

APPENDIX B
MORE HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

East End mic.

JUL 23 1981

DESCRIPTION

More Hill Plantation development is located on the ridge of the East End peninsula of St. John 500 yards east of the peak of More Hill. The site has the ruins of three buildings of modest proportions at an elevation of 360 feet above sea level. There is no trail to the site.

More Hill Plantation was cleared and brought under cultivation at an unknown date between 1780 and 1800. It is shown on the Oxholm Map of 1800 as number 2 of the East End Quarter Plantations and with two symbols for buildings but is not named. The plantation cultivated cotton and never had any other use and was abandoned early in the 19th century.

The districts interest lies in the "time capsuled" nature of its remains which illustrate primitive late 18th century construction techniques and the modest facilities required by a small cotton plantation. The site also has a large midden downhill and south of the warehouse.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

More Hill Historic District is significant for its remains of a modest cotton plantation of the late 18th century unaltered and disturbed by later development and different uses.

Acreage: 6 acres

Latitude
18° 21' 39"

Longitude
64° 41' 39"

There are no UTM references on any published maps of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

More Hill Historic District is located in an area of dense bush without any distinct natural or man made features and is surrounded by protected park lands. For this reason the District has arbitrarily been defined as the area bounded by latitudes 18° 21' 41" and 18° 21' 37" and by longitudes 64° 41' 42" and 64° 41' 35".

JUL 23 1981

Appendix B,
Historic DistrictCLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
(Attach 4"x5" B&W Photo)

NPS ORGANIZATION

REGION Southeast PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park CODE NO. 5360STRUCTURE NAME Residence, More Hill STRUCTURE NO. H-38,1ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 500 yards east of More Hill on east end of St. John

UTM REFERENCE:

A

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	----

Zone Easting NorthingCLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not
part of a complex or district:
_____ acres.STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: The lower rubble masonry wall of a
rectangular building.

Physical Description: The footings and low rubble masonry walls of a rectangular building 18'x26' is located on a slight rise of the east end peninsula ridge. The long walls are oriented northeast-southwest. The rubble remains of what appears to have been a cistern is built against the southeast corner of the building. The top surfaces of the masonry walls that stand from one to four feet above grade are sloped down towards the outside and imprints of squared timber on the inner surfaces of the walls carried down below the existing grade indicates a post wood construction of the now missing upper section of the outer walls. The main entrance appears to have been centered in the northwest wall of the building. Approximately 50% of the masonry walls have been preserved.

More Hill plantation was cleared and brought under cultivation at an unknown date between 1780 and 1800. It is shown on the Oxholm map of 1800 as number 2 of the East End Quarter plantations and with two symbols for buildings but is not named. The site is not indicated or named on any subsequent map of St. John although a 1907 map published by the Society "De Danske Atlanterhavsøer", Copenhagen, Denmark refers to the general area as Mt. Pleasant. Presumably the

(continue on reverse if necessary)

PRESENT CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐
Ruins ☒ Unaltered ☒ Altered ☐ Original Site ☒ Moved ☐

plantation cultivated cotton and never had any other use. The primitive construction technique of its buildings make it likely that the existing ruins date back to the late 18th century.

Latitude $18^{\circ}21'39''$ Longitude $64^{\circ}41'38''$

NPS ORGANIZATION

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 500 yards east of More Hill on east end of St. John

UTM REFERENCE:  CLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not part of a complex or district: _____ acres.

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: The lower rubble masonry wall of a
rectangular building

Physical Description: A rectangular building 9'x12' is located 6' north of the residence. The 3' high rubble masonry walls have finished down sloping top surfaces and on the inner side imprints of the squared posts that served as the frame for the upper wood section of the outer walls. A door centered in the south wall provided the only access to the interior. All walls stand to their full height.

More Hill plantation was cleared and brought under cultivation at an unknown date between 1780 and 1800. It is shown on the Oxholm map of 1800 as No. 2 of the East End Quarter plantations and with 2 symbols for buildings but is not named. The site is not indicated or named on any subsequent map of St. John although a 1907 map published by the Society "De Danske Atlanterhavsøer", Copenhagen, Denmark refers to the general area as Mt. Pleasant. Presumably the plantation cultivated cotton and never had any other use. The primitive construction technique of its buildings make it likely that the existing ruins date back to the late 18th century.

