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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 Residencia Gomez

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Mendez Vigo #60

not for publication na

city, town Mayaguez

vicinity na

state Puerto Rico code PR

county Mayagüez

code 097

zip code 00708

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>3</u>	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
na

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register na

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

March 19, 1988

Signature of certifying official

Date

P.R.S.H.P.O.

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:) _____

Arny Solazal

6/15/88

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/ single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/ single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Spanish Revival (Neo-Andalusí)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls concrete

roof concrete

other ceramic tile ornaments

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This is a one story reinforced concrete structure freestanding in its own yard. The house is entered from the side, via the carport. Passing a small tiled vestibule decorated with stained glass windows and ceramic tile floors, with a short ascent via stairs, one arrives at an interior arcade courtyard around which all the rooms are grouped. North of this space, a small lounge is located underneath a turret like structure, ornamental in use, detailed in colored tiles. The living room, the balcony and a small terrace also open to the street. To the side there is a study and the main dining room with its bay-window alcove. The kitchen is located to the rear of the house and the bedrooms when looking from the street lie on the left side of the house. Comunal or public spaces are wainscoted with glazed spanish tiles in arabesque patterns. The interior patio has a small fountain surrounded by tropical ornamental plants. For security reasons an iron grille has been placed on top of the patio's opening, being this the only alteration to the property.

The house is raised over an imposing four foot high base from the street level. Two other structures, a garage and a small servants' quarters are located in the rear of the property and are contributing elements (we were unable to photograph them due to their location).

The Gomez residence presents some of Mayagüez' traditional architectural elements such as the typical arcaded balcony: the three arches that abut on the street articulated with double polygonal colums with corinthian capitals and the concrete railings with wrought iron in-fill; the traditional treatment given to the fanlights and other stained glass work is also typical.

Other design features of the house are more modern revealing the "Andalusí" style which influences the building. This "Andalusí" influence was common among well to do clients in the thirties and forties. Red clay tiles (tejas), inlaid polychrome tile panels and interior wainscoting, entry through a carport instead of directly from the street and the freestanding concept are all inovations to the traditional architecture of Mayagüez. This house exemplifies this integration of the modern and the traditional very well

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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

1933

1933

Cultural Affiliation

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Francisco Porrata Doria Arch.

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

The Gomez residence is an interesting example of a transitional period in Puerto Ricos architecture. It incorporates contradictory elements of traditional and more contemporary methods of design wile relying in traditional craftsmanship and ornamental techniques. It recognizes traditional elements of Mayagüez architecture and at the same time distinguishes itself by modern design features. It has an interesting ambiguous relation to its surroundings, but it develops itself as a separate distinct object from the rest of the urban continuum due to its freestanding inward looking design.

Francisco Porrata Doria, its architct, was a very popular architect during the period(first half of the XXth century). He designed many of the islands best examples of eclectic turn of the century buildings and was one of the first to use the "Andalusí" theme in his designs. Some of his buildings such as the Banco de Ponce and The Banco Crédito y Ahorro Ponceño are included in the National Register. He was born in Ponce and studied at Cornell University. Porrata Doria designed some of the most ambitious private residences of the pericdin the south and west coast of Puerto Rico and was also responsible for many large scale buildings for social and commercial uses. Francisco Porrata Doria is one of the key figures in the development of Puerto Rico's modern architecture.

"Andalusí" is the spanish architectural term used for the style developed by the Moors in Andalucia.

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Continuation sheet

Item number 10

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NOMBRE COMUN RESIDENCIA GOMEZ	
NOMBRE HISTORICO	
ARQUITECTO FRANCISCO PORRATA DORIA	
DIRECCION MENDEZ VIGO Parcela 208 Solar 15	
INFORMACION GRAFICA	
<p>PLANO DE SITUACION</p>	

Scale: 1:1000

- 1- Main House
- 2- servant house
- 3- garage

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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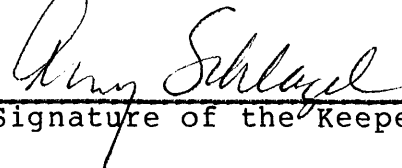
Gomez Residence
Property Name

Mayaguez
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.



Signature of the Keeper

6/15/88

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Period of significance for the property should be 1933.
Discussed and concurred in with Puerto Rico SHPO on June 15, 1988.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)