

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Dr. Mesa House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Maxwell Street not for publication

city, town Agana vicinity of

state Guam 96910 code 96910 county  code

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u>Not yet considered</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Dr. Thomasa Mesa

street & number

city, town  vicinity of state

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Department of Land Management

street & number Administration Building

city, town Agana state Guam 96910

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title None has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date   federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town  state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Dr. Mesa house is a pre-war structure. The house is a two-story building 12.6m by 8.4m by approximately 6.1m high at the ridge line. The ground floor is concrete slab-on-grade. The second floor is ifil framed with ifil flooring. The roof is wood framed, but not of ifil construction. The roofing is corrugated metal. The lower and upper walls are concrete. There is a main exterior stairway on the west elevation and another exterior stairs on th east. The exterior stairs are similar to several other older houses in Agana. The balusters in the main exterior stairs continue around the southwest corner of the building. This portion was originally the porch.

The house is in fair condition. The concrete shows little signs of spalling and the building could be repaired fairly easily.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** circa 1930 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Dr. Mesa house is architecturally significant as an example of the Pacific Spanish colonial vernacular building tradition. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of this style such as the use of ifil wood, massive exterior stairs, an enclosed porch and it is a two story building. The house contributes to the historic context of the Agana houses thematic nomination. It is also significant for its association with broad patterns of events in the history of Guam. These events include the use of ifil for construction of houses, the bombing of Agana during World War II and the post-war reconstruction period, severe termite infestations and Typhoons Karen, 1962 and Pamela 1976.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Carano Collection, 1925; Micronesia Area Research Center, UOG, Guam
2. 1972 MARC Collection, Micronesia Area Research Center, UOG, Guam
3. Brooks, G.E. "Concrete Construction on Guam"; Guam Recorder
4. Personal interview with P. Mesa Leh

## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Agana

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A	<u>5</u> <u>5</u>	<u>25</u> <u>16</u> <u>6</u> <u>20</u>	<u>14</u> <u>90</u> <u>4</u> <u>5</u> <u>0</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The house is located on Lot 1485.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title JACK B. JONES, ARCHITECT

organization J.B. JONES, ARCHITECT AIA date AUGUST 1980

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city or town TAMUNING state GUAM 96911

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*John T. Palomo*

title Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

date 26 November 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date

*2/8/85*

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration