

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

Llave 13 (12VPr2-175)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Barrio Llave, Vieques

STATE
Puerto Rico

VICINITY OF
CODE

72

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY
Humacao

CODE
1030

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

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

STREET & NUMBER

Norfolk Naval Station

CITY, TOWN

Norfolk

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 3027, Roosevelt Roads, Ceiba, Puerto Rico

STATE

00635

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE Oct. 84

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., Brion Morrisette discovered structural remains, and a dense scatter of historic artifacts

This site, which was designated Ltave 13 (12VPr2-175),

Michael A. Cinquino of Ecology and Environment, Inc., on behalf of the U.S. Navy visited the site on June 23, 1982 with Morrisette and a small crew to gather preliminary information to identify the extent and nature of the site. At this time, an intensive surface collection was conducted in the site's vicinity. These investigations indicated the presence of an extensive surface scatter of historic refuse, remains of standing structures, two milling stones, an old unpaved roadway, and stone terracing along a portion of the roadway. Surface collections were made at six locations which consisted of historic ceramics, glass, bottles, iron cooking pot fragments, a flat iron, and handmade red brick. A metal plow blade, a rusted car frame, and sheet metal were also present at the site. Several fruit trees and domestic house plants were found growing at the site.

In November 1983 Michael A. Cinquino, Casimir Lorentz, Harry Alemán Crespo, and a small crew, returned to the site to conduct a more detailed examination. The site was mapped, systematically sampled, and five 50cm by 50cm test pits were dug for the purpose of determining the horizontal and vertical extent of subsurface deposits at the site. The site boundaries include an area of approximately

In four of the five test pits dug, intact subsurface deposits were discovered. The average depth of the deposits from the two test pits in the area of the structural remains ranged from 0 to 10cm. Deposits from the remaining two test pits in the southwestern portion of the site range from 5cm to 30cm.

The structural remains at the site were determined to be part of a quinta or main house. Little remains of the western and southern walls of this structure due to past bulldozer activities. However, the east wall remains were found in very good condition and some remains of the north wall were also present. The east wall measured approximately 15m long, varying from 2.5m to 1.7m in width. The center of the wall measured about 0.8m to 1m thick and was filled with earth and rubble; the center was faced with mortared rock of approximately 0.6m thickness. A staircase constructed of stone and mortar was found at the southern portion of the wall facing east onto the old roadway.

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 checked="" 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-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1780s - 1930s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Benítez family played an important role in the development of the sugar industry and settlement of western Vieques. During the last quarter of the 19th Century they controlled the Playa Grande Hacienda and the Resolución Hacienda. In 1909, the heirs of Don José Benítez Guzman formed the Benítez Sugar Company which was in operation until 1936 when Juan Angel Tio purchased the company.

Llave 13 consists of the remains of a quinta which was owned by the Benitez family from the late 19th Century through the 1930s. Domestic refuse from the site dates from the late 18th Century. The ridge top location is also ideal for construction of an early farming homestead. Although it appears there was some bulldozer activity during the 1940s, a dense concentration of artifactual remains, foundation segments, two mill stones, and rock terracing are preserved at the site. Llave 13 presents an unique case for the examination of a settlement over a period of approximately 150 years.

Surface and subsurface deposits indicate the integrity of the site is good. Historic ceramics consist of Pearlware, Mocha, Annular ware, green and blue edge whiteware, transfer printed whiteware, and stoneware dating from 1780 through the early 1900s. The site undoubtedly played an important role in the development of the sugar industry and early settlement of Vieques and merits nomination to the National Register, in order to preserve one of the early settlements associated with one of the most important families involved in the sugar industry on Vieques.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED]

UTM REFERENCES

A [REDACTED]
ZONE EASTING [REDACTED] NORTHING [REDACTED]

B [REDACTED]
ZONE EASTING [REDACTED] NORTHING [REDACTED]

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

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ORGANIZATION

Ecology and Environment, Inc.

DATE

19 October 1984

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Buffalo

STATE

NY 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 1981)

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

Edward E. Townsend

DATE

8-21-91

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The north wall consisted of a line of large rocks 4.7m long and 1.3m wide adjacent to two large boulders (approximately 2.5m by 3m). The west end of this wall was removed by bulldozer activity making it impossible to determine the exact dimensions of the structure.

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of the quinta. It appears both sides of this roadway were lined with a stone terrace. Remains of this terrace are present in four locations, of which the longest is about 2.5m in length.