

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hamburg-America Shipping Line Administrative Offices

AND/OR COMMON

United States District Courts Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

48B Tolbod Gade

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

VICINITY OF

Virgin Islands Delegate

STATE

U. S. Virgin Islands

CODE

None

COUNTY

None

CODE

None

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☒ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
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4 AGENCY General Services Administration

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28 Kongens Gade

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U.S. Virgin Islands

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

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FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

STATE

CITY, TOWN

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

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☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

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SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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Because of the need to defend the eastern approach to the Panama Canal during World War I, the U.S. purchased the Danish West Indies in 1917. The following year the Hamburg-America Line was required to sell its West Indian interests, including the administrative office building in Charlotte Amalie, to the United States. It now houses the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the U.S. Marshal Service, and the U.S. District Court.

Designed by a German modernist architect, Fritz Klein, the building is an early example of modern architecture in the Virgin Islands. Its reinforced concrete structure was designed to resist earthquakes and to conform to the strict local fire code. The forthright expression of the building's skeletal structure creates a rhythm and scale sympathetic to that of Charlotte Amalie's traditional masonry structures.



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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NORTHING

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

General Services Administration

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

19th & F Street, NW

TELEPHONE

566-1370

CITY OR TOWN

Washington, DC 20405

STATE

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

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

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:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NAME OF PROPERTY HAMBURG-AMERICA SHIPPING LINE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES STATE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: _____

8 Statement of Significance: _____

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: THE FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE, TITLE, + DATE ARE NEEDED.

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: _____

Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to BILLIE MAC DOUGAN
on the National Register staff, telephone (202) 523-7413

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Bill Lebranch for _____ Date: August 9, 1978
Chief, Branch of Registration

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NAME / TITLE

General Services Administration

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

19th & F Street, NW

TELEPHONE

566-1370

CITY OR TOWN

Washington, DC 20405

STATE

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Michael J. Mulvey

TITLE

Historic Preservation Officer - GSA

DATE 8-22-78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

William K. Kovich

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4/19/78

State VI. I.Working Number 5. 22. 78. 3194

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TECHNICAL

Photos 3Maps 1~~accept?~~~~F.R. sign., title, date~~~~SHPO sign. + recom.~~

CONTROL

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5. 25. 78

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

NEED INFORMATION INDICATED ABOVE; OTHERWISE, ITS A GOOD NOMINATION.

AFTER REVIEW, CALL TO FIND OUT STATUS OF ORIGINAL NOMINATION FORM.

IS THE ONE STORY ANNEX PART OF THE NOMINATION? WHEN WAS IT BUILT?

New INFO.

ACCEPT.

Max Doman
8/9/78

ARCHEOLOGIST

SEE PHONE REPORT 8/9/78

A CLARIFICATION OF THE ANNEX STATUS IS NEEDED. — ANNEX INCLUDED
CALL USA TO REQUEST A CONCRETE BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.
BUILT IN 1914, THE BUILDING'S DESIGN REPRESENTS AN EARLY EXAMPLE
OF "MODERN" ARCHITECTURE & TECHNOLOGY IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.
WHEN PLACED IN THE CONTEXT OF VIRGIN ISLAND ARCHITECTURE, THE

OTHER

ACCEPT

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H. B. B.
7/31/78

BUILDING'S SIGNIFICANCE LIES IN ITS USE OF A REINFORCED
CONCRETE STRUCTURAL SYSTEM AND AN ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN
THE SURROUNDING SCALE & COMPOSITION ~~BY~~ EVEN WHEN USING
NEW CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

significant as early, in St. Thomas,
concrete bldg with possible ties to
20th C European architectural movement

Eligible

Lebanon

8/9/78

Accept

Lebanon

9/1/78

BRANCH CHIEF

SHPO never returned original to Fed Agency

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Send-back 8. 15. 78

Entered

OCT 10 1978

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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
Aerial photographs taken 1954. Field check 1954-1955
Hydrography from USC&GS chart 905, dated 1952
Polyconic projection. Puerto Rican datum, 1940 adjustment
10,000-foot grid based on Puerto Rican coordinate system,
Virgin Islands extension
Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1955

SCALE 1:24 000
1 000 000 FEET
1 000 000 METERS
CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 20-FOOT CONTOURS
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 0.8 FEET
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
CENTRAL ST. THOMAS, V.I.
N 1818—W 6454/7.5 X 6
1955

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Public Buildings Service
Washington, DC 20405



MAY 16 1978

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

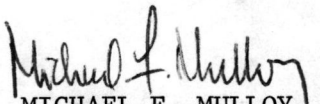
Enclosed is a copy of the nomination form for the United States District Courts Building located in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

The original nomination form was sent for evaluation and review to Mr. Thomas Blake, Planning Director of the Virgin Islands Planning Board on July 22, 1976. My office has tried repeatedly to retrieve the nomination from Mr. Blake to no avail.

