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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Plaza del Mercado de Manatí (Manatí Market Place)

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Quiñones, Padial and Baldorioty Streets ☐ not for publication n/a

city, town Manatí ☐ vicinity n/a

state Puerto Rico code PR county Manatí code 091 zip code 00701

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
☐ private	☒ building(s)	1	0	buildings
☒ public-local	☐ district	0	0	sites
☐ public-State	☐ site	0	0	structures
☐ public-Federal	☐ structure	0	0	objects
	☐ object	1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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 — June 17, 1988

Signature of certifying official — Date

Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office

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:)

Carol D. Shull — 8-19-88

Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Commerce/Department Store	Commerce/Warehouse

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Art Deco/Spanish Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
walls concrete
roof wood/metal
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This building is located inside and at the east end of the town's main plaza, opposite the church. It is oriented north-south, opening out to two city streets: to the south, Calle Padial the traditional location of the town's stalls, is level with the structure; to the north, the difference in level with Calle Quiñones is over fifteen feet, which determined the need for a wide stair access.

The elevational difference in the north side permits the placement of a basement for storage and additional retail space.

Its interior distribution is navelike, with the high central hall as the main circulation element; said hall is flanked by two parallel, lower halls. The main hall is roofed over with a gabled roof resting on wooden Fink trusses; these in turn rest upon a concrete structural frameworks which is open on top for ventilation via clerestory windows, under which a series of arches give acces to the side halls, here the stalls were located. These first floor columns integrate with the beams via a diagonal transition designed to accomodate high moment stresses.

The side halls are roofed over with half-hips.

Exterior treatment for this building is austere on the east and west (long) sides; ornament is concentrated on the north and south facades.

End walls for the main hall have all their ornament on the outer sides. Two pylons with a combination of classical cornices and geometrical ornaments protuberate from the first-level wall, framing seven closely-spaced arches laid out in a 2-3-2 configuration and accented by flat strip moldings. The lower level consists of three arches with keystones, flat moldings and columns moldings, flanked by two narrow rectangular slits.

The roof shape is hidden by an undulating gable end accented with keystone-like details.

☐ See continuation sheet

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	1925	1925
Commerce	1925-1950	

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Significant Person: n/a

Architect/Builder: Rafael Carmoega

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

This was the first building designed in order to organize under one roof all the traditional market function which took place until 1925 on an open lot in Calle Padial. The construction of this building in the same site contributed to maintain a continuite ofuse and its commercial character to this part of town until the 1950's when the modern "supermarkets" began to appear taking a great deal of business from the marketplace. From then on the old market place began to deteriorate and eas finally closed in 1981 when the stockholders were moved to new facilities in the outskirts of town. Since then it has served as warehouse for the local government and is awaiting to be restored as a Popular Crafts market.

Rafael Carmoega, this building's designer, executed numerous government commisions during the 1920-1940 period; he was the architect of the State Capitol and of the adjoining School of Tropical Medicine in San Juan. Besides these well-known landmarks, he also designed numerous standardized institutional buildings especially for education and health purposes. He also worked on the design of several city halls and other municipal buildings. For these structures Carmoega proposed simplified versions of the American-inspired "Spanish" Mission style vocabulary. As well as Art Deco and other revival styles, this market is a good example of Carmoega's markets.

The building was a standard-plan design, as similar markets were built in other towns. It is an example of utalitarian public-facilities design that was espoused by architects in the civil service such as Rafael Carmoega. The vaguely Spanish details evidenced in the facades was to be this architect's hallmark in many of his most significant works of subsequent years.

☐ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

-Robles, Pepe, Historia de la Plaza de Mercado de Manatí, 1985

-Figueroa, Manuel, Manatí Histórico, 1986

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☒ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: Archivo General de Puerto Rico

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	19	764760	2039370
B			
C			
D			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

North: Quiñones Street
South: Padil Street
East: The Plaza
West: Baldorioty Street

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot historically associated with the market place.

☐ See continuation sheet

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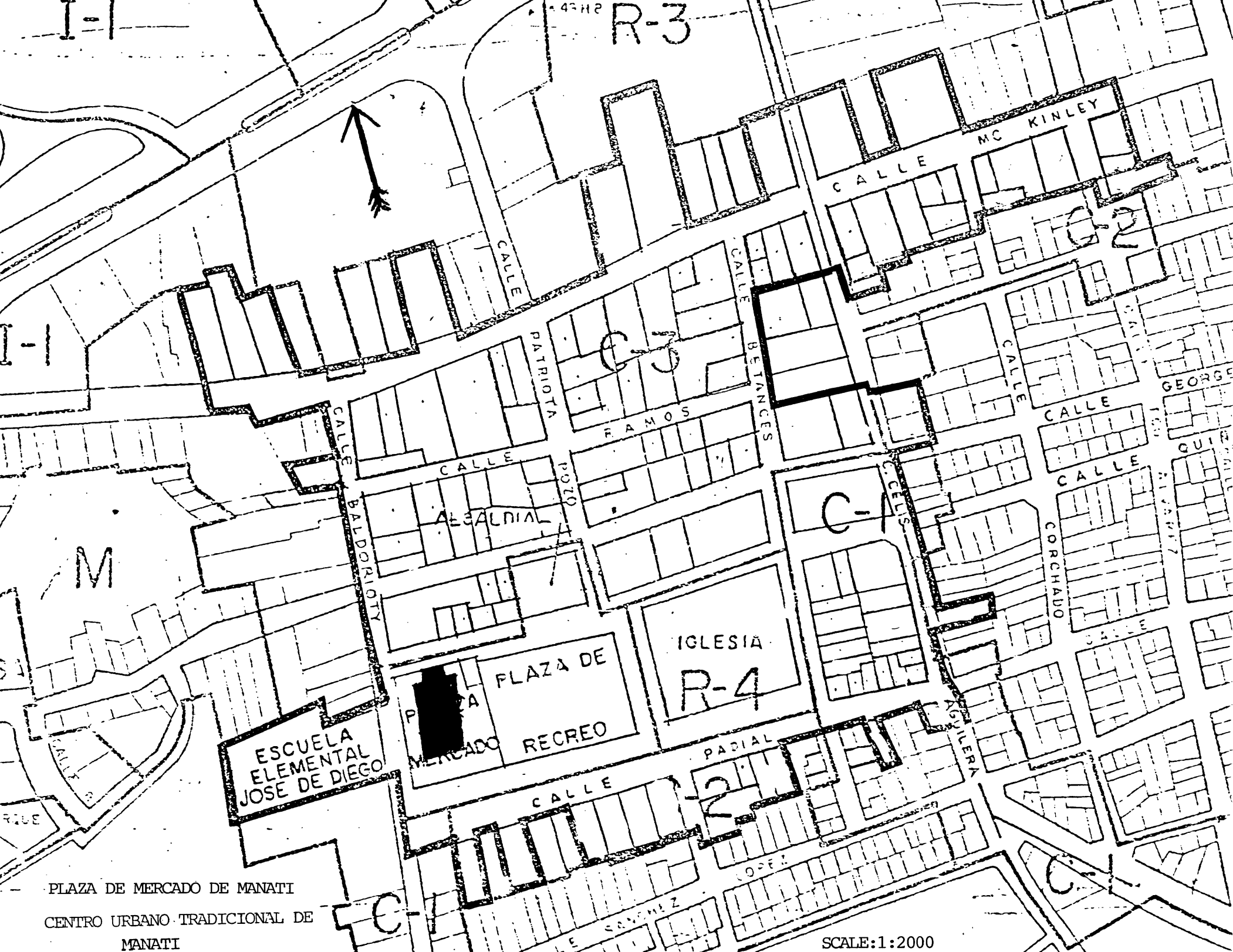

— PLAZA DE MERCADO DE MANATI

CENTRO URBANO TRADICIONAL DE MANATI

SCALE:1:2000

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88001303 Date Listed: 8/19/88

Plaza del Mercado de Manati — Manati — PR
Property Name — County — 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.

Amy Schlagel — 8/19/88
Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Criterion A is justified under the area of significance, "Commerce", and should be checked. Also, the period of significance into the 1950s is justified, so therefore Criterion Consideration G should be checked.

Discussed and concurred in by Puerto Rican HPO on August 19, 1988.

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