

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Cathrineberg, Jockumsdahl, Herman Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Hammer Farm, Herman Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cruz Bay Quarter

CITY, TOWN

St. John

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Virgin Islands

STATE

Virgin Islands

CODE

078

COUNTY

St. John

CODE

0700

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
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☒ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☒ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (if applicable)

Southeast Region, National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

189 Phoenix Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds, Office of Lieutenant Governor

STREET & NUMBER

King Street, Government Hill

CITY, TOWN

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

STATE

Virgin Islands

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey, Mill Tower, Hammer Farm

DATE

June 1973

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D. C.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☒ RUINS

☐ UNEXPDS

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

~~Preservation~~ Partial Reconstruction

Hammer Farm Plantation is located on the high relatively level plateau of the east center of St. John at an elevation of approximately 700 feet above sea level. The ruins of the former plantation buildings are grouped approximately 500 feet north of the Centerline Road, the Old Konge Vej, and contain most of the major components of a well developed sugar producing plantation. The most impressive feature of the site is the remains of a large and unusual windmill tower. The site also includes a horsemill, a stable and oxpound area, a factory, a still and two unidentified structures.

1. Windmill Tower (H-4, 1)

The windmill tower is a 37'6" high masonry truncated cone with an exterior diameter of 35 feet at the base and 22 feet at the crown. The tapering wall over 6 feet wide at grade level and 2'5" at the top. A T shaped ramp supported on fill and fire barrel vaults extends 33' southwest from the tower with the head of the T measuring 73 feet and provides access to the grinding floor of the windmill, the second level of the tower. The center barrel vault that supports the stem of the T ramp also provides the passage to the grade level storage room of the mill, a chamber with a center column supporting a circular barrel vault. The mill had two additional levels supported on wood beams and a wood superstructure, the cap, that carried the vanes of the windmill and the driving gear. The cap rotated on skids anchored in the crown of the masonry trunk. Only traces remain of former wood structure. Arched openings provided light to both the grade level room, its access passage and to the grinding level.

Significance:

Second Order

Recommended Treatment

Preservation

Preliminary Estimate

\$15,000.00

2. Horsemill (H-4, 2)

The horsemill was as unusual in its construction as the windmill. It was a circular platform approximately 50 feet in diameter raised from 4' to 10' above surrounding grade and defined by a rubble masonry retaining wall. Its center was supported by a circular vaulted chamber accessible from the southeast from a vaulted passage. In the early fifties the horsemill was converted into a water storage tank by removing the vaulting of the center chamber, blocking the passage way and reinforcing and

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☒ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☒ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☒ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☒ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Second Order

Hammer Farm once known as Cathrineberg and Jockumsdahl, was parcelled out in 1719 and is known to have been under cultivation by the third decades of the 18th century as a sugar plantation. During its early years it was owned and operated by the families de Meili and Beverhout and for a 30 year period spanning 1800s by the Heyliger family, all families closely associated with the first settlement of St. Thomas and St. Croix and the early development of the Virgin Islands. It was a sugar estate through the 1700s and continued as such well into the nineteenth century. From 1870, and possibly as early as 1847, until the late 1930s it was a cattle farm and this was allowed to revert to bush. Its development history illustrates an agricultural land use pattern characteristic of all the Virgin Islands. While the factory and possibly some of the other plantation buildings date from the 18th century, the windmill tower and the present horsemill were constructed at an unknown date between 1800 and 1826. Both ~~huesenas~~ ~~mill~~ as to type and have exceptional achitectural qualities.

The horse mill in its altered state has lost many of its original features but still retains sufficient traces of its earlier appearance to make it of special interest. The windmill tower in addition to its unusual construction still exhibits the decorative finishes of the interior with its ingenious patterns in integral colored plaster.

~~NEEDS OF THE NATION - ASSISTED~~

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replastering the old walls of the interior. The surrounding retaining walls still stand to their full height. The horsemill is west of the windmill.

Significance: Second Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Cost Estimate \$10,000.00

Latitude 18°20'48" Longitude 64°45'39"

3. Factory (H-4, 3)

The factory is located south and downhill from the horsemill. It is relatively small and its ruins are badly deteriorated. A rectangular boiling room with walls from 2' to 14' out of the ground is constructed in rubble masonry with brick lining of openings and corners. It contains recognizable remains of an elevated cistern, a boiling bench and a firing trench. Sections of foundation walls that at one time supported a wood structure adjoins the boiling room and probably contained the curing and storage facilities of the factory.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Cost Estimate \$8,000.00

Latitude 18°20'48" Longitude 64°45'39"

4. Still (H-4, 4)

The remains of the still is located west and below the factory. It consists of the plastered rubble masonry walls of a cistern still standing in its original height and the severely fragmented and indistinct remains of the still property.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Estimate \$3,000.00

Latitude 18°20'48" Long 64°45'39"

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5. Stable and Oxpound (H-4, 5)

The stable and oxpound are located north of the horsemill. It is a rectangular area demarked by the toppled remains of the former masonry enclosure walls with the standing rubble masonry walls of a stable located in the southwest corner of the enclosure.

Significance: ~~Second~~ ^{Third} Order
Preliminary Cost Estimate \$4,000.00
Recommended Treatment Preservation

Latitude 18°20'48" Longitude 64°45'39"

6. Unidentified Structure I (H-4, 6)

The structure is a rectangular rubble masonry building approximately 12 by 16 feet. The walls stand from 1 to 5 feet out of the ground. Its location immediately west of the still indicates a possible use as a storage shed for the still, but it cannot be positively identified.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Cost Estimate \$1,500.00

Latitude 18°20'48" Longitude 64°45'39"

7. Unidentified Structure II (H-4, 7)

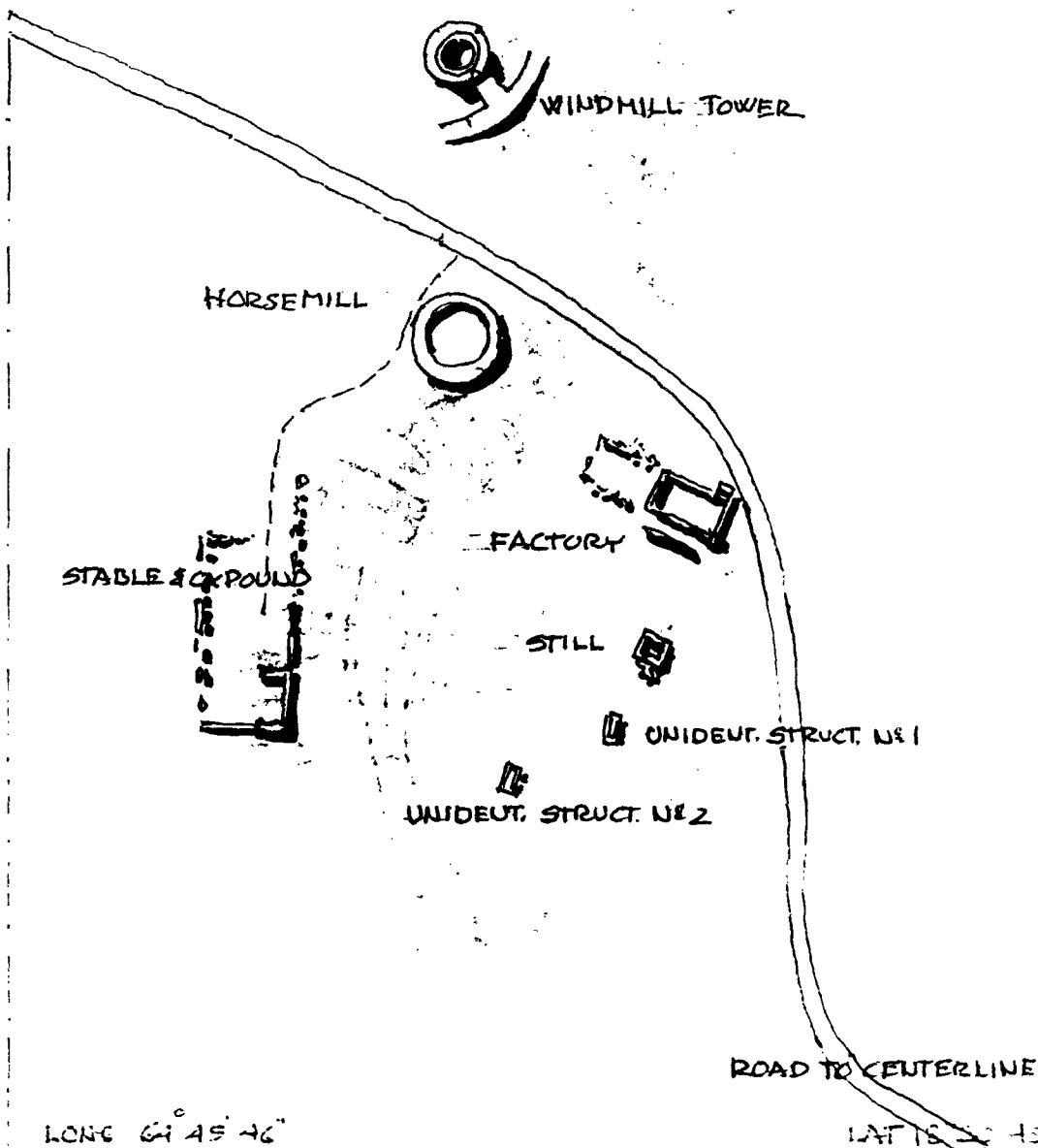
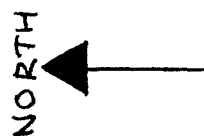
The masonry footings of this 8 by 12 foot structure are located approximately 40 feet northwest of H-4, 6. Its identity has not been established. Possibly it served as quarters and it may be part of the "village" of the plantation.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Cost Estimate \$1,000.00

Latitude 18°20'48" Longitude 64°45'39"

LONG. 64° 45' 36"

LAT. 18° 20' 51"



LONG 64° 45' 46"

LAT 18° 20' 45"

DISTRICT BOUNDARY

HAMMER FARM H-4
ST JOHN, VIRGIN ISLANDS



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DATE OF PHOTO October, 1973

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4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Windmill Tower viewed from the east H-4, 1.

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Windmill tower interior H-4, 1 viewed from the west

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Interior of ground level of windmill tower H-4, 3) viewed from
the south.

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Horsemill H-4, 2 viewed from the southeast showing the
deteriorated retaining wall of the mill.

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Windmill H-4, 1 viewed from the southwest showing the
deteriorated access ramp.

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Factory H-4, 3 Boiling House viewed from the north.

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Raised cistern of Still H-4, 4 viewed from the south.

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