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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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

other names/site number Residencia Heygler

2. Location

street & number Calle Liceo #51 ☐ not for publication N/A

city, town Mayagüez ☐ vicinity N/A

state Puerto Rico code PR county Mayagüez code 097 zip code 00708

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
☒ private	☒ building(s)	1	____ buildings
☐ public-local	☐ district	0	____ sites
☐ public-State	☐ site	0	____ structures
☐ public-Federal	☐ structure	0	____ objects
	☐ object	1	____ 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 — April 11, 1988

Signature of certifying official — Date

State Historic Preservation Officer

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. — Amy Schlagel — 7/12/88

☐ determined eligible for the National Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/Single Dwelling	Dometic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Spanish Colonial/Neo-Classical

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Masonry Rubble
walls brick and stucco-exterior
brick, stucco, wood
roof clay tile and zinc
other wood doors, cast iron balustrade

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Heygler Residence is an attached, one-level, plastered, masonry residential structure on the southeast corner of Calle Liceo and Calle Sol in the historic, urban center of Mayagüez. The general volume of the structure consists of an U-shape plan wrapping around an inner courtyard facing east and articulated by a massive arcaded loggia on the main facade facing west. The flat, masonry roof (covered with tin sheets in the early 20th century) pitches inward towards the inner courtyard on all sides, in the manner of Roman impluvia, an element typical of traditional Puerto Rican urban dwellings.

The main facade consits of two distinctly articulated sections: on the north by a six-bay arcade, and on the south by a two bay entrance. The arcade is supported by chamfered Tuscan pillars on pedestals, save the second pillar from the corner, which seems to have failed and has since been replaced by a non-contributing concrete post. A series of five simplified, Roman amphorae in bas relief articulates each pandrel of the arcade.

The loggia is accessed from the north through a smaller arch on the corner. Within the loggia a series of four flat arched doorways with planar surrounds and lintels access the interior. Each bay contains solid hardwood double-doors that open onto the loggia with louvered double-doors set behind them. The simpler, two-bay southern section of the house consists of openings similar to these within the arcade.

The facade composition is capped by a simple, continuous cornice which wraps around the structure, and a solid parapet which follows the rythmic modulation of the arcade.

The north facade rests on a plinth at the level of the main loggia. A series of simple pilasters creates wide bays, each containing one window. Each opening contains solid hardwood double-shutters with louvered casement windows within. Planar surrounds and molded cornice frame the windows, each composition supported by a pair of culvilinear relief "legs" at its base.

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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	1830-1898	c1830

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: N/A

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

The Heyliger Residence is one of the oldest and best examples of the arcade-balcony house so prevalent in the urban areas of the western Puerto Rico, and especially characteristic of Mayagüez.

Current owners date the structure to the 1830's, although no official document has been found to provide a precise date of construction. The lot where it is located already appears as built upon on a map of the city compiled after the famous fire of 1841. The house may very easily be somewhat older than believed, and is perhaps one of the city's oldest houses.

The Heyliger house exhibits a very competent handling of classical ornamental mouldings (especially the upper cornice and the capitals of the pillars). The use of the amphorae motif in the spandrels of the arcade, although unusual, anticipates the use of similar, flowing, curvilinear shapes, rendered in different materials and applied in diverse locations, a trademark of Mayagüez architecture of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Although the interior has been altered somewhat, the exterior appears to be completely original.

An excellent example of the traditional Mayagüez house, the Heyliger Residence deserves preservation atttention since it is one of a small number of prototype homes to survive the series of natural catastrophes (Fire 1841, Hurricane 1899, Earthquake, 1918) suffered by the city of Mayagüez.

☐ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Rigau, Jorge and Jorge Ortíz. Preliminary Nat., Reg. Nom. Form. SHPO, September, 1984.

Gaudier y Cabassa, Martín. El Mayagüez de Ayer y Hoy. Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, 1959.

Rigau, Jorge. Enigma y Permanencia de la Sultana del Oeste. Periódico El Nuevo Día, September 18, 1984.

☐ 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: Mayagüez Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre (507 sq. mts.)

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			

Lambert: 18° 12' 08"
67° 08' 08"

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See enclosed site plan

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot historically associated with the prpoerty.

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Once inside, it is evident that the original, massive, stuccoed-brick walls and claytile ceilings have been covered with early 20th century wooden partitions and lattice-work. What were probably originally brick floors were also re-tiled with late 19th century decorative ceramic floor tiles typical of most Puerto Rican houses of the period. The interior courtyard has also been altered, since its gallery is now concealed behind wooden lattices spanning the pillars.

Although the structure has suffered some alterations, these are mostly historic and of reversible character. Very little original material has been lost to time.

