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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Calle Gonzalo Marín #61
other names/site number Residencia Abreu

2. Location

street & number Calle Gonzalo Marín #61 N/A not for publication
city, town Arecibo N/A vicinity
state Puerto Rico code P.R. county Arecibo code 013 zip code 00612

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____
		1	_____
			Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
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.
Mariano G. Coronas Castro April 13, 1988
Signature of certifying official Date
Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Residence

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Residence-Commerce

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Spanish-Colonial

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stonewalls brick-rubblewoodroof sheet-metal/claytileother

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Abreu Residence is a two-storey, masonry and wood, commercial and residential building on the south side of Calle Gonzalo Marín, at Number 61, in the historic center of Arecibo. The base level is of stuccoed load-bearing masonry and the main, upped floor is of timber and clapboard construction. The composition consists of four bays, spaced evenly and symmetrically at both the ground and upper storeys.

At the commercial base level, two central rectangular entrance bays are flanked by smaller, square window openings. Each opening is articulated by heavy, planar, masonry surrounds. Bay number 2 contains original, wooden, double-doors with glass transoms, but bay number 3 has been altered to house aluminum and glass commercial doors.

A planar pilaster strip frames the east and west extremes of the ground-floor. A continuous base mould and a simple cornice delineate the lower and upper limits of the masonry base-storey, respectively.

The wooden, residential main storey repeats the rhythm of the ground floor, save that all openings are identical: narrow and rectangular, framed by planar surrounds and containing wooden, double-door jalousies with stained glass lights. These doors open out onto a spacious balcony that spans the full width of the structure. At the balcony, wooden colonnettes, spanned by a wooden-baluster railing, support a timber and sheet-metal hipped roof that shelters the balcony and the main house structure.

Although there is no documentation as to the original appearance of the house, it can be assumed from the prototype that the facade remains true to the original form and that an original, ceramics tile roof was replaced by metallic sheets during the early twentieth century. Traces of the ceramic tile are visible from the interior, above the timber construction.

In all, the Abreu residence maintains most of the original elements and character of its prototype. Its age and privileged location qualify it as one of Arecibo's most valuable structures.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

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)

Architectural

Period of Significance

XVIII & XIX Century

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

Although an exact date of construction cannot be determined, based on historic photographs of the area, we can say that the structure already existed on this lot by 1860. Judging from the rustic characteristics of the rubble construction of the ground floor, the thickness of its walls, and the location of the building near the town plaza, it is probable that the ground-floor was built during the 18th Century in the simple, functional manner typical of early Spanish houses. The interior floor level, lower than the street, is proof of the house's advanced age, and raises the possibility of the house's existence prior to the XVIII century. The 19th Century, wooden, upper level addition is nonetheless significant in itself, since it dates prior to 1860 and survived both the hurricane of San Ciriaco in 1899 and the building boom of the late 19th and early 20th century commerce with the United States, which facilitated the acquisitions and use of light-weight, pre-fabricated metal roofing materials. Thus, the Abreu Residence is one of a handful of remaining "folk" dwellings, and one of the oldest in the area of the Plaza of Arecibo.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historical Architectural Survey of Puerto Rico

Del Campo Blanco, Félix Julián, Un paseo por el Arecibo de Ayer, Arecibo: ALMACA, 1985.

Arcivo Histórico de la Fundación ALMACA.

Archivo General de Puerto Rico

See continuation sheet

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Private Archives of the Ramírez Family

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of property less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	9	7	4	1	5	2	5	2	0	4	4	0	3	5
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (See enclosed location plan)

To the North-Gonzalo Marín Street
To the South-Ariosto Cruz Street
To the East-Lottery Building
To the West-Commerce and Private Residence

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88000645

Date Listed: 6/9/88

Calle Gonzalo Marin No. 61
Property Name

Arecibo
County

PR
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Amy Schlaed
Signature of the Keeper

6/9/88
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Period of significance as discussed in the body of Section #8 relates to the development of the building. The period should date, as Section #8 notes, from the 19th century documented development.

Discussed and concurred in by Puerto Rico SHPO on June 9, 1988.

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

**United States Department of the Interior
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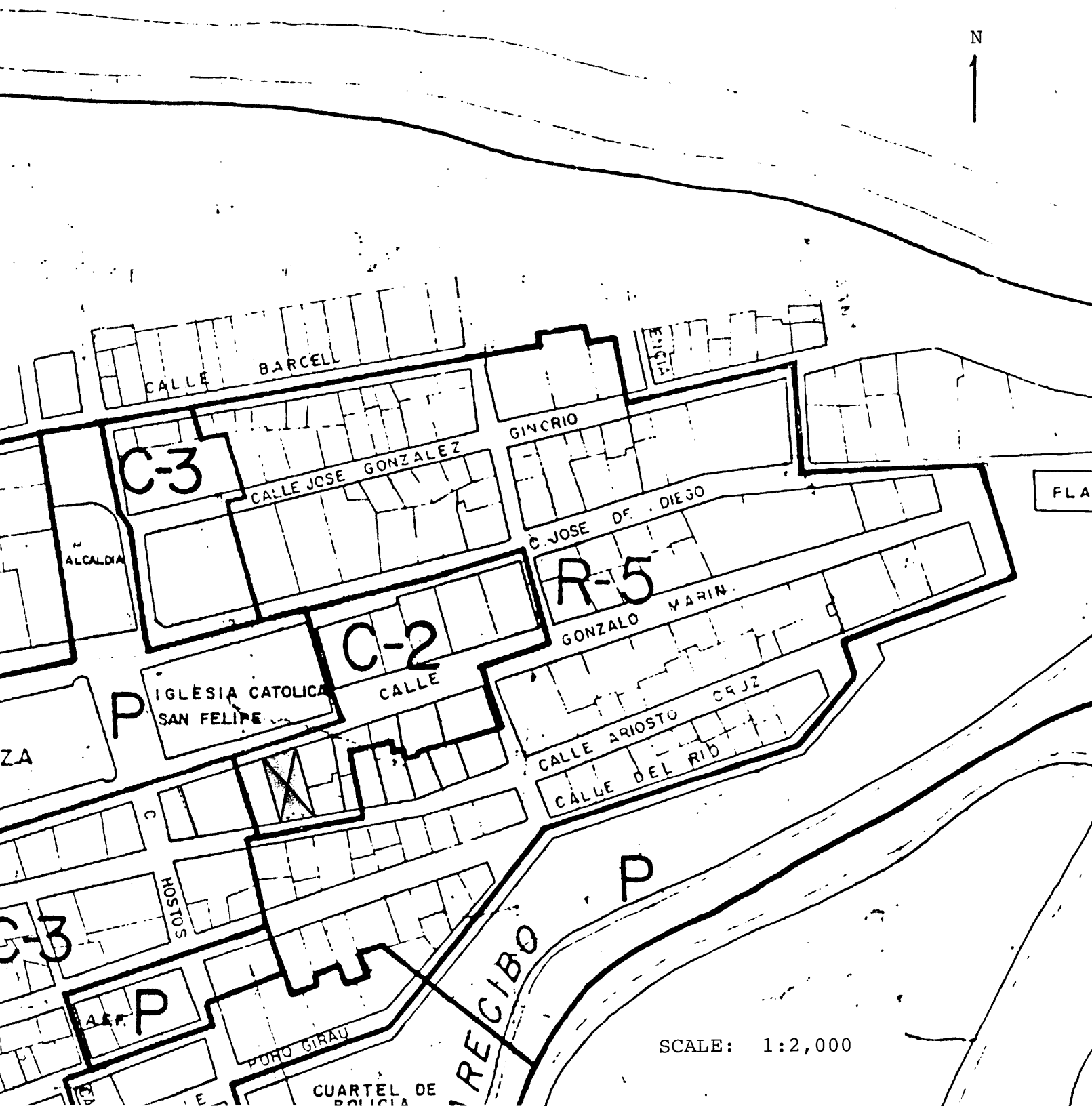
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Item number 10

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