



Corinne Chun Fujimoto in front of pili nut tree with Steve Mechler and Robert Dinelli

ASLA tour of Washington Place June 10, 2009

Thanks to Corinne Chun Fujimoto, curator of Washington Place for a fascinating voyage through the recent (since 1800's) history of this site which began as the "boonies" of Honolulu. It was built as the large western style home of seagoing Captain John Dominis. After his death, his widow turned the home into a boarding house with the help of her son. He later became husband to Queen Lili'uokalani who lived the last days of her life there. After annexation it became home to Hawaii's American governors until the new Governor's residence was completed in 2001.

Here, Sarah Dominis began the first residential garden in Honolulu, which Lili'uokalani nurtured and expanded. Of special interest was the Queen's list of plants situated on the property while she was in residence. The home is listed on the National Register for Historic Places



Front (south) facade of Washington Place



East end of front facade with solarium



North side of east end with solarium and open lanai



View east toward side gardens

Historic vat and bamboo



Solarium