

**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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1. Name

historic Church Nuestra Señora del Carmen of Hatillo *(Historic Churches of*
Puerto Rico 170)
and/or common same

2. Location

street & number Luis M. Lacomba St., Town Plaza not for publication
city, town Hatillo vicinity of
state Puerto Rico code 72 county Aguadilla code 0470

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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Catholic Church, Diocese of Arecibo
street & number Box 616
city, town Arecibo vicinity of state Puerto Rico 00612

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, Church litigation case #4, 1904
street & number Box 2392
city, town San Juan state Puerto Rico 00903

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Churches
of Puerto Rico 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 Puerto Rico

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 parish church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen of Hatillo occupies a block to itself in the center of the town to the east of the plaza. It is oriented on an east-west axis, its entrance facing west. The building is enclosed by a concrete balustrade wall modulated by pillars. Metal grillwork gates close the entrances corresponding to the lateral doors of the building.

The building plan consists of a nave and two aisles; four arches resting on square pillars divide the space. There are five bays plus the apse/sacristies. The first bay or sotocoro comprises the vestibule, the baptistery on the right, and concrete stairs leading up to the choir loft on the left. The concrete choir loft is new. The original roof made of wood beams and layers of brick that covered the naves and apse sections was replaced with a flat concrete roof over the naves and a lanterned concrete dome over the square apse. Apart from these additions, the other noticeable modern elements are wood and plexiglass doors, aluminum louvered windows, and terrazo floors. The side facades are simple, each having three windows and one arched doorway. A second smaller door opens into the sacristy. A cornice runs the whole length of the building.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 1879 **Builder/Architect** Pedro A. Beibal

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The parish church of Nuestra Señora del Carmen of Hatillo is of historical and architectural importance. The building was designed by Pedro A. Beibal in 1870, and the construction was finished in 1879, being one of the oldest buildings in the town of Hatillo. It retains most of its original construction and design elements; brick masonry walls, columns and arcades. No new construction has been attached to the outside of the main building, except for the tower added in 1930. The volume of the church can be appreciated from all angles. As is traditional in Puerto Rico, the plaza, church and city hall, have always been the center of town life. The historic relationship between these three urban elements has been maintained in Hatillo, and is a living example of the town planning characteristic of the Spanish colonial period in Puerto Rico.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Marvel, Thomas S. and Maria Luisa Moreno, Architecture of the Parish Churches in Puerto Rico, Editorial Universitaria, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, unpublished.
Historic Plans of 1870, Arch. Pedro A. Beibal, General Archives of Puerto Rico, Fondo: Obras P ublicas, Serie:Edificios Religiosos, Caja:88, Leg:31.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1079 sq. mts.

Quadrangle name Camuy P.R.

Quadrangle scale 1:20,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The Church is bounded on the north by 7 de noviembre St., on the east by P.H. Hernandez St., on the south by Franklin D. Roosevelt St. and on the west by Luis H. Lacomba St. and the Town Plaza (see enclosed location plan).

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

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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 *Jebm de la Cruz*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 30, 1984

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

Patrick Andrews
Keeper of the National Register

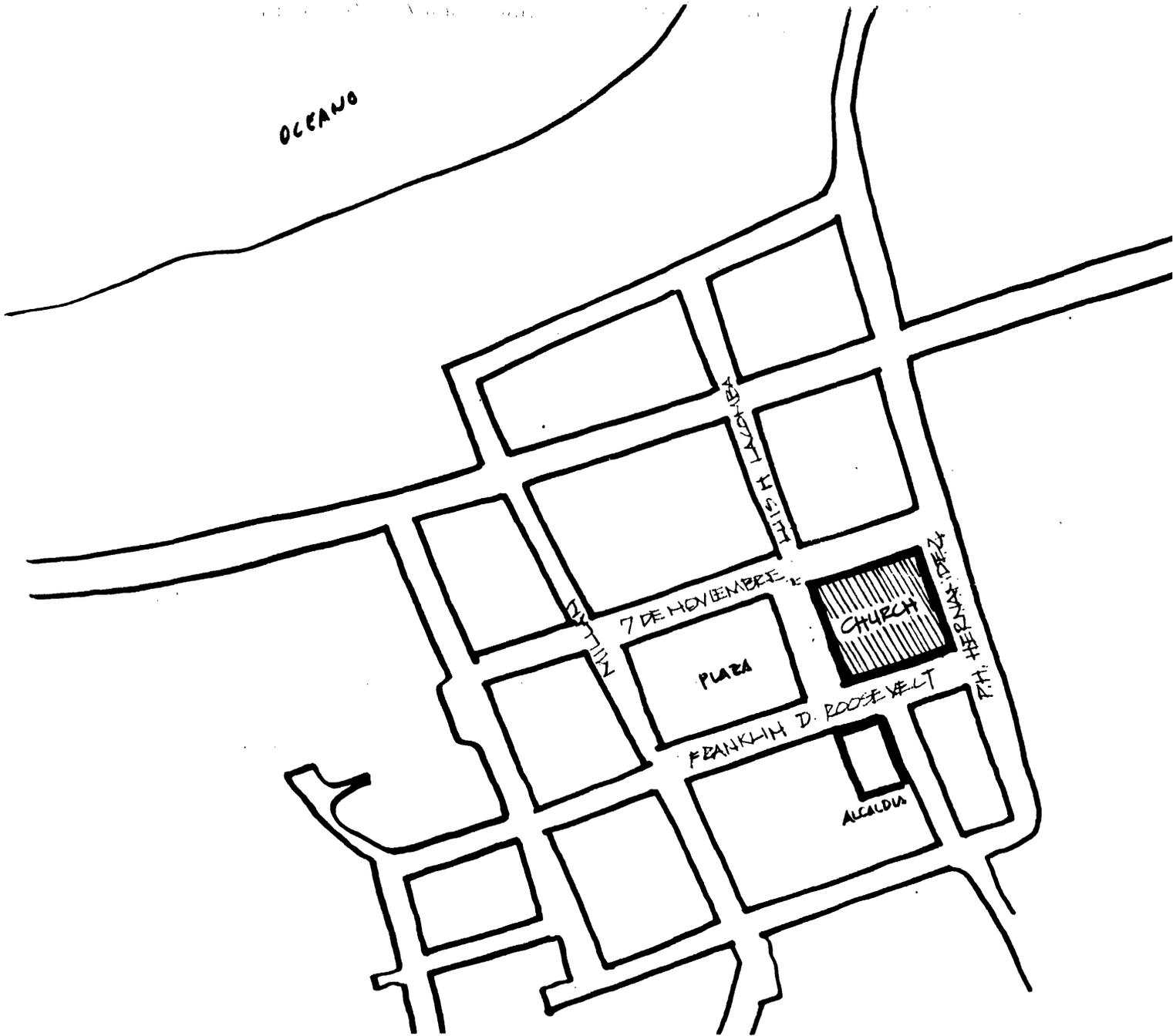
date 12/10/84

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

OCEANO



town: **HATILLO**

scale: 1:2000



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