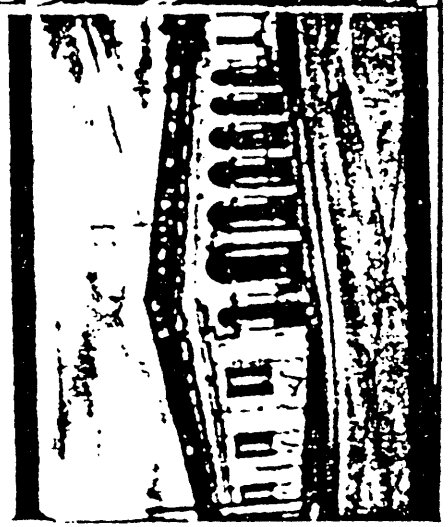
NOMBRE COMUN RESIDENCIA HEYLIGER

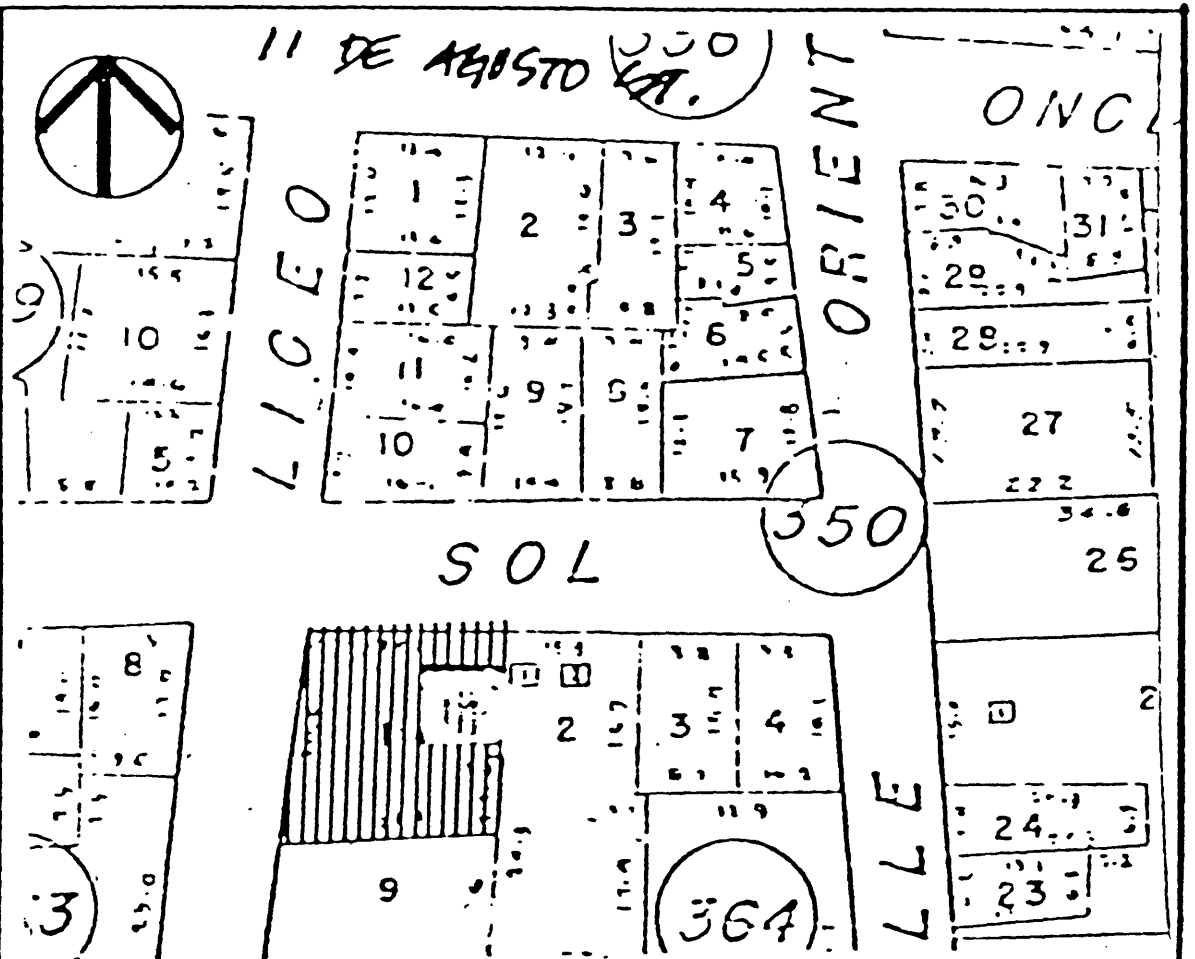
NOMBRE HISTORICO

ARQUITECTO . DESCONOCIDO

DIRECCION CALLE LICEO #51 Parcela 364 Solar 1

INFORMACION GRAFICA





PLANO DE SITUACION

SCALE: 1:500

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88000962 Date Listed: 7/12/88

Residencia Heygler — 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.

Amy Schlagel
Signature of the Keeper

7/12/88
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

The period of significance for this nomination reflects the period in which this building defined a specific architectural style on the island. United States possession of the island changed the architectural styles dramatically.

Discussed and concurred in by the Puerto Rico HPO on July 11, 1988.

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)