

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Le Pistolet (12VPr2-168)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Barrio Punta Arenas, Vieques

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Puerto Rico

CODE

72

COUNTY

Humacao

CODE

1030

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- N/A IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Headquarters, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (Department of the Navy)

STREET & NUMBER

Norfolk Naval Station

CITY, TOWN

Norfolk

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 23511

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registro de Propiedades & LANTDIV COMNAVFORCARIB

STREET & NUMBER

PO Box 3037

CITY, TOWN

Humacao, Puerto Rico

STATE

Roosevelt Roads, Ceiba, Puerto Rico

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Records of the Archaeological Survey of Vieques

DATE

19 October 1984

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Atlantic Division: Puerto Rico Branch

CITY, TOWN

PO Box 3037, Roosevelt Roads, Ceiba, Puerto Rico

STATE

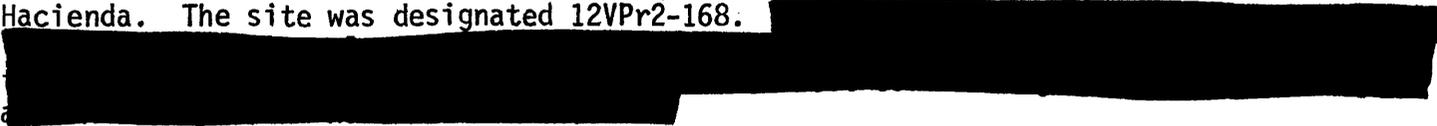
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Oct. 84</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In April of 1982 in the course of an archaeological reconnaissance survey of the Vieques Naval Reservation, conducted by Ecology and Environment, Inc., Harry Alemán Crespo located the structural remains of what appeared to be the Pistolet Hacienda. The site was designated 12VPr2-168.



In June of 1982, on behalf of the U.S. Navy, Carmine A. Tronolone and Jack E. Tyler, of Ecology and Environment, Inc., and a small team of investigators, returned to the site to sample, and provide preliminary information for the site. At this time the ground surface was closely inspected in the site's vicinity. These investigations indicated the presence of an extensive surface scatter of historic refuse in addition to the structural remains previously identified.

In November of 1983, Michael A. Cinquino, assisted by Casimir Lorentz, also of Ecology and Environment, Inc., headed a small group of investigators to conduct a more thorough examination of the site. The site was mapped and its surface systematically sampled. These investigations indicated the site covers a rather large area of



The ruins of one structure and remains of three foundations are present at the site. The dimensions of the structure are as follows: exterior, 7.2m by 7.2m; interior, 5.6m by 5.6m; and the walls, which are constructed of mortared hand-made red brick, stone, and rubble fill, are about 0.8m thick. The height of the walls range from approximately 1.3m to 1.7m. This structure was used in the sugar processing industry and appears to date to the middle 19th century.

The three locations with foundation remains consist basically of mounds with overgrown brush. These areas were most likely bulldozed sometime after the Navy acquired the property.

Artifactual remains at the site consist of both domestic refuse and agricultural implements. Historic ceramics recovered date from the late 18th century to the early 20th century, and consist of El Morro earthenware, pearlware, whiteware, and brown and gray white salt-glazed stoneware. Besides being the site of a 19th-century hacienda, the site may also have been occupied by a small homestead in the late 18th or early 19th centuries.

A profile of an eroding cow path revealed shell remains at about 18cm below the ground surface. This deposit was found in a soil strata of dark brown sand, overlaying a culturally sterile level of yellow-brown clay loam indicating that intact subsurface deposits are present at the site.



8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" 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/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1930	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1840's-1900's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

12VPr2-168 consists of the remains of a quinta and associated structures of what appear to be the location of the Pistolet Hacienda. Artifactual remains (domestic refuse) from the site date from the late 18th century to early 20th century. The Pistolet Hacienda, built during the 1830's, was one of the first haciendas established on Vieques. The property was originally owned by Adolphe Pistolet, who later sold it to Hippalite Groult. Groult, a French nobleman, had moved to Vieques in 1837, and over the course of the following few years he had managed to acquire for himself a considerable amount of real estate in the Punta Arenas area, and played a prominent role in local affairs (serving, for example, as the comisario comandante, the ranking political official of Punta Arenas).

In 1839, Baron Jean Bourdillon purchased, for 500 pesos, Le Pistolet Hacienda which at that time [REDACTED] It appears Bourdillon combined the operation of the estate with that of the Hacienda Marquisat de Saint Jacques (Marquesado).

Pistolet Hacienda was included with Marquesado Hacienda when several properties were combined to form the Resolución Hacienda and central (12VPr2-13). Eusebio Benítez purchased Resolución during the 1880's and maintained the estate until his death in 1909. At that time, the Benítez family formed the Benítez Sugar Company.

The site of Le Pistolet and Hacienda dates from the 1840's through the 1930's. It also appears that a homestead existed at the site from the late 18th century through the mid 19th century.

12VPr2-168 merits listing in the National Register because it is one of the few remaining sites which exemplify aspects of the early settlement of Vieques, as well as the development and decline of the sugar industry over a one hundred and fifty year period.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED]
UTM REFERENCES

A [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]
ZONE EASTING NORTHING ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C [REDACTED] D [REDACTED]

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
[REDACTED]

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Michael A. Cinquino & Carmine A. Tronolone (Senior Archaeologists)
ORGANIZATION Ecology and Environment, Inc. DATE 19 October 1984
STREET & NUMBER PO Box D TELEPHONE (716) 632-4491
CITY OR TOWN Buffalo STATE New York 14225

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
YES NO NONE
Arch. Mariano G. Coronas Castro
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.
FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE *See attached, signed letter (8 July 1991)* DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: *Janet E. Townsend* DATE 8-22-91
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: #91001040

Date Listed: 8-22-91

Property Name

County

State

Le Pistolet

Humacao

PR

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.

for Janet E. Jernson
Signature of the Keeper

8-22-91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination: This site is not significant in terms of architecture. Only the remains of a wall exists above ground. Spoke with Bernard Murphy, the Navy FPO, on 8-22-91 and he concurs.

The nomination is amended to delete the "Architecture" Area of Significance.

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)