

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 DISTRICT COURTHOUSE

and/or common MUSEO DE ARTE DE AGUADILLA

2. Location

street & number Progreso _____ not for publication

city, town Aguadilla N/A— vicinity of

state Puerto Rico code _____ county *Aguadilla* code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input 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 Puerto Rico Public Building Authority

street & number

city, town San Juan, Puerto Rico _____ vicinity of state Puerto Rico

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds

street & number Progreso St., Courthouse

city, town Aguadilla state Puerto Rico

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Aguadilla Architectural Survey has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date 1984 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town San Juan state P. R. 00901

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

A rectangular concrete two-story building with a statekt Greek-portico in the ionic style, topped by an elaborate frieze. The second floor main hall has ornate ceiling. The facade doorways and windows are ornamented in harmony with the classical style. It is being remodelled to be used as an art museum.

The old courthouse building is a modern neo-classical structure with moldings, truncated arcs, scrolls, and simple molded windows; ionic columns; simple and elaborate moldings; balustered upper roof balcony and upper front central heraldic Puerto Rican lamb emblem. (See Exhibits 26 A,C,D,E).

The interior space has been symmetrically disposed with it's various rooms, both lower and upper floor; with a center staircase single at lower floor and double from mid-floor to second floor. Interior columns both in high and low relief have been executed in simple doric style and rendered square instead of cylindrical. The lower floor ceiling has been simply stated and bordered with a classical doveled molding and molded massive concrete rectangular beams. (The whole structure built of concrete also). All passage hallways connected with arched frames - give way to interdependences and rooms. The second floor ceiling is divided into equal molded relief squares bordered with simple moldings. (See Exhibits 26 F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M).

The front elevation contains 6 windows (altered) at first floor level and 7 windows at the second floor level. Six ionic columns decorate the recessed center rectangle where three lower center floor truncated arches and five pairs of window and door scrolls support arches and upper moldings. (See exhibits 25 A,D.) The back elevation exhibits a center regressed vertical rectangle, with four front and two side windows; two recessed vertical rectangles with four windows and two side regressed vertical rectangles with two windows each. (See Exhibit 26 B.)

Side elevations are simple moderated rectangles with five windows on each floor each (See Exhibits 26 C,D.).

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Professor Herman Reichard.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5,254.21 sq. meters

Quadrangle name Aguadilla

Quadrangle scale 1:20,000

UTM References 18°- 25'-36" Lat. North, 67°- 08'-48" Long. West

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification The property is bounded to the North by Jesús T. Piñero Street, to the South by Courthouse City, to the East by Progreso Street, and to the West by Comercio Avenue.

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

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Aguadilla state Puerto Rico 00605

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 *[Signature]*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date November 8, 1984

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

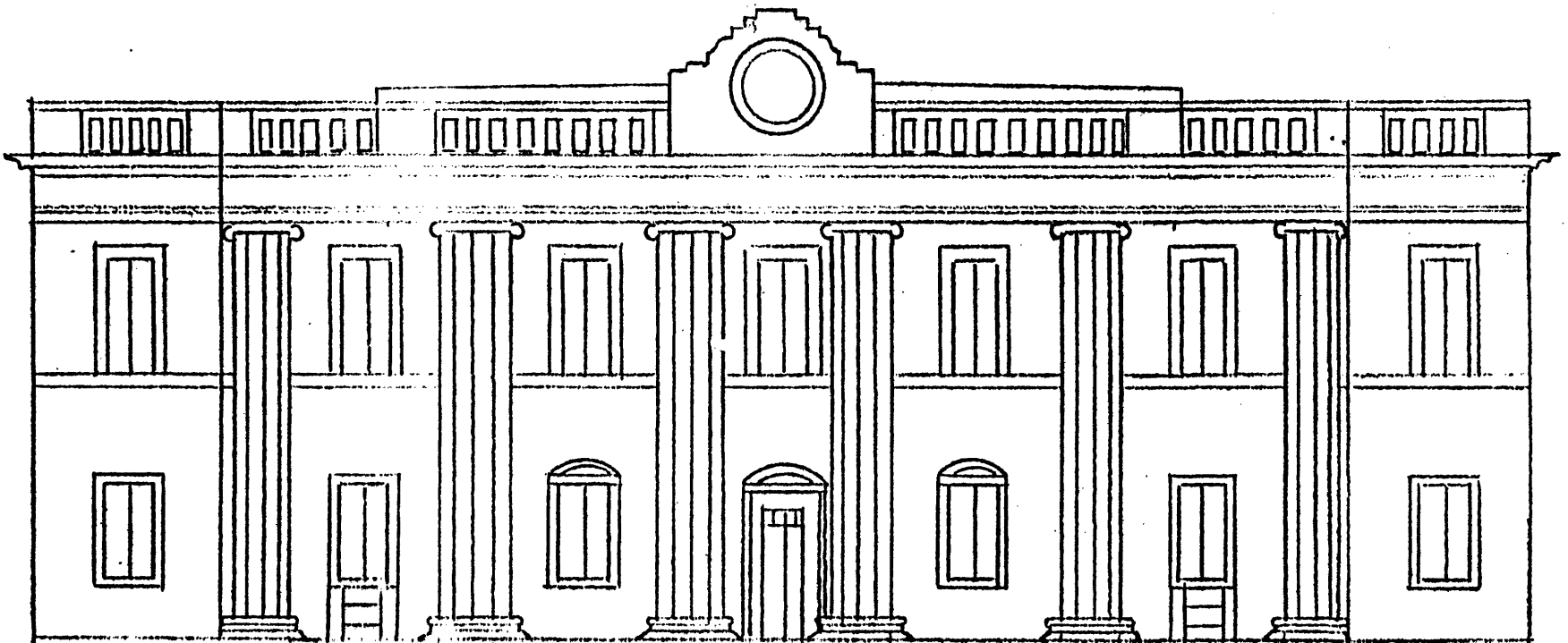
[Signature] Patrick Andrews date 1/2/85

[Signature] Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

ANTIQUE COURTHOUSE



FRONT VIEW

(NOT TO SCALE)