



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
GUAM HISTORIC RESOURCES DIVISION (GHRD)
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GUAM HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY
GHPI DATA FORM

Complete all the following sections of this data form, print neatly, or complete on MS Word. Use continuation sheets if needed; indicate section and item no. on continuation sheets. Forms must be signed when completed.

A. IDENTIFICATION

1. Date: 7/31/2014
2. Guam Historic Properties Inventory Number: **66** - _____ - _____
This number is assigned by DPR-GHRD GuamSHPO (Quadrangle) (Greater than 1300)
- 3a. Historic Property Name (as assigned or concurred by GHRD-DPR): Sablan House
- 3b. Local and/or Traditional Place Name/s of Property: n/a
- 3c. Other Property Name/s: n/a
4. Type of survey relating to Identification and Evaluation: ☒ Reconnaissance ☐ Intensive
☐ Inventory ☐ Windshield. Indicate other types of survey: ☐ Data Recovery
☐ Other: _____

B. LOCATION

- 5a. Place an **X** below in the appropriate USGS Topographic Map 1:24,000 series where the property is located.
 Hagåtña (1) ☒ Agat (2) Apra Harbor (3) Dededo (4) Inarajan (5)
 Merizo (6) Pati Point (7) Ritidian (8) Talofofo (9)
- 5b. **ATTACH MAP:** Indicate on USGS Topographical map where property is located.
6. Municipality. Place an **X** below on which the Property is located in the Municipality of:
 Agana Heights ☒ Agat Asan-Maina Barrigada Chalan Pago-Ordot Dededo
 Hagåtña Inarajan Mangilao Merizo Mongmong-Toto-Maite Piti Santa
 Rita Talofofo Tamuning Umatac Sinajana Yigo Yona Other: _____
7. Lot Number/s: L7 B20
8. Total size of Property: indicate acres, hectares, square meters: Acres 0.06 ; Hectares 0.02 ;
Square Meters 245 .

C. PROPERTY OWNER/S

9. PLACE an X if Property is: ☒ Private Property ☐ Govt. of Guam ☐ Federal Property

10a. Indicate Property Owner Name/s: Jenevieve, James, and Bernadette Sablan

10b. Contact Phone Numbers, include Fax No.: none given

10c. Mailing Address: (b) (6)

11. Name of Leaseholder, if applicable: n/a

D. U.T.M COORDINATES, APPROXIMATE CENTER POINT: Zone 55

12. EASTING / NORTHING. Locate center point for property if one acre or less:

Center of Property / Site: Easting (b) (6) Northing (b) (6)

Type of equipment/unit used to record data: Trimble GeoXH Global Positioning System (GPS)

Note: All reading must be taken with sub-meter accuracy using GGN93 as the datum.

13. Locate four points along the perimeter of the property / site in cardinal points:

1. North:	E	_____	N	_____
2. South	E	_____	N	_____
3. East	E	_____	N	_____
4. West	E	_____	N	_____

14. Explain if any points have been offset for any reason, or if the property/site could not be fully evaluated or delineated: _____

E. CONDITION OF PROPERTY / CURRENT USE

15. Type of Property/Site: ☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Multi-Component

16. PLACE an X if condition of property / site is:

☐ Excellent / Undisturbed
☒ Good
☐ Poor / Deteriorated
☐ Destroyed
☐ Damaged

17. Briefly describe property's condition to properly evaluate the need for future preservation efforts:
The property is in fairly good condition with reasonable preservation. Some of the windows on the east elevation are boarded up. Repairs are needed on the exterior paint and on sections of the galvanized metal roof.

18. Current Use of Property (check all appropriate): ☐ Government ☐ Hospital / Clinic ☐ School
☐ Communications Facility ☒ Habitation ☐ Tool-making ☐ Social / Meeting Hall ☐ Warehouse
☐ Storage ☐ Other-specify _____

F. HISTORIC CONTEXT

19. The Historic Context of this Property is best classified as (check one or more):

- ☐ 1500-1000 B.C.E., Early Pre-Latte Period
- ☐ 1000-500 B.C.E., Middle Pre-Latte Period
- ☐ 500 B.C.E. – 500 C.E., Late Pre-Latte Period
- ☐ 500-800 C.E., Transitional
- ☐ 800-1100 C.E., Early-Latte Period
- ☐ 1100-1350 C.E., Mid-Latte Period
- ☐ 1350-1521 C.E., Late Latte Period
- ☐ 1521 – 1668 C.E., Pre-Colonial European Trade Period
- ☐ 1668 – 1700 C.E., Spanish Missionization Period / Chamorro Spanish Wars
- ☐ 1700 – 1898 C.E., Spanish Colonial Period
- ☐ 1898 – 1941 C.E., First American Territorial Period
- ☐ 1941 – 1944 C.E., World War II / Japanese Military Occupation
- ☐ 1944 – 1950 C.E., Post-World War II / Second American Territorial Period
- ☒ 1950 C.E.- Present, Organic Act / Home Rule / Economic Development Period

G. CULTURAL RESOURCE CLASSIFICATION

The term “cultural resources” is broadly defined to include cultural uses of the natural environment, religious and sacred sites, places of traditional cultural importance, historic and archaeological locations and objects, and historic objects and documents to which a group of people attach traditional and cultural importance and value.

20. The Use of this Property can be described best as a place that contains or is valued as a:

- ☐ Natural Resources ☒ Historical Resources ☐ Archaeological Resources ☐ Religious Site
☐ Sacred Site ☐ Place of Traditional Cultural Other (explain): _____

H. PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION

21. This property or site can be best classified as (check one box).

☐ Site

A site can be the location of a significant event, a prehistoric occupation or activity, or a building or structure, whether standing, ruined, or vanished, where the location itself possesses historic, cultural, or archaeological value regardless of the value of any existing structure.

☐ District

A district possesses a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development.

☒ Building

A building such as a house, church, hotel, court house, jail, etc., created principally to shelter any form of human activity.

☐ Structure

A functional construction made for purposes other than creating shelter, such as a bridge.

☐ Object

Objects are relatively small and movable; they include artifacts associated with a specific setting or environment.

I. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

22. ATTACH / INCLUDE ALL ITEMS (✓) BELOW WITH THIS DATA FORM:

- ✓ USGS Topography Map (Section.B.4b. above). Use 1:24,000 series. Photocopy the vicinity of where the property is located on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper. Clearly identify the location of this property on this map.
- ✓ Drawing or Sketch. Provide a measured drawing or sketch of this property on an 8.5 x 11 paper.
- ✓ Photographs. Place 2 photographs on one 8.5 x 11 sheet. Clearly identify each photo at the bottom of the photo.
- ✓ Digital / Electronic copy of the GHPI documentation and SHAPE FILES.
- ✓ Other Documents may include newspaper clippings, articles, sections from a book or magazine, maps, survey report descriptions, letters, etc.

J. DESCRIPTION, STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, DISPOSITION RECOMMENDATION

23. Provide a description of the property. State if the property is potentially eligible for listing on the Guam Register and/or National Register. If the property is currently listed on either one or both registers, recommend what appropriate action to take if there is potential danger that the property will be vandalized, looted, damaged, destroyed, etc.

According to Johnny Sablan, notable Chamorro entertainer, the Sablan House was built around 1955 by his grandfather, Diego Salas Sablan, a civil servant carpenter for the U.S. Navy after World War II (Johnny Sablan, personal communication, September 2014). Diego Sablan self-constructed the building along with his cousins. Sablan's extended family lived in the house while Johnny Sablan's parents owned and operated a village store, the Sablan Store, directly across the street. Sablan and his immediate family lived in a house attached to the store. Sablan's parents, sisters, and brothers moved across the street to the Sablan House in the early 1960s while Sablan was living in California attending school and beginning his singing career. He describes the house at the time as "a 2-story multi-unit building. On the bottom was reinforced concrete with 2 apt. units & on the top was a 4 bedroom wooden house w/ tin roofing and a big concrete bathroom" (Johnny Sablan, email communication, 15 September 2014). Sablan describes Typhoon Karen's impact on the building in 1962:

Typhoon Karen demolished the entire 2nd floor. My family survived the typhoon when all of them gathered into the only concrete bathroom on the top of the house...no one was injured. I came back to Guam September 1964, lived in the restored 2nd floor house that was demolished by Typhoon Karen in 1962. It looked the same as the original. (Johnny Sablan, email communication, 15 September 2014)

The two-story residence has an irregular L-shaped footprint, measuring about 50 by 57 feet. The bottom floor is reinforced concrete and the second floor is clad with horizontal tongue-and-groove wood siding. The building features a low-pitched, cross-hipped corrugated metal roof with enclosed overhanging eaves and a concrete slab foundation. At the center of the north facade, the roof extends out from the building to accommodate an upstairs vestibule and porch supported by steel posts. A wide concrete staircase with metal pipe handrails at the west side of the facade provides access to the second story, which reflects the building's function as a duplex for extended family.

The front entrance is tucked away below the upstairs porch room. The wooden front door and metal screen appear to be original to the building. Fenestration consists of louver windows at each elevation. On the east elevation, some of the windows are boarded up due to missing glass louvers, but the original metal window frames remain intact. A carport, currently draped with a plastic tarpaulin, extends out from the east side of the facade.

Significance Evaluation

The Sablan residence was built in the 1950s and, as typical with many houses in Guam, it represents self-construction and long-term occupation by the same extended family. Despite reconstruction of the second floor after Typhoon Karen, the new second floor mirrors the original construction. The building appears to be eligible for the National Register under Criterion C because it represents a rare and exceptional example of a post-World War II duplex house type of southern Guam. The property also appears to be eligible under Criterion B for its association with noted Chamorro entertainer Johnny Sablan. Sablan, who recorded the first all-Chamorro language album, is a pioneer in the Chamorro recording industry and has also served at the forefront of indigenous Chamorro language and cultural revival efforts during a recording career spanning five decades. The property's period of significance is its date of construction ca. 1955 to 1965, when Sablan's association with the house ended.

Portions of the corrugated metal roof are collapsing and iron bars have been affixed to some of the windows. However, the building is in good condition with an acceptable level of preservation and period-appropriate maintenance over time. Compatible materials have been used for modifications and original design elements have been maintained. Despite reconstruction of the second floor after Typhoon Karen, the Sablan House retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Residential buildings from this period in southern Guam's history rarely exhibit this level of integrity.

K. FORM PREPARED BY

24. Indicate Name/Title/Phone Numbers/Email Address of Individual Completing this Data Form: Cacilie Craft, Project Manager / (671) 488-2005 / ccraft@garciaandassociates.com

25. Representing what company? Indicate Company Name/Mailing Address/Physical Address/Email Address: Garcia and Associates (GANDA) / 800 Pale San Vitores Ave., H-302, Tamuning, Guam 96913

26. Sign and Date:  26 September 2014

L. FOR DPR-GHRD OFFICE STAFF USE

27a. Review Started On (Date): _____ By (Print name and initial): _____

27b. Review Completed On: _____ By (Print name and initial): _____

28. Documentation Adequate? ☐ Yes ☐ No, if no indicate what is needed, lacking, pending, missing, etc., include overall comments: _____

29. GHPI Data Form and Supplemental Documentation ACCEPTED BY (Print Name/Sign/Date): _____

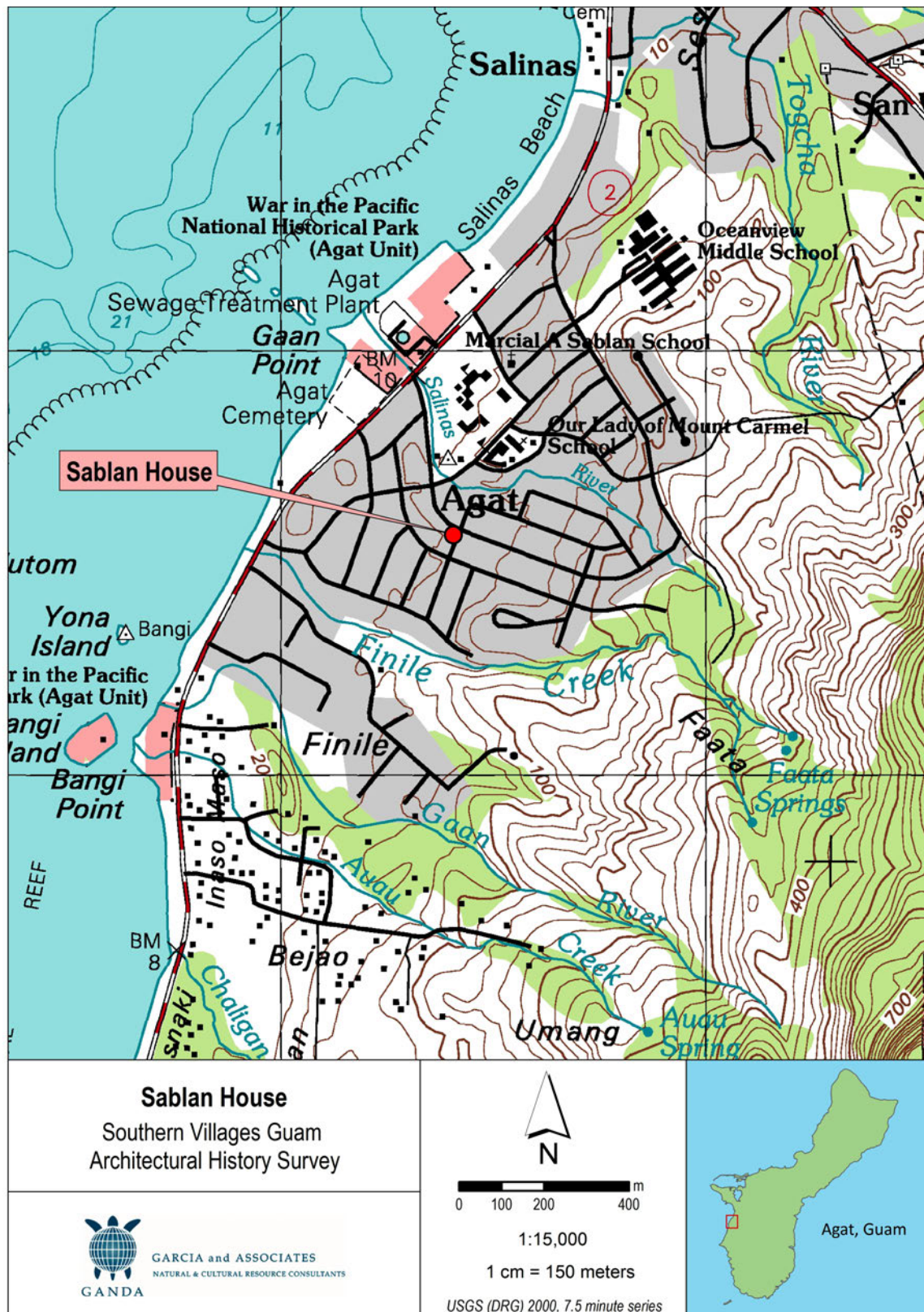


Figure 1. Location of Sablan House on USGS 7.5 minute series.



Figure 2. Sablan House, north and west elevation.



Figure 3. Sablan House, north and east elevation.