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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

~~***~~ Estate Beverhoudt
Beverhoudt Plantage, Beverhoudtsberg, Beverhoudt
AND/OR COMMON
Beverhoudt Plantation, Beverhoudtsberg

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

No. 4 Beverhoudtsberg

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Cruz Bay

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

U. S. Virgin Islands

CODE

78

COUNTY

St. John

CODE

0300

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

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Nature Conservancy

STREET & NUMBER

1800 North Kent Street

CITY, TOWN

Arlington

VICINITY OF

STATE
Virginia 22209

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

No. 18 Kongens Gade

CITY, TOWN

Charlotte Amalie

STATE

U. S. Virgin Islands

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Virgin Islands Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

May 6, 1977

FEDERAL ☒ STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Virgin Islands Planning Office

CITY, TOWN

Charlotte Amalie

STATE

U. S. Virgin Islands

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

The remains of Beverhoudt are situated one and one-half miles east of Cruz Bay in the center of St. John. Built along Battery Gut, the ruins consist of foundations and part of the walls for an animal pen, an animal mill, sugar factory a "physician's house," a small warehouse and much of the terracing of this once important sugar plantation, now owned by the Nature Conservancy.

The factory is an "L" shaped structure, 52' x 33' on the longest side with the top of the "L" being the boiling room. This area, one bay deep, retains the foundations of the boiling bench, with their brick lined arched fireboxes below, in the west wall. The remaining 6' high walls are masonry rubble, two feet thick, with plaster on both faces. The west wall has three bays, the longer south wall five, with a rectangular entrance set into the shortest wall forming the inside face of the "L". The north wall of the boiling room section has an opening to receive the syrup trough from the animal mill, located 10 feet to the north. All openings in the factory are lined with yellow brick, with the splayed jambs plastered. Nothing remains of the wood casings, louvers or shutters. Existing evidence suggests that the factory once had a wood framed gable roof with a cross gable over the boiling room.

The circular animal mill is enclosed by a rubble wall, set dry, two feet in thickness, which reaches a maximum height of 5' in the south quadrant, opposite the boiling room of the factory. Approximately 50' in diameter, the foundations of the rectangular crushing platform and a number of post holes for what was probably a wood framed thatch roof over the horse walk and rollers, remain. Partial evidence of the sluiceway for the sugar syrup are also visible.

Other unidentified foundation walls and terracing remain west of the boiling room of the factory, including an 8' x 10' brick lined cistern with its roof missing. Foundations and part of the exterior walls for what is referred to as a "physician's house" in the records remain southeast of the factory. Approximately 20' x 40', the rubble walls, now in ruins, have evidences of a wattle and daub interior finish, but little else remains to document the physical appearance of this residence. A small (15' x 20') brick and

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stone rubble warehouse lies due east of the factory and "physician's house." The single wide entrance in the east end wall is lined with brick and has the typical splayed jambs with iron pintles indicating double doors. There are no other openings except for narrow slits in each of the north south side walls resembling rifle ports in military construction. The finished top walls with a slightly projecting ridge indicate a flat timber framed roof. The remains of a series of open to the air animal pens and stables exist north of the animal mill, opposite the at grade entrance to the elevated horse walk. The five foot high walls are stuccoed rubble, finished with a lime concrete triangular cap.

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

During the 17th and 18th centuries, the Danes joined other European nations in securing colonies in the West Indies. The Danes hoped that their colonies would provide them with permanent sites for their trading and commercial interests. Agriculture was to serve as a supplement to the income provided in commerce and trading.

The sources of the plantation agriculture in the Danish West Indies varied on each island. St. John was cultivated in mostly cotton and sugar. From 1720 to 1721 there were 39 plantations on St. John and by 1728 the number of plantations had increased to 87. All of the island had been parcelled out to individual owners with the exception of the fort area at Cruz Bay and the Company Plantage (Estate Carolina) which the Danish West Indies Company held. By 1739 there were 106 plantations on the island. The slave revolt of 1733 posed only a temporary deterrent to the growth of plantations on St. John.

After the Napoleonic wars, plantation agriculture began to decline in the Danish West Indies. Sugar production had expanded to other areas such as Cuba and Puerto Rico where more fertile soil gave an advantage over the Danish West Indies. Burdened by heavy debt, the planters found it impossible to take appropriate measures to maintain the soil. Agriculture methods were generally inefficient and milling operations were wasteful and uneconomic. Absentee landlordism made it difficult to maintain sufficient control over the plantations' production. Slavery, which provided the planters with cheap labor, was abolished in 1848 and, with the increase in operating expenses, many plantations discontinued production.

Estate Beverhoudt is typical of sugar plantations in operation during the 18th and 19th centuries. The estate is named for John von Beverhout, an early planter of distinction, who defended Peter Durloo's Little Cinnamon Bay plantation in the slave revolt of 1733. Beverhout is derived from the Dutch words "bever" (beaver) and "hout" (wood).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10.17 acres 18° 20' 26" North Latitude
64° 46' 16" West Longitude

UTM REFERENCES 21

UTM REFERENCES

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is located 1/4 mile southwest of Estate Adrian, St. John along Battery Gut, on No. 4 Estate Beverhoutsberg.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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N/A

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Annie I. Hillary, Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION

DATE _____

Virgin Islands Planning Office

June 6, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P. O. Box 2606

(809) 774-1730

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Charlotte Amalie

U. S. Virgin Islands

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____

STATE _____

LOCAL X

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.

Thomas R. Blake
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Director of Planning

DATE 5 Aug 1977

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

~~DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION~~

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE _____

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DATE _____

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The 1780 and 1800 Oxholm maps show Beverhoudt Plantation as a well established sugar estate surrounded by a good deal of open land. In 1780 there was a treadmill for the sugar factory and three larger and two smaller structures, the latter two being in the estate's slave village.

The ruins of the factory and physician's house are of architectural significance as examples of the design and construction techniques used during the period. The plan of the factory is one of two layouts used in the sugar industry and can be considered typical. The physician's house retains rare examples of wattle and daub.

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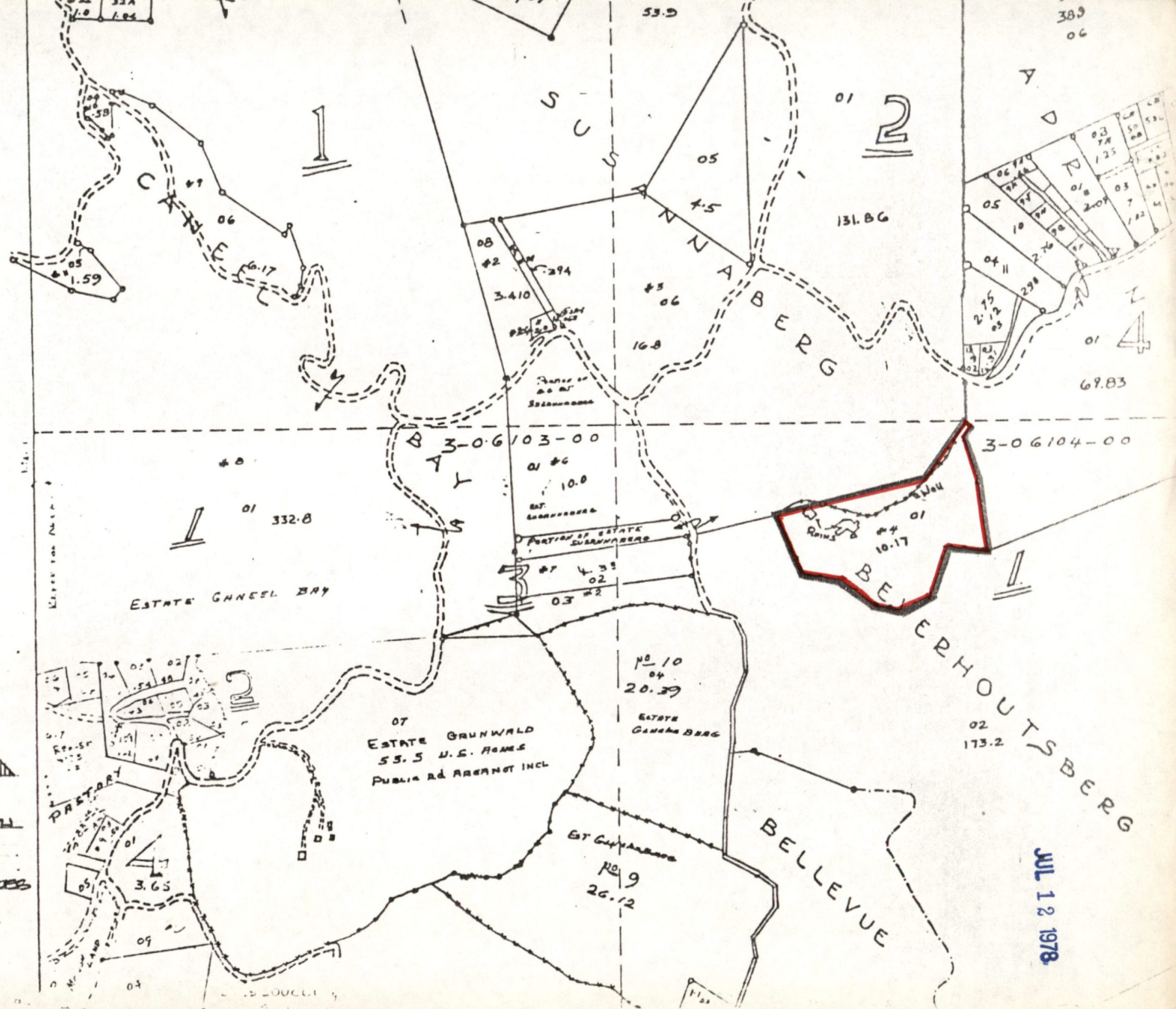
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CONTINUATION SHEET Beverhoutsberg ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the nominated property is that shown
in red on the attached property map.



1" = 100'
NORTH
BEVERHOUTSBERG
ST. JOHN, USVI
10.17 ACRES

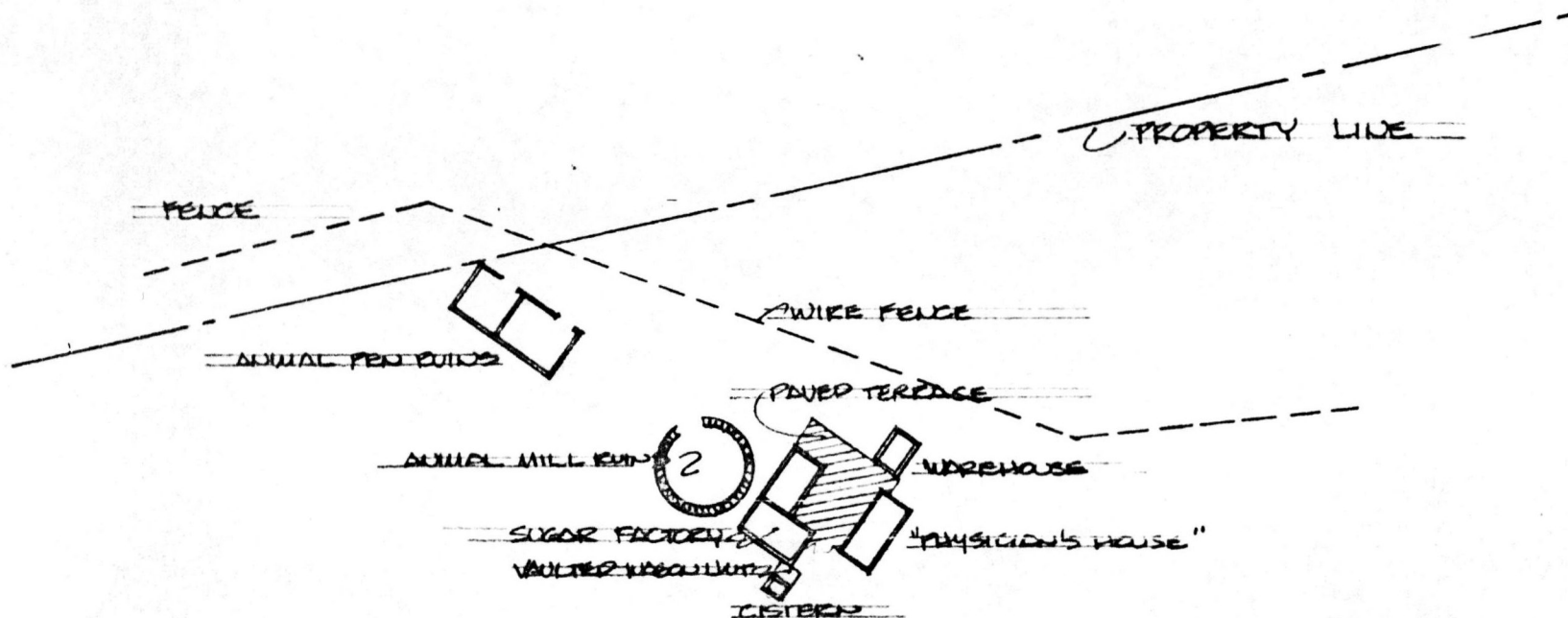
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APPROXIMATE SCALE 1"=200' NORTH

AUG 29 1978

978 21 JUL

Property

Estate Beverhoudt
Beverhoudt Plantage, Beverhoudtsberg, Beverhoudt

State

V.I.

Working Number

8.15.77.1308

St. John
78003170

TECHNICAL

Photos

2

Maps

1

~~Long appears incorrect~~

CONTROL

pl

OK 8.17.77

Description does not discuss slave quarters. Would like to see map of estate. Needs better defense of significance. Refer to archaeologist before calling.
 OK - significance as example of sugar industry in Caribbean.

HISTORIAN

Accept 1/4/78
JST

CALL Joe Tomlin 12/15/77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Site in ruins - Refer to historian + ~~architectural~~ HAER
 Some architectural significance in method of construction.

Brabham
10.27.77

Description does not discuss material present in and around the ruins. If material present at slave quarters can be located, site would contribute to information on slave adaptation to the island (subsistence, exchange) and to the sugar industry of the islands in general. Call

ARCHEOLOGIST

OK

T. Klein 1/4/78

SKETCH MAP & SITE PLAN WERE BROUGHT IN BY TOM RICHARDS.

OTHER

ACCEPT
 H. Kirk
 7/12/78

Prefer calling all sugar sites in the VI Estates. Therefore this property should be called - "Estate Beverhoudt."

HAER

Inventory

Review

Accept Eddy
11/14

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ACCEPT

LEBouret

8/14/78

BRANCH CHIEF

standard VI plantation ruins

KEEPER

Approved
 8/29/78

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered

AUG 29 1978

Federal Register Entry

10-3-78

Re-submit

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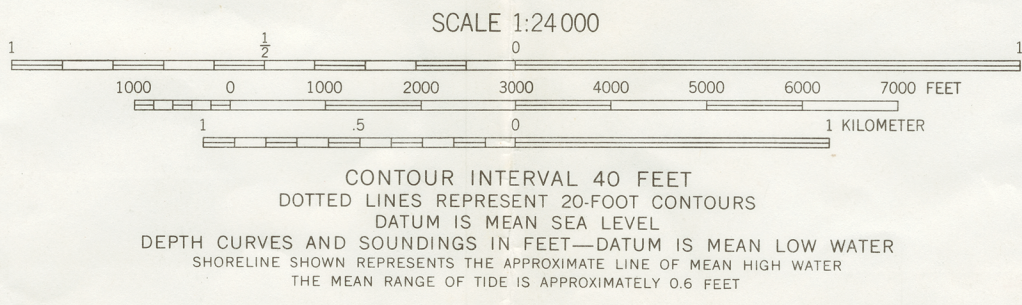




BEVERHOUDT PLANTAGE
18° 20' 26" N. LAT
64° 46' 16" W. LONG.

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by Kelsh 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

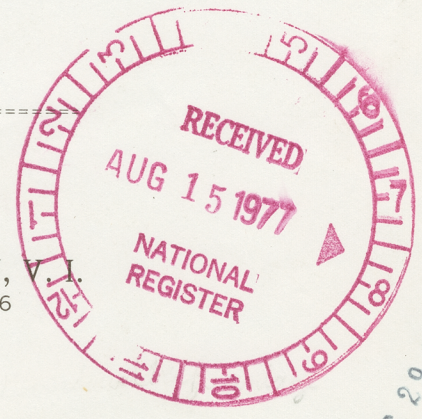


THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Light-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———

WESTERN ST. JOHN,
N1816.5—W6442.7.5X6

1958



1-3-78

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Annie Hillary

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

809-774-1730

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Beverhoudt Plantage

VI

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Q - Any slave quarters? NO

Q - Please provide sketchmap of plantation. ✓

Will be done on May 78 expedition. 4-26-78

2/7/78 HLD
for map.

Maps coming 4/27

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Joe Souner

TITLE

Nu

OFFICE

NR

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Date Entered AUG 29 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Niesky	Charlotte Amalie vicinity St. Thomas Island
Beverhoudt Plantage	Cruz Bay vicinity St. John Island
Northern Hassel Island Historic District	St. Thomas Island

Also Notified

Honorable Ron de Lugo

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: Beverhoudt Plantation <i>age</i>				2 OTHER NAMES: Beverhoutsberg				3 date of entry: AUG 29 1978		4 county code: 0300	
5 LOCATION street & number 1.5 mi. E of Cruz Bay <i>off Center Line Rd</i>				city / town Cruz Bay		vicinity of Cruz Bay		state V.I.		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 ACREAGE 10.17		☐ 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 ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 ☐ 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		IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ 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