

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street & number Maxwell Street not for publication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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	Not yet considered	<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

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

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

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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