I am also enclosing a copy of the letter which was sent to Mr. Blake. If you have any questions concerning this nomination please contact Mr. Rolando Rivas-Camp on (202)566-1370. 566.0951

We look forward to hearing from you concerning the nomination.

Sincerely,


MICHAEL F. MULLOY

Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Juan Luis
P.O. Box 599
Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00801

Mr. Thomas Blake
Historic Preservation Officer
Virgin Islands



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① Letter sent to Blake 7-22-76
② no nomination
③ no recomm.
④ SHPO was given more than 45 days to comment

FILE

USDISTRICT COURTS BLDG
CHARLOTTE AMALIE
ST. THOMAS, V.I.

22 JUL 1976

Mr. Thomas Blake
Planning Director
Virgin Islands Planning Board
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00801



re: United States District Courts Building, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Mr. Blake:

Enclosed is a National Register Nomination form prepared by the General Services Administration (GSA) for a property located in the Virgin Islands. Please review the nomination, indicate your recommendation in item #12 and return the original nomination and its enclosures in the envelope provided. The copies are for your files.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Michael F. Mulloy

MICHAEL F. MULLOY
Historic Preservation Officer
Environmental Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Official (SHPO) & Reading Files - PWA, US District Court Bldg., File,
RHPL, Reg. Comm. 2P, Director, PW,

PWA:MFMULLOY:vmh 7/21/76 x61370

SHPO was given more than 45 days to comment.

TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: *HAMBURG - AMERICA SHIPPING ... OFFICES*

TO/FROM: *ROLANDO RIVAS-CAMP*

DATE: *7/28/78*

ADDRESS: *GSA - D.C.*

PHONE: *202/
566-0951*

STAFF MEMBER: *H. Bink*

DIVISION: *NR*

REPORT: *I REQUESTED A CONTINUATION SHEET
CLARIFYING THE STATUS OF THE ANNEX. IS IT
PART OF THE NOMINATED PROPERTY? IF IT
IS, WE NEED A JUSTIFICATION.
ALSO NEEDED ARE AN ACREAGE FIGURE &
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.
ROLANDO WILL REPLY A.S.A.P.*

TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: *HAMBURG - AMERICA SHIPPING... OFFICES*

FROM: *ROLANDO RIVAS CAMP*

DATE: *8/9/78*

ADDRESS: *GSA - D.C. OFFICE*

PHONE: *202/566.1370*

STAFF MEMBER: *H. Bink*

DIVISION: *NR*

• REPORT:

- ROLANDO INFORMED ME THAT THE ANNEX IS PART OF THE NOMINATED PROPERTY.
 - THE NOMINATED PROPERTY CONSISTS OF A RECTANGULAR PARCEL CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY .229 ACRES; THE DIMENSIONS OF THE EDGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- | | |
|-------|---------|
| NORTH | 86.70' |
| SOUTH | 71.48' |
| WEST | 132.33' |
| EAST | 119.48' |
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Date Entered OCT 10 1978

Name

Hamburg-America Shipping Line Administrative
Offices

Location

Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas Island

Also Notified

Honorable Ron de Lugo

Mr. Michael F. Mulloy, GSA

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Thomas Blake
Planning Director
Virgin Islands Planning Board
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00801

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Hamburg-America Shipping Line Administrative Offices		2 OTHER NAMES: U.S. District Courts Building		3 date of entry: OCT 10 1978	4 county code:
5 LOCATION street & number 48B Tolbod Gade		city / town Charlotte Amalie		vicinity of: VI	state St. Thomas
6 NPS REGION: SE					
7 OWNER ☐ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☒ FEDERAL (agency name) GSA				8 ADMINISTRATOR:	
9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL		10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT	
12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☐ STATE ☒ FEDERAL		if state who prepared form?			
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☐ NO		15 ACREAGE ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
16 CONDITION ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair		☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated		☐ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated	
☐ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown		17 features: INTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRON ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9			
18 ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown		19 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO		20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO	
21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ART-5		☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ EDUCATION-10		☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ INVENTION-14	
☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20		☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25		☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) _____	
22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐					
23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:		24 dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:		25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION	
26 architectural style(s):		27 architect:		28 master builder:	
29 engineer:					
30 landscape architect / garden designer:		31 interior decorator:		32 artist:	
33 artisan:		34 builder/contractor:			

35 NAMES give role & date

PERSONAL:

EVENTS:

INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

reviewers initials _____ date _____

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE