



GOVERNMENT OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

VIRGIN ISLANDS PLANNING OFFICE

P. O. Box 2606

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I. 00801

June 25, 1979

Mr. Stephen Newman
Chief, Grants Administration Division
U.S. Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
440 G Street
Washington, D.C. 20240

*Leborich
N. Register*

Dear Mr. Newman:

I wish to notify you that the National Register property Keating Inn, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands will be relocated to prevent its total loss. Relocation, in this instance, is the only reasonable preservation option available.

All criteria for moving historic structures and procedures required by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service as given in 36 CFR 60-16-17 will be strictly adhered to.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R. Blake
SHPO
Director of Planning

TRB/wrc

JUL 2 1979

Proposed Move



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July 31, 1979



Mr. Charles Harrington
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
440 G Street
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Harrington:

I wish to notify you that the National Register property Keating Inn, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands (entered 7-6-76) will be relocated to prevent its total loss. The building is presently located near the center of the small town of Cruz Bay approximately 15 feet from a public road (Lot 6D, Cruz Bay Quarter). It is a rectangular, one-story, wood-frame structure dating from the late nineteenth century and is an exceptional example of its type. Its present location, while in no way detracting from the building's interest, is not one which could be said to enhance its value: a concrete, two-story office building is located immediately adjacent to the east; the road to the south is congested and increasingly commercial.

On May 21, 1976, the building's present owner, Mrs. Myra Solomon, notified the State Historic Preservation Officer that indefinite plans were underway to demolish the Keating Inn in order to construct a two-story office building on the site. The building itself was offered to the Virgins Islands Government with the understanding that the latter undertake the costs of removal. Initial estimates of the cost were made by Mr. Daniel Sullivan, A.I.A., Box 240, Cruz Bay, St. John, on July 19, 1976.

Demolition of the building was temporarily delayed until a suitable site could be found. Legislation enabling an exchange of land between a private citizen, Mr. Hector Torres, and the Virgin Islands Government was effected on July 20, 1978 (Act. No. 4175), and the new site near the ruins of Enighed Estate House was acquired (Lot 294 Estate Contant and Enighed, Cruz Bay Quarter). Responsibility for the property has since been transferred to tha Department of Conservation and Cultural Affairs, Government of the Virgin Islands.

Open market contractual services rather than competitive bidding were authorized by the Hon. Henry Millin, then Acting Governor, on January 26, 1979, because it is impractical to obtain competition on the Island of St. John and because of the nature of the work.

2. Charles Harrington

The services of Mr. Albert Joseph, a Licenced Construction Contractor of St. Thomas, were accepted. The total cost is estimated at 70,000 dollars.

Mr. Joseph's program calls for the preparation of the site, construction of a foundation identical to the existing one, duplication of the present cistern and stairs, and other minor repairs. It will be moved from the site in several large sections; measured drawings to insure the accuracy of the work are being prepared by the Historic Preservation Office. The building has not yet been moved (July 31, 1979) and will not be until the project has been approved by the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

The new site near the National Register property of Enighed will not seriously threaten the historical integrity of the Keating Inn. The two sites are roughly comparable in size and proportion - the new lot totals approximately 5,059 square feet; the old one, 6,986 - and are characterized by similar plantings. The building will be roughly oriented in the same way, although because of the relationship of the new lot to the public road, the building will present a different secondary facade to the street.

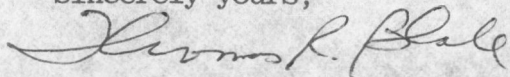
The new site, it should be emphasized, is outside the boundaries of the National Register property of Enighed and will have no adverse effect upon that building or the land around it. Preliminary archeological tests of the area were made in 1976 by the St. John Historical Society under the supervision of the Territorial Archeologist, Mr. Gary Vescelius. Every effort will be made in the course of the minimal excavations required for the new foundation to insure that all historic and prehistoric materials - if encountered - are retrieved. The work will be carefully monitored by the Territorial Archeologist.

Enclosed please find photographs of the new site as specified in 36CR 60. 16-17, "Relocating Properties Listed in the National Register", together with a sketch map and other maps of the building's new location. Since the building will be re-located with Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service funds through the Grants-in-Aid program, it is essential that the Keating Inn remain on the Register.

If there are any problems or if you require any more information, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

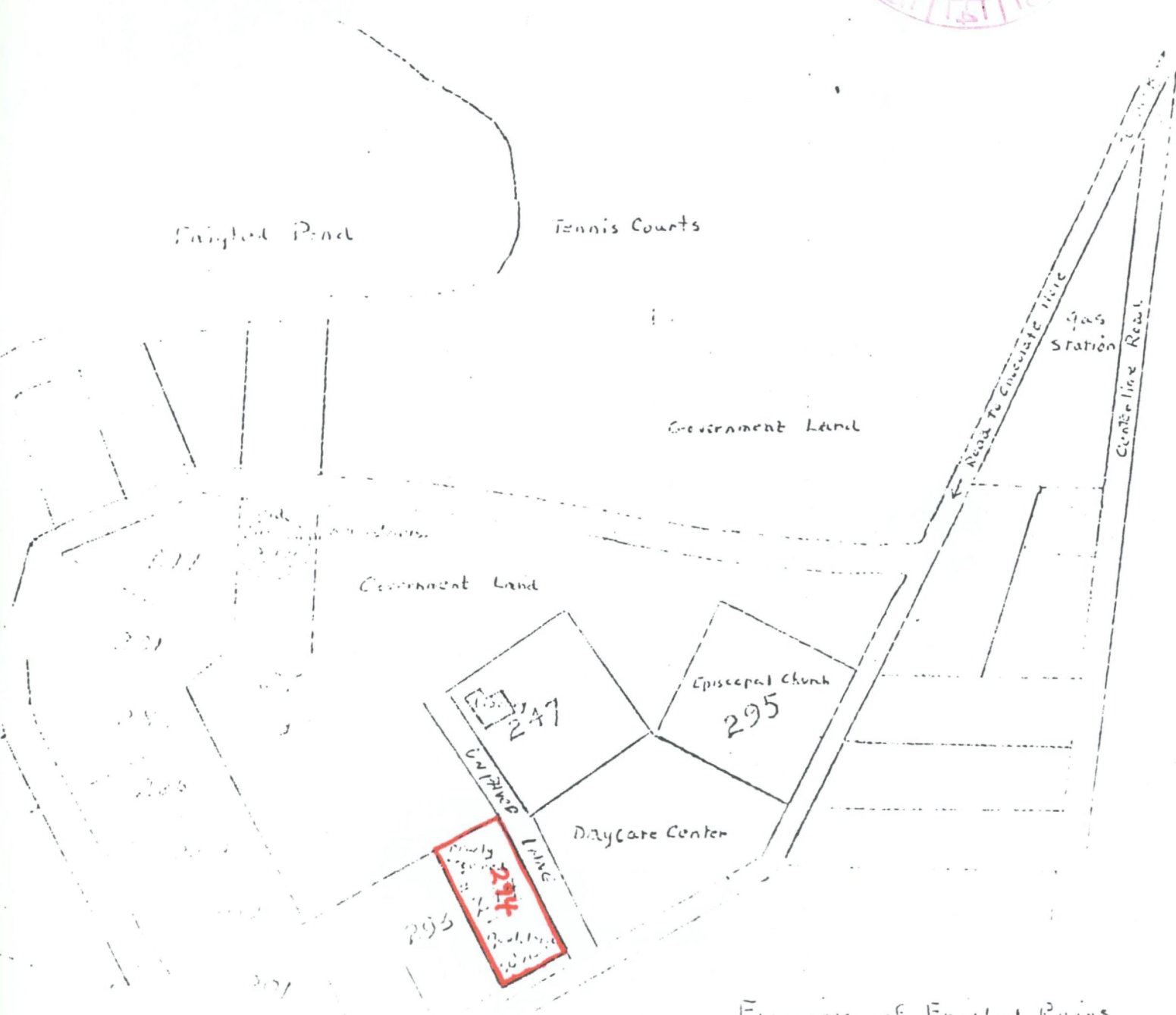


Thomas R. Blake
Director of Planning, SHPO

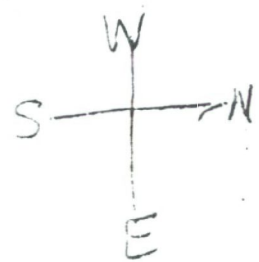
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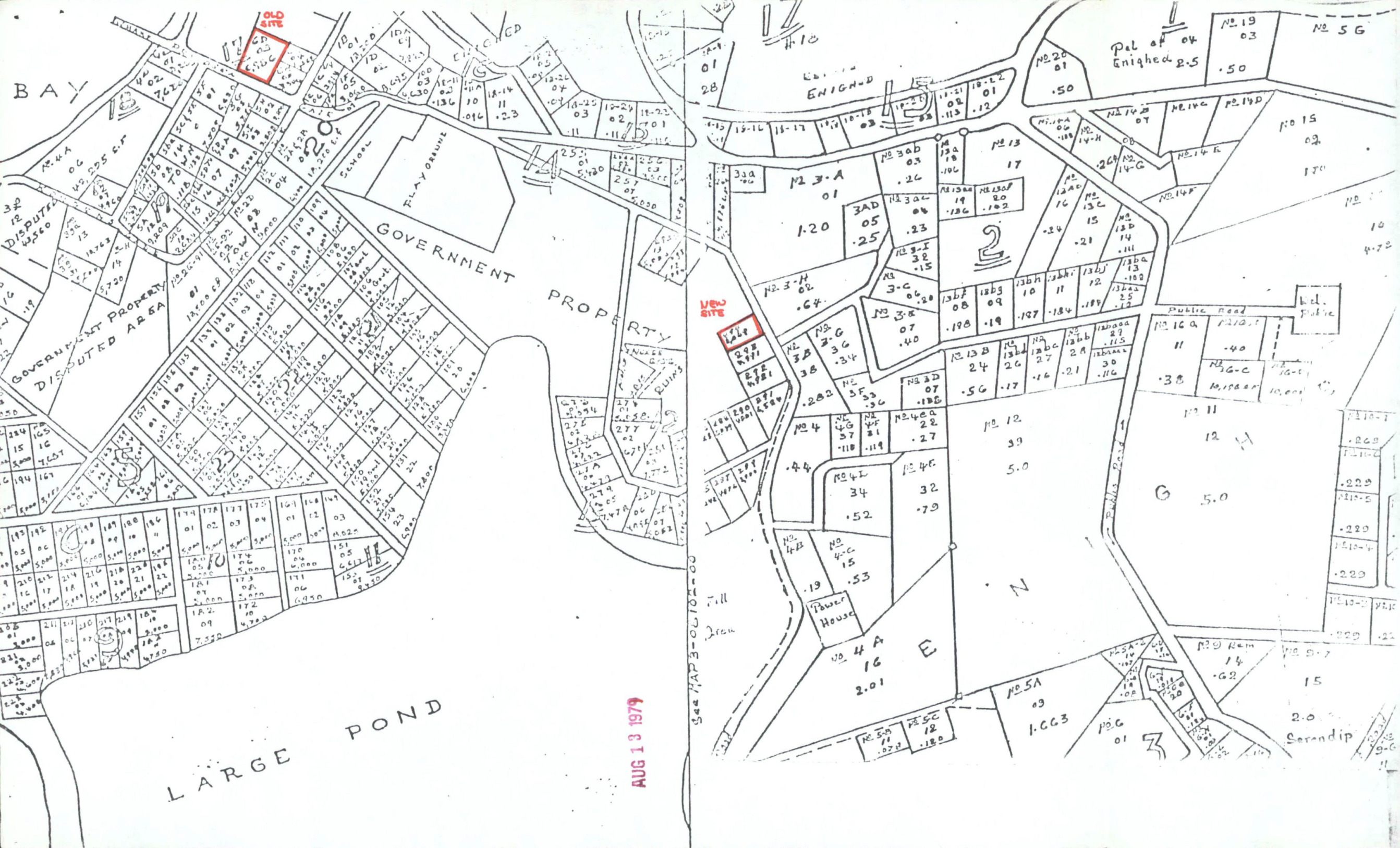
cc. Mr. Ronald Greenberg, Acting Chief, National Register
Ms. Carol Duby, National Register
Mr. Stephen Newman, Chief, Grants Administration Division
Mr. Thomas Taylor, Grants Administration Division



Environments of Enright Plains



Map of Enright Plains
Scale 1:10,000
(Hand-drawn map) Prepared by Enright
Enright Plains, Oklahoma



LARGE POND

AUG 13 1979

See MAP 3-OUT 102-00

AUG 13 1979

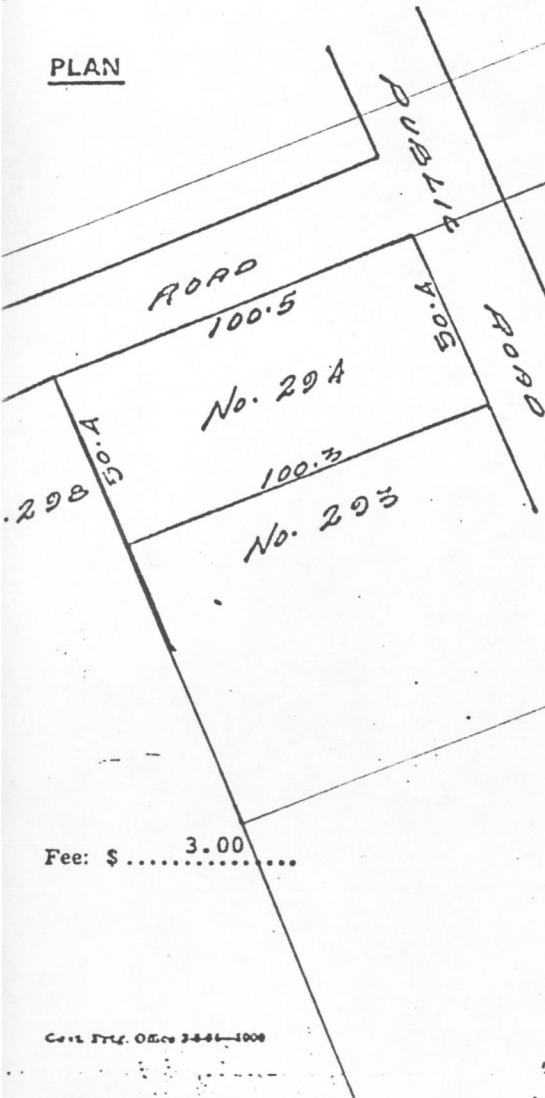
MEASURE-BRIEF

ne Property No. 294 CRUZ BAY TOWN
..... CRUZ BAY QUARTER Quarter in the town of Cruz Bay
n the Island of St. John, Virgin Islands of U.S.A.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above-mentioned lot according to the Surveyor's Records for
in the Town of Cruz Bay, Land Register for Cruz Bay Quarter Survey of September 30, 1950
has the following boundaries:
to the north 100.5 feet towards A road
" " south 100.3 " " Lot No. 293 Cruz Bay Town
" " east 50.4 " " A public road
" " west 50.4 " " Lot No. 298 Cruz Bay Town
The area is about 5,059 square feet U.S. Measurements

The Office of the Commissioner of Public Works—St. Thomas, V.I. September 30, 1977

PLAN



Floyd C. George
Floyd C. George
Public Surveyor

ATTEST:

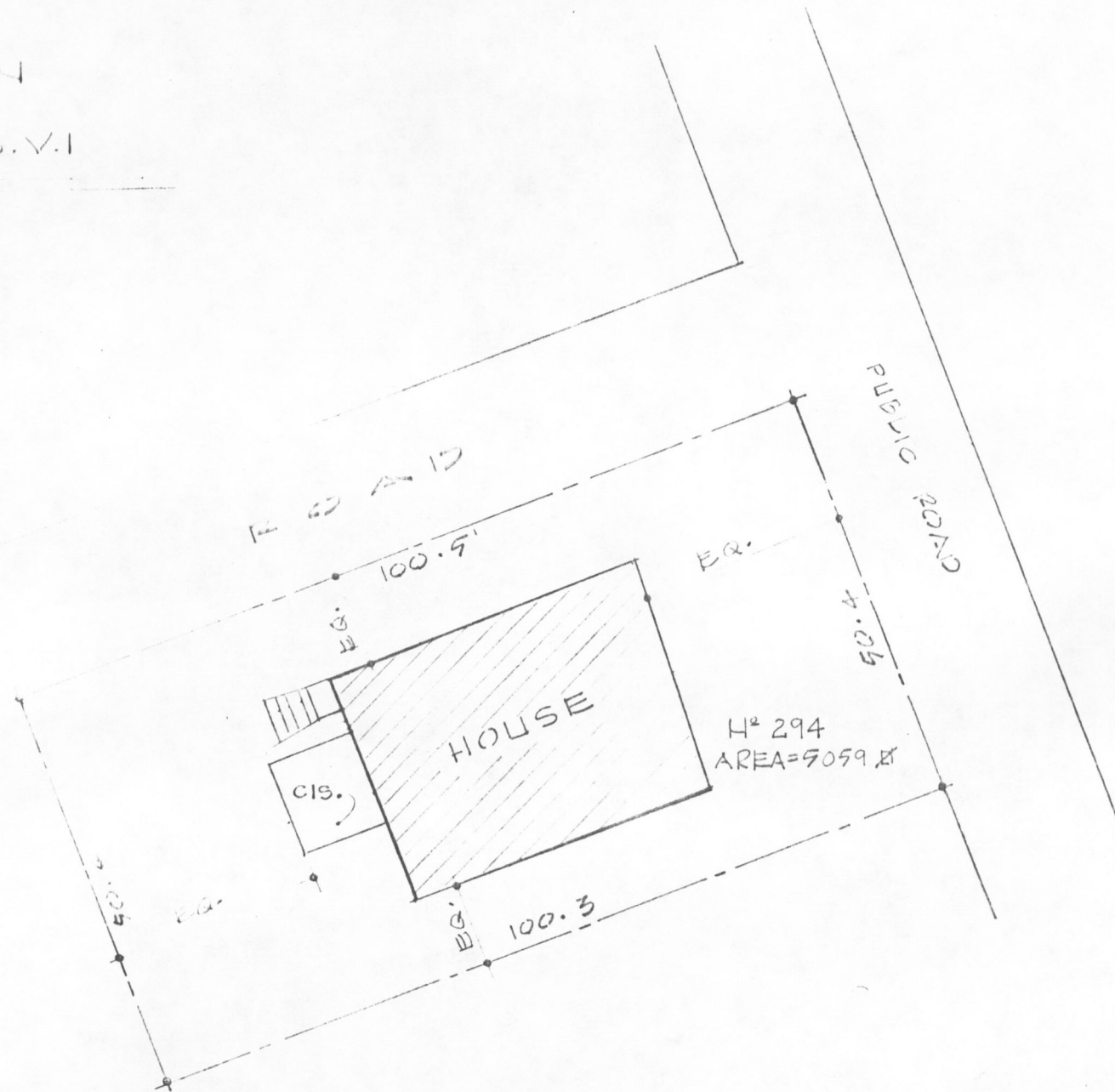
It is hereby certified that the above
mentioned property, which according to
.....
belongs to
has not, according to the Records of this Of-
fice, undergone any changes as to bounda-
ries and area.