Latitude 18°21'39" Longitude 64°41'38"

(continue on reverse if necessary)

PRESENT CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐
Ruins ☒ Unaltered ☒ Altered ☐ Original Site ☒ Moved ☐

Appendix B, Historic District

NPS ORGANIZATION

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

CLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not
part of a complex or district:
acres.

PRESENT CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐
Ruins ☒ Unaltered ☒ Altered ☐ Original Site ☒ Moved ☐

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Virgin Islands National Park Multiple Resource Area
State VI

Nomination	Type of Review	Decision
✓ 1. Brown Bay Plantation Historic District -	-	<u>accept⁺ Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 2. Rustenberg Plantation South Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 3. Dennis Bay Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 4. More Hill Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 5. Hermitage Plantation Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 6. Annaberg Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
7 America Hill Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>Return</u>
✓ 8. Reef Bay Great House Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>accept Reef Bay Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 9. Reef Bay Sugar Factory Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 10. Jossie Gut Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 11. L'Esperance Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 12. Lind Point Fort ✓ <i>Pending Plan</i>	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
> 13. Liever Marches Bay Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
✓ 14. Cathrineberg-Jockumsdahl-Herman Farm -	-	<u>previously listed 3-30-78</u>
✓ 15. Cinnamon Bay Plantation ✓	-	<u>Previously listed 7-11-78</u>
✓ 16. Lameshur Plantation -	-	<u>Previously listed 6-23-78</u>
✓ 17. Mary Point Estate -	-	<u>Previously listed 5-22-78</u>
✓ 18. Annaberg School -	-	<u>Return</u>
✓ 19. Trunk Bay Sugar Factory ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grovema 7/23/81</u>
20. -	-	
21. -	-	
22. -	-	
23. -	-	
24. -	-	

DUE 7/8/81 - 7/23/81

Name More Hill Historic District dnr-3
 State, County VI St. John Fed Nom or Request—Agency NPS Federal
 Working Number 6.8.81.191 Federal Register Date 2.2.82

☒ Nomination
☐ Determination of Eligibility
☐ On Nomination Form

☐ Bldg(s)
☒ Site
☐ Object
☐ Structure
☐ District

Within:
☒ Multiple Resource Area
☐ Thematic Group

Maps 2
 Photos 1

Nomination prepared by:
☐ State Staff
☒ Local
☐ Other

Action:
☒ ACCEPT 7/23/81
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Check if Appropriate:
☐ State Request for Review
☐ Keeper's Decision to Review
☐ 2nd Return

I. Evaluation of Resource (cont. on back if necessary)

East End v.c.
 off East End Rd.

accpt, criteria A, C, D
 Grosvenor, Historian
 7/23/81

II. Evaluation of Nomination

	Good	Adequate	Poor	Comments
1. Descriptive Statement Short Format ☒ Yes ☐ No		☒		
2. Significance Statement Short Format ☒ Yes ☐ No		☒		
3. Concepts/Integrity		☒		in MRA cover form
4. Concepts/Criteria	☒			
5. Concepts/Boundaries	☒			
6. Contextual Evaluation	☒			as MRA cover form

General Comments (cont. on back if necessary):

Reviewer/Date Grosvenor 7/23/81

See Attached





LONG. $64^{\circ}41'39''$

LAT. $18^{\circ}21'41''$

SERVANTS QRTS.

RESIDENCE

WAREHOUSE

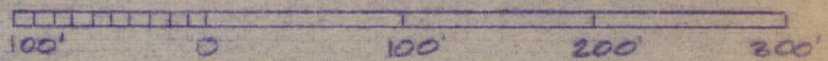
LAT. $18^{\circ}21'39''$

LONG. $64^{\circ}41'32''$

LONG. $64^{\circ}41'36''$

DISTRICT BOUNDARY

LAT. $18^{\circ}21'37''$



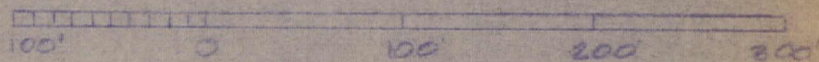
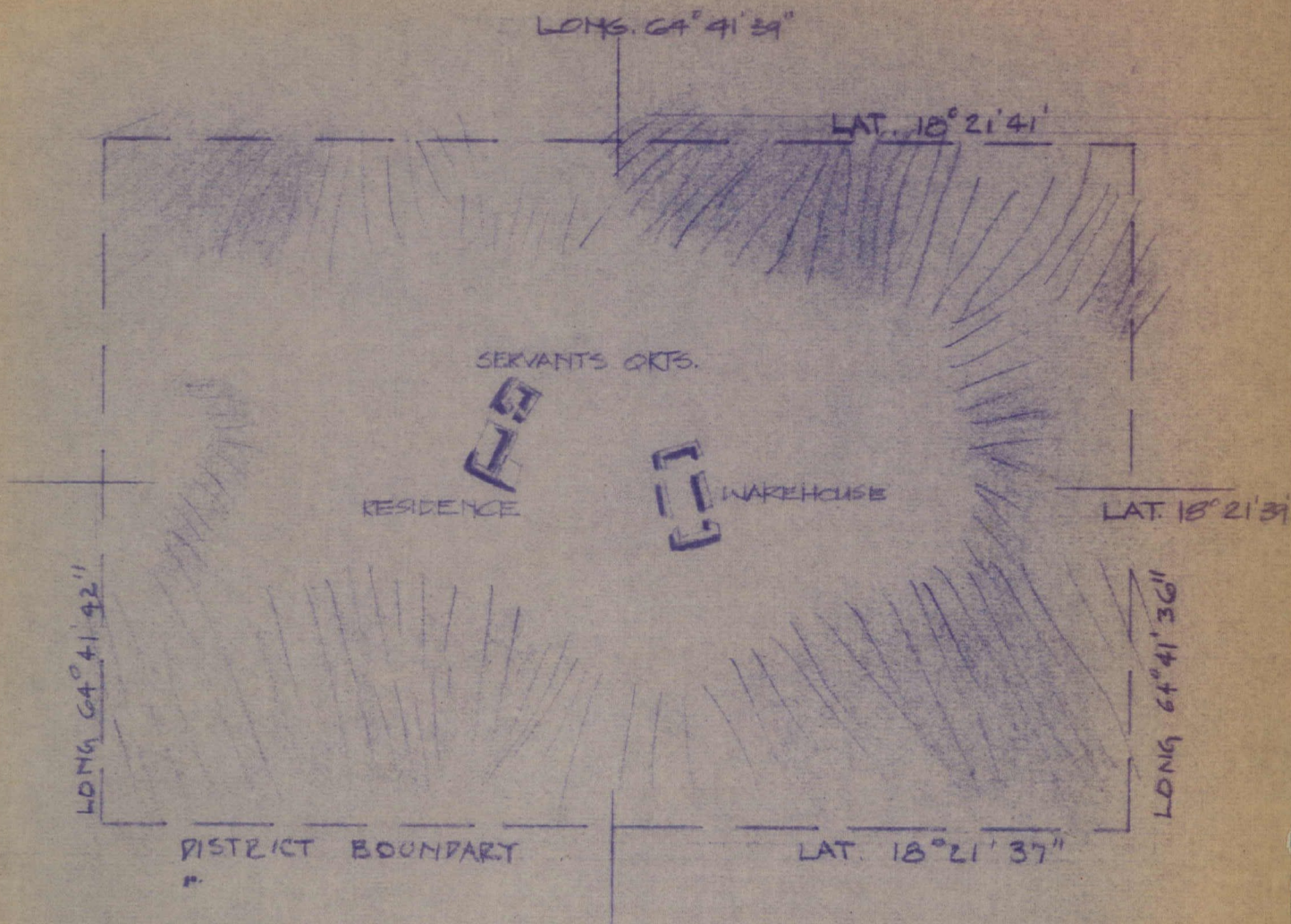
NORTH

MORE HILL H-38

EAST END QUARTER, ST. JOHN VI.



JUL 23 1981



NORTH

MORE HILL H-38

EAST END QUARTER, ST. JOHN VI.



JUL 23 1981

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000886