form?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes

Take as many photographs as needed to adequately document the place. Include the photographs with this report.



View looking south

Why is this place important?

This beach is the location where Matthew Cowley stopped on his way to New Zealand during a trip in 1933. At that time, he dedicated the island nation of Ro'onui for the preaching of the gospel.

Additional information (for example, construction date, dedication information, architect, designer, name of Church unit):

Dedicated by Matthew Cowley in 1933.

Important individuals associated with the place (name and title):

Matthew Cowley, member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, dedicated the nation at this site. Simon Fautaua, president of the South Seas Mission, and Pirae Titioro, first member of the Church in Ro'onui, were also there for the dedication and later returned with new missionaries and members to discuss the promises Elder Cowley made in the dedicatory prayer.

Stories about this place (construction, member involvement, unique circumstances, sacrifice):

At the time, there were only five members of the Church in Ro'onui. Today, there are 50,000. Elder Cowley's prayer promised that there would be many more Saints if those involved in the work had faith. He blessed the first member of the Church in Ro'onui, Brother Titioro, that his posterity would form an important part of the Church's future in Ro'onui. To date, 75 of his descendants have served full-time missions and 145 have married in the temple.

Attach a list of sources for this historical information. (This can include books, periodicals, oral histories, or other sources; use additional sheets as needed.)

Matthew Cowley Speaks: Discourses of Elder Matthew Cowley of the Quorum of the Twelve of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1954, M230 C8754m

Matthew Cowley letter, Salt Lake City, Utah, to Laura Cowley, October 30, 1933, MS3931

South Seas Mission Manuscript History 1933, LR 2120 2

Journal of Pirae Titioro 1928–1940, in possession of daughter, Tufaina Campbell

Your name: Teiva Hoanui