The Office of the Commissioner of Pub-
lic Works, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas,
Virgin Islands.

Date

Fee: \$ 3.00

NEW SITE
KEATING INN
CRUZ BAY
ST JOHN U.S.V.I



SITE PLAN
1" = 20'

OLD SITE
KEATING INN
CRUZ BAY
ST JOHN U.S.V.I



SITE PLAN
1"=20'



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August 28, 1979

Mr. Charles Harrington
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
440 G Street
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Harrington:

I wish to notify you that the National Register property Keating Inn, Cruz Bay, St. John, has been demolished despite efforts of the Virgin Islands Government to save it. As explained in an earlier communication (7-31-79), a site had been obtained for relocation and the owner had agreed to donate the structure itself. Delays in effecting the necessary transfer of land, establishing funds, and securing a deed were time consuming, and, unfortunately, the owner's patience ran short. Demolition began on August 20, despite last minute talks with a representative of the owner.

An effort is being made to obtain representative portions of the building including sections of the ornate bargeboard, shutters, and framing members. An extensive, though incomplete, photographic record of the property remains on file at the Historic Preservation Office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas R. Blake".

Thomas R. Blake
Director of Planning
SHPO

c. Mr. Ronald Greenberg, Acting Chief, National Register
Ms. Carol Duby, National Register
Mr. Thomas Taylor, Technical Preservation Services

encl.

TRB/wrc

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE RECD. SEP 17 1979

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE ATTACHED

REATIVE ATTACHED

PHONE CALL ATTACHED

RECEIVED

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REPORT

SUBJECT: KEATING INN

TO: MR. THOMAS R. BLAKE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

FROM: WILLIAM CHAPMAN, ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Following an examination of the site and remains of Keating Inn, Cruz Bay, St. John, there is little question that nothing more can be done. Very little of the original building has been salvaged. Included in a brief inventory of August 27, 1979 are approximately: ten (10) single and double doors; twenty (20) exterior and interior shutters; forty (40) feet of ornamental bargeboard; one hundred (100) feet of pine planking; one hundred (100) feet of four by four inch framing members. Only the gate remains of the extensive lattice work and only one sheet of the original corrugated roofing. The rest of the building has been either removed or discarded. What remains is unprotected and unguarded.

There is no hope of rebuilding. The present records of the building as it once looked are too imprecise to used as a basis of reconstruction. The photographic record, while extensive, is incomplete. Field notes for measured drawings are likewise inadequate.

If possible, I would recommend that representative pieces of the building particularly sections of the framing members and bargeboard as well as shutters and doors be retained as a permanent record. These could be deposited either with the Virgin Islands Museum or with the Historic Preservation Office. Some decision on this must be made quickly before all traces of the building are removed from the site.

MEETING REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT:

Keating Inn, VI

LOCATION OF MEETING:

DATE:

8/22

STAFF MEMBER:

DUBIE

DIVISION:

NRL

PARTICIPANT:

ORGANIZATION:

PHONE:

Who is owner now?
address?

9-809-
774-7859

REPORT:

Mr. S. Now owns - deed will be transferred

VI got owns new site

DCCA

Attn: Commission Darlin Brin

US VI got

St. Th VI

00801

MEETING REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: *Bill Chapman*

LOCATION OF MEETING:

DATE: *10/23*

STAFF MEMBER: *DUBIE*

DIVISION: *NR*

PARTICIPANT:

ORGANIZATION:

PHONE: *9-809-*

10/23 - no answer at #

*774-7859
1730*

REPORT:

*asked him whether Keating Inn site
might have archeological value -
also - what will happen - will rebuilding occur?*

10/24 ^{9:00} no answer -

*10/25 ^{2:30}
not in*

10/29 - 11:30 - gone to lunch

10/29 - 12:45 - not in today (?)

10/30/79 - construction is underway - site has
been excavated.

small portion of bargeboards was all
that was saved.

No hist. archeo potential; terminal
archeo says no prehistoric value

TAX REFORM ACT

State V.I. (St. John) Working Number 8.13.79

BOUNDARY REVISION
INCREASE _____
DECREASE _____
MOVE Pruned

Photos
Maps

~~need map for new location~~

O. K.

CONTROL
el

8.13.79

NR notified on 8/28/79 that he was demolishing legit. HISTORIAN
 efforts to move it. Letter from SHPO is accompanied by site report
 detailing the current condition of the property. Architectural significance for
 which property was nominated has been ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
 lost. Discussions with Remove from Register
 State staff indicate that no historic value or archeological resources remain. ARCHEOLOGIST
 See phone slip.

OTHER

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Remove from Register
DATE 10/30/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

~~I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS BOUNDARY REVISION IS ACCEPTED~~

CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A REVISION TO: AG
Caecil Stull, and
OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: Wm. J. Burke
~~CHIEF, BRANCH OF REGISTRATION~~

REMOVAT

DATE _____

11-1-79

DATE _____

10/30/79

THIS FORM IS TO BE FILED WITH THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.

State notified	Federal Register	Control Cards	ADP
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INT: 580-78

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

DATA SHEET 7

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED JUN 2 1976

JUL 6 1976

DATE ENTERED

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Keating's Inn

AND/OR COMMON

Miss Meada's House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cruz Bay

VICINITY OF

STATE

U.S. Virgin Islands

CODE

78

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

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 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Myrah K. Smith

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cruz Bay

VICINITY OF

St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

No. 18 Kongens Gade

CITY, TOWN

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.

STATE

00801

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

U.S. Virgin Islands Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

May 1976

___ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Virgin Islands Planning Office

CITY, TOWN

Charlotte Amalie U.S.V.I.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT
☒GOOD
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED
—RUINS
—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒UNALTERED
—ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE
—MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Keating's Inn is in Cruz Bay, St. John. It is significant as one of the few fine remaining examples of 19th century cottage architecture left on the islands, and exemplifies the influence of the late Victorian style on residential architecture in the Danish West Indies.

Probably constructed in the 1870's to 1890's, Keating's Inn is a one-story building of frame construction with exterior clapboarding. It faces the street on the southwest. The house is a rectangle with an open gallery porch projecting one bay along the southwest, northwest and northeast sides. The house is four bays by two bays, with rooms in the northeast and southeast corner that project one bay to the plane of the gallery, and measures approximately 42' x 30'. A later kitchen addition to the northeast corner measures approximately 23' x 6'.

There are three entrances--two on the southwest main facade, and on the northeast, rear facade. All doors and windows have flat heads and molded castings. The windows are fitted with three-panel wooden shutters and two-panel louvered jalousies. The doors are similarly equipped. The hardware on the shutters--strap hinges and shutter hooks--are all wrought iron.

The gallery is supported on all sides by rubble masonry piers about two and a half feet high. The gallery railing is of wood, with a continuous top and bottom wooden molding, with vertical members that divide the railing into three sections on each facade (four, for the main facade, which has a gate). The sections are fitted with a decorative latticework made of flat wooden members.

Three square wood columns with chamfered edges, visually continuing the line of the gallery railing vertical members, support the roof on each facade, with the corners articulated with thicker columns. A decorative bargeboard with a cut out spade pattern is applied around the roof eaves. A continuous metal gutter is attached to the bargeboard trim, partially obscuring the decorative edge. The roof is hipped, and covered with corrugated metal.

The kitchen addition to the rear is three bays by one bay, with heavy shutters, on the northwest wall. The L-shaped space created by the addition and the rear facade of the house has been planted as a back garden.

Access to the gate of the gallery on the main facade is by a typical West Indian "welcoming arms" staircase (with walls fanning at the base). A masonry cistern with a barrel vaulted roof lies to the right of the staircase, rising to the level of the gallery floor.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION		
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE		
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE		
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER		
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION		
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		☐ INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Keating's Inn, St. John is a fine example in good condition of a Danish West Indian cottage of the High Victorian period. The house contains many typical West Indian elements required by the climate: an interior plan designed to provide cross-ventilation, a lightweight hipped roof, sturdy storm shutters and a raised foundation to provide for air circulation and protection from flooding. It adjoins a village square near the ferry dock and is among the first buildings seen by arriving passengers.

The house has been continuously occupied by the Keatings-Smith-Moorehead families since the turn of the century. From 1922 until the 1960's it was operated as an inn.

