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LIST OF CULTURAL PROPERTIES

NAME OF PROPERTY	CATEGORY/ TYPE	LOCATION	PERIOD	SIGNIFICANCE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (St. Nicolas of Tolentine Parish Church)	Building / House of Worship	Brgy. Zone IV (Poblacion) Cabatuan, Iloilo	Constructed in 1732	St.Nicolas of Tolentine Parish Church is of Neo-Classical architectural style. The first parochial church was finished in 1732, same year when it became an independent parish. Known to be one of the most beautiful churches in Iloilo during its time, it was described as the “Model of Temples” by El Eco de Panay and the Largest Brick structure in Western Visayas.
CASA or CABATUAN MUNICIPAL HALL	Building	Brgy. Zone IV (Poblacion) Cabatuan, Iloilo	Constructed sometime in 1734	Casa or the town`s municipal hall was built along with the church sometime 1734. Though its second level was damaged by war and other calamities, the ground floor is centuries old characterized by columns of art deco architectural design with semi-arched windows of capiz shells of Tuscan-inspired architecture.
CABATUAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY	Cultural Heritage	Brgy. Banguit, Cabatuan, Iloilo	Constructed in 1886	Cabatuan Roman Catholic Cemetery in Barangay Banguit is a four hectare perfectly square shaped cemetery constructed in 1886 under the supervision of Father Manuel Gutierrez in 1890. With elegant iron grills, its walls and chapel were made of stones quarried from the mountains in Leon. The Center Chapel is Roman Baroque Architecture and a burial place of dominant Cabatuananons.
PAMUL-OGAN HILL SHRINE	Cultural Heritage	Brgy. Pamul-ogan, Cabatuan, Iloilo	1732	Pamul-ogan Hill Shrine in Barangay Pamul-ogan is popular especially during the Holy Week. It is said that when Spanish authorities set foot in the town they planted a Molave Cross on the hill. What remained of the cross is a piece of wood almost 2 feet in height with the date 1732 inscribed. The hill overlooks the poblacion of Cabatuan and the New Iloilo International Airport.
TREE OF BONDAGE	Cultural Heritage	Brgy. Zone IV (Poblacion) Cabatuan, Iloilo	18 th Century	It is considered as a shrine by the people of Cabatuan situated in the heart of their municipal plaza fronting the historic Municipal Hall. The historic calachuchi tree has long been standing as one of the pride of the town and has been identified as a tourist spot. Local stories has it that during Spanish rule, locals who refuse to do labour for the construction of local roads, the church and bridges, as well as other public structures were tied to the tree and whipped. Presently, the tree

				framed with chains attached to poles and a concrete base.
BALIC HILL	Cultural Heritage	Brgy. Leong, Cabatuan, Iloilo	1952	Balic Hill is about one and a half kilometers away from the poblacion, situated in the northeastern part of the town. This “Mt. Calvary” of the town is the site of the Way of the Cross (Via Crucis) held every Good Friday of the Holy Week and participated in by thousands of Roman Catholics in town and from other places.
TINUOM FESTIVAL	Cultural Festival	Cabatuan, Iloilo (Poblacion)	2006	The Tinuom Festival portrays the movements of the chickens through dance steps. The participants wear costumes primarily made of feathers of chickens and parts of the banana. The storyline presented during the performance revolves around occasions during which the tinuom delicacy may be served.
PAKLANG: “The Banana Leaf Arch”	Landmark	Public Plaza	2009	The Banana Leaf Arch is associated with Tinuom: the famous delicacy in town, the Municipal Festival, and the symbol of industry which is the way of life of the natives of Cabatuan.
TIRING LANDING FIELD	Landmark	Brgy. Tiring, Cabatuan, Iloilo	Constructed before the Japanese invasion	Construction of the landing field started feverishly immediately after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Thousands of laborers were employed to level rice paddies and big foxholes. The emergency landing field was finished through manual labor, and was starting to operate when the Japanese began bombing it preparatory to their landing in Panay. Today, Tiring Landing Field is a legend existing only in the glory of World War II. It shall remain in the memory of every Ilongo who may, by the testimony of the present generation, gain some knowledge of the story; because in the life of a nation legends do not die.
BIRTH MARKER OF SEN. TOMAS V. CONFESOR (March 2, 1891)	Landmark	Brgy. Leong, Cabatuan, Iloilo		Situated in Barangay Leong, is the birth marker of the late Sen. Tomas V. Confesor, a parliamentarian, a statesman, and a fearless fighter for freedom and democracy. The late Senator had been called “The Stormy Petrel of the South.”
RECLUSE MARKER OF DON FLAVIO ZARAGOZA CANO (1892)	Landmark	Brgy. Tacdangan, Cabatuan, Iloilo	June 27, 2003	Another great son produced by Cabatuan was the late Flavio Zaragoza Cano. During his time, he was considered as “The Poet-Laureate of the Filipino poets in Spanish.”
CABATUAN TOWN PLAZA	Landmark	Poblacion, Cabatuan, Iloilo	1732	In front of the church and the municipal building is the town plaza which is about two hectares. Around it are “Farolas” - nine massive lamp posts of bricks which are relics of the Spanish regime. The bandstand, with the monument of Andres Bonifacio at the center was erected in 1932. The statue of Tan Tono stands in front of the municipal building. It was originally erected at the center of the

				plaza during the incumbency of President Saturnino Tobias but was transferred to its present sight in 1951. The plaza stands Narra tree planted by President Manuel Luis M. Quezon, President Elpidio M. Quirino, Sen. Tomas V. Confesor and Municipal Officials in 1935.
FAROLA	Cultural / Heritage Structure	Poblacion Cabatuan, Iloilo	1732	An early spanish occupation structure made of bricks. It is a testament to the historical activities of Municipality and unique to Cabatuan plaza. It is first lighted with oil lamp and the first to be installed with electric lights/bulbs when the municipal government acquired a generator in 1960`s.
JAPANESE TUNNEL AND PILLBOX	Landmark	Brgy. Tabucan, Cabatuaan, Iloilo	1942	A living testimony of World War II and vital installation of Japanese forces, it is site of two-week battle in 1942 until Japanese forces surrendered in Tiring Landing Field.

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