

Ruins of Prewar Japanese Rectory

Tatachok

The most Reverend Fr. Juan Pons, S.J. of Spanish Ancestry, is reportedly to have been residing at the rectory during the prewar Japanese Occupational Period in the early 1930s, leading up to the outbreak of World War II. It is one of the few remaining church related buildings constructed in the late 1920s, at a time when the Chamorro civilians were forcefully relocated to Tatachok, in attempts to allow for greater expansion of the thriving sugar industry in Songsong Village. Architecturally, it is a transitional structural building for it has major building elements from the Spanish Era, but material specifications and designs from the Japanese administration.