When serving as the island's only hostelry, hospitality was offered here to all persons of importance visiting the island, including Danish and American governors and West Indian dignitaries. The furnishings include a piano presented to the Keatings by the first American civilian governor, Paul Pearson, after a stay there in 1931.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Oral History- Keating Family, 1975.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.3 acres

UTM REFERENCES

18° 20' 00" North Latitude
64° 47' 42" West Longitude

A

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

D

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Samuel N. Stokes,

Russell Wright, Margaret Proskauer, Annie Hillary, V.I. Historic Survey

ORGANIZATION

Virgin Islands Planning Office

DATE

May 17, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 2606

TELEPHONE

(809) 774-1730

CITY OR TOWN

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

STATE

U.S. Virgins Islands 00801

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Thomas R. Blute

TITLE

Director of Planning

DATE

May 25, 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

7/6/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

6-25-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Property

Keating's Inn

State

V. I.

Working Number

6.2.76.3529

76002220

St. John. Island

TECHNICAL

Photos 1

Maps 1

U+M ref. can't be checked by map

CONTROL

6.4.76

HISTORIAN

Accept
W.R. Luce
6/9/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

There's very little here that is truly Victorian -
but it is a nice example of what it is -

Accept
M. J. Rutz
6-10-76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colz
6-11-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Henry
6-25-76

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

8-3-76

Send-back

Re-submit

Entered JUL 6 1976

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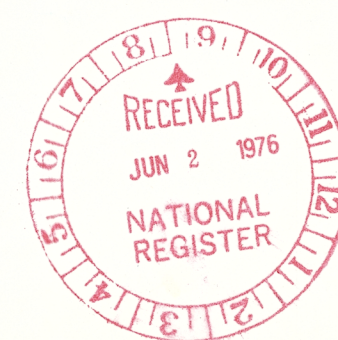


Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by Kelsch plotter
Aerial photographs taken 1954. Field check 1958
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS charts 905 (1956) and 938 (1953)
Polyconic projection. Puerto Rican datum, 1940 adjustment
10,000-foot grid based on Puerto Rican coordinate system,
Virgin Islands extension
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1958

SCALE 1:24,000
1 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 KILOMETER
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 APPROXIMATELY 0.6 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
Light-duty Unimproved dirt

WESTERN ST. JOHN, V. I.
N1816.5—W6442/7.5X6

1958

Cruz Bay, St. John
Virgin Islands 00830

May 21, 1976

Mr. Thomas R. Blake
Director of Planning
Virgin Islands Planning Office
P. O. Box 2606
St. Thomas, V. I. 00861

Dear Mr. Blake:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 17th regarding the nomination of my property "Keating House" to the National Register of Historical Places.

I am not against this proposal, but prior to signing any documents certain safeguards must be agree on.

My plans call for erecting a 2-storey building on the site of the existing building which presently is my home.

At such time (depending on financing) that I decide to begin construction, I would expect the Government to relocate the building, at government's expense., to another property.

Before these final documents are drawn up, I would like to go through them and discuss them with you.

Unfortunately, because of the tight mortgage money, I am in no position to give you the date on which construction of the new building will begin.

Sincerely,

Myrah Keating-Smith

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **VIRGIN ISLANDS**

Date Entered **JUL 6 1976**

Name

Location

Keating's Inn

**Cruz Bay
St. John County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Ron De Lugo
Regional Director, Southeast
Region**

PR MMott/row 7/8/76

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

31 Kalina Drive
Saugerties, New York 12477
May 11, 1977

Mr. Thomas R. Blake
Director Of Planning
State Historic Preservation Officer
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00801

Dear Mr. Blake:

Since our conversation in Cruz Bay during March concerning the donation of The Keating House to the National Register of Historic Places, we have received no correspondence indicating an interest in our offer.

As previously explained, we are planning to erect a structure on the site where the Keating House is presently located. We are almost ready to proceed with construction. Consequently, we would like a definite response concerning our offer within the next month or as soon as possible..

We are donating The Keating House under the following conditions:

- 1) The Keating House should be removed within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.
- 2) The cost of removal will be shouldered completely by the National Register of Historic Places.
- 3) No damage or destruction should be done to the present cistern or tombs which are adjacent to the Keating House.

In the event that we do not receive a response within a reasonable period of time, we will assume that there is no longer an interest in The Keating House. And we will be forced to dispose of the structure as we see fit.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Raphael A. X. Solomon

January 16, 1978

Mr. Thomas R. Blake
Director of Planning
St. Thomas, V. I. 00801

Dear Mr. Blake:

We received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Raphael Solomon requesting information as to a starting date of their construction project. They have received no word from your office regarding the removal of the "Keating House" at Cruz Bay, St. John.

This project hinges on the removal of the present structure.

We would appreciate an indication from you regarding your time table.

Very truly yours,

Theovald E. Moorehead
President

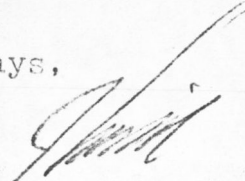
Hi Raphie:

Thanks for the updated information. I am happy to see that things have been moving as far as the bank is concerned. The above letter to Tommy Blake should prod him a bit.

How was the holiday season? I enjoyed it. Tuts spent it with us. She came in on the 23rd and left this morning so that was our Christmas present.

Give Ali and Myh our love and take care of yourself.

Always,



NR Data Sheet

DATE: 6/9/76
 Reviewer INITIALS: WRL
 NR DOE

JUL 6 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Keating's Inn
 OTHER NAMES: Miss Meade's House

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cruz Bay

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

U.S. Virgin Islands 78

COUNTY

code

0700

St. John

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline):

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR
 Substantially intact-1
 X unknown - 4
 not applicable - 7
 EXTERIOR
 Substantially intact-2
 unknown - 5
 not applicable - 8
 ENVIRONS
 Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 6
 Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -
 EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED
 Unexcavated

UNALTERED
 ALTERED
 Reconstructed
 Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED
 Unknown

ACCESS -
 Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)
 then- Hotel
 now- House

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION	entertainment
ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC	ECONOMICS	LAW/Gov't/politics	SCIENCE	health
AGRICULTURE	EDUCATION	LITERATURE	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	recreation
ARCHITECTURE	ENGINEERING	MILITARY	TRANSPORTATION	settlement
ART	EXPLORATION	MUSIC	OTHER (SPECIFY)	socio/cultural
COMMERCE	INDUSTRY	PHILOSOPHY		urban & commun
COMMUNICATIONS	INVENTION	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT		planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

Unmarked

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: *Victorian Elements*

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *1870 - 1900*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) *.3*

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

*rectangle, 1 story, clapboard, hip roof, open gallery porch
on 3 sides, Kitchen added to NE corner. gallery supported
by rubble masonry piers. decorative bargeboards.
metal!*

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

*Keating's Inn is a fine example of a Danish West Indian Cottage
of the High Victorian period and includes several architectural elements
designed to deal with the climate. The structure served as an Inn from
1922 until ~~the~~ the 1960's during part of that time it served as the Island's
only hostelry.*

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **KEATING'S Inn**

2 OTHER NAMES: **MISS MEADA'S HOUSE (sec)**

3 date of entry: **07.06.76**

4 county code: **0700**

5 LOCATION street & number: **CRUZ BAY**

city / town: **VI**

vicinity of: **ST. JOHN**

state: **VI**

county: **ST. JOHN**

6 NPS REGION: **SOUTHEAST**

7 OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name):

8 ADMINISTRATOR:

9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL

10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO

11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: **1ST**

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 ACRES: **0.3 ACRE**

16 CONDITION ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair

☐ deteriorated ☐ ruins ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated

☐ altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated

☐ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown

17 features: ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☒ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2

☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ NOT INTACT-0

☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ UNKNOWN-5

☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8

☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS ☐ YES - Restricted ☐ YES - Unrestricted ☒ No Access ☐ Unknown

19 ADAPTIVE USE ☒ YES ☐ NO

20 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

☐ ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 ☒ COMMERCE-6

☐ ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7

☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8

☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9

☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10

☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ LAW-16

☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ MILITARY-18

☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20

☐ POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☒ RECREATION-28

☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29

☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31

☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25

22 CLAIMS: explain

'first' ☐

'oldest' ☐

'only' ☐

23 functions

WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **Inn**

CURRENTLY: **House**

24 dates of initial construction: **1870s - 1890s**

major alterations:

historic events:

25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): **Colonial Vernacular**

27 architect: **unknown**

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: **FRAME, CLAPBOARDING, RUBBLE MASONRY PIERS, 1 STORY, RECTANGULAR, CORRUGATED TIN HIPPED ROOF, FRONT & SIDES WRAPAROUND ENTRANCE PORCH WITH SAWTOOTH FASCHA BOARD & LATTICE WORK RAILING; ADJACENT BARREL-VAULTED CONCRETE CISTERN; KITCHEN CORNER ADDITION. EXAMPLE OF WEST INDIAN COTTAGE COLONIAL VERNAICULAR; SERVED AS ISLANDS ONLY HOSTELRY DURING PART OF 20TH C.**

KEATING'S INN (Resource Name) ST. JOHN (County)	76002220 (Reference Number[s]) VIRGIN ISLANDS (State)	12/19/86 (Date form completed) Mark Z. Bahe (Completed by)
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STATUS:

1. MISSING	2. REMOVED/DEMOLISHED ☒	3. NHL	4. TR	5. MRA	6. OVER-SIZED	7. NPS - UNDOCUMENTED	8. DOE - OWNER OBJECTION	9. RESTRICTED
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EXPLANATION:

1. Missing Status: Entire Folder (); Nomination (); Map(s) (); Photos ()
 Available on: Microfiche (); Optical Disk ()

2. DEMOLITION
 (Cause for removal)

1 / 179
 (Date Removed)

3. (NHL Name, if different than NRHP Name)

1 / 1
 (Date Designated)

4. (If multi-state/county TR, state/county where filed and location)

(TR or MRA Name)

5. (If multi-state/county MRA, state/county where filed and location)

6. (Location of oversize file)

7. (Current source of partial documentation)

1 / 1
 (Target Date)

COMMENTS: (Where found, or source of replacement)

1 / 1
 (Date Found/Replaced)