

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 Toves House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 801 West Marine Drive not for publication

city, town Anigua vicinity of

state Guam 96910 code county code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Pedro T. Toves

street & number Marine Drive

city, town Anigua vicinity of state Guam 96910

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 Toves House construction began in 1950. Because of the long delay before post-war reclamation work was accomplished, it is considered "immediate post-war". A previous house of post-type construction was destroyed by the invasion of the island by U.S. forces during World War II. The house is located on a large lot affording good views of the south, north and west elevations. The house is a two-story concrete framed structure, 13.4m by 12.4m by approximately 7.3m high at the ridge line. The window openings are equally spaced, centered within each bay. The house is four bays long plus the exterior stairs. The house is three bays wide, plus a one-bay extension at the back of the house. The second floor framing, roof framing and second floors are ifil. The door and window frames and doors are also ifil. Because the ifil forests and the ability to lumber them were destroyed during World War II, the ifil had to be imported from the Philippines. The ground floor is concrete slab-on-grade. The roof framing is douglas fir. The roofing is corrugated metal. An exterior stairs is located on the southwest corner. The concrete railings and detailings are very similar to several pre-war structures, including the Ungacta, Calvo-Torres, Martinez-Notley and Dungca houses. The house is in excellent condition.

# 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 1950-1952 Builder/Architect Owner Constructed

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Toves House is architecturally significant as an example of the Pacific Spanish colonial vernacular architecture. The use of ifil wood and such details as the balustrade and heavy exterior stairs link it with structures built generations earlier. Record of the evolution of this architectural style was abruptly interrupted by World War II, the destruction of native ifil wood forests, and the introduction of new building materials. The post-war reconstruction introduced large scale development of different building forms and materials. The ifil forests were destroyed during the war and the use of ifil for construction of houses became the exception rather than the normal practice. The Toves house is significant because it is one of the few remaining post-war structures which was constructed with ifil and as such it illustrates the continued evolution of the Pacific Spanish colonial vernacular architecture. Other houses built of softwoods rather than ifil have already succumbed to typhoons and termite infestation. Accordingly, the standing record of this vernacular style no longer exists after the time of the Toves and Garrido houses. The Toves 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. The construction of the Toves house illustrates the efforts of the civilian community to pick up such threads of continuity with the past as was possible in a time of extreme adjustment to changing conditions.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Carano Collection, 1925, Micronesian Area Research Center, UOG, Guam
2. 1972 MARC Collection; Micronesian Area Research Center, UOG Guam
3. Brooks, G.E. "Concrete Construction on Guam," Guam Recorder, UOG, Guam
4. Signal Corps photos S.C. 324737

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Agana

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A	<u>5</u> <u>1</u> <u>5</u>	<u>2</u> <u>5</u> <u>5</u> <u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>	<u>1</u> <u>4</u> <u>9</u> <u>10</u> <u>7</u> <u>4</u> <u>15</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Toves House is located on Lot 1320, on 801 West Marine Drive, Anigua, Guam.

### 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 [Signature]

date 2/8/85

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration