

Brown Bay

APPENDIX B
BROWN BAY PLANTATION HISTORIC DISTRICT

JUL 23 1981

DESCRIPTION

Brown Bay Plantation is located on the east section of the north shore of St. John in an area of relative dryness. The plantation buildings with few exceptions are located immediately behind the beach of the shallow Brown Bay. In addition to the masonry remains of a horsemill, a sugar factory and a large plantation house and an earlier Great House on the hill to the west of the bay, the site has the masonry footing of two wood frame buildings and four unidentified masonry structures, 2 small cabins, 3 wells and drinking troughs and 2 large cemeteries. The site was not brought under cultivation until the late 18th century and most of the buildings presumably date from the 19th century or are the much altered remains of the original structures.

The ambitious layout of the sugar factory and its supporting structures built between 1780 and 1800 and the marginal suitability of the area for cultivation of sugar cane led to financial failure and early abandonment of sugar production. In place of it, cotton and by the mid-1800's cattle became the main products of the plantation. Its development illustrates the vicissitude of the islands economy and agriculture during the 19th century. The ambitious buildings are distinctive. They display classical revival details and are impressive by their size and architectural design and also shown signs of several alterations as they were adapted to changing usage.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Brown Bay Plantation is significant for the architectural quality of its Plantation House and as an example of a plantation with diversified agricultural activities as evidenced in its building remains.

Acreage:	30	Latitude	Longitude
		A 18°21'53"	64°42'38"
		B 18°21'53"	64°42'17"
		C 18°21'39"	64°42'17"
		D 18°21'39"	64°42'38"

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries of Brown Bay Historic District start at the cliffs on the waterline on the north side of the bay and then follows the shoreline south and east to where it turns northerly then it follows a line due south to the intersection with the 80 foot contour and then follows the 80 foot contour in a westerly direction to its intersection with the gut draining the northside of Base Hill and then it continues in a north-westerly direction to an intersection with the foot trail Brown Bay-Leinster Bay and from there in a east-northeast direction to the starting point at the cliffs on the shoreline. The boundaries are defined to include the valley setting of the historical resource and all of its elements. They are partially natural barriers and partially straight lines connecting fixed and identifiable natural and man made features.

NPS ORGANIZATION
CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Horse Mill, Brown Bay Plantation STRUCTURE NO. H-36-1

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay and Hermitage

UTM REFERENCE:

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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: A level circular platform defined by cuts in the uphill side and rubble masonry retaining walls on downhill side.

Physical Description: Brown Bay Plantation is located on the east section of the north shore of St. John in an area of relative dryness. The plantation buildings with few exceptions are located immediately behind the beach of the shallow Brown Bay. In addition to the masonry remains of a horse mill, a sugar factory and a large plantation house and an earlier great house west of the bay, the site has the masonry footing of two wood frame buildings and four unidentified masonry structures, small dwellings, wells, drinking troughs, and 2 large cemeteries. The site was not brought under cultivation until the late 18th century and most of the buildings presumably date from the 19th century or are the much altered remains of the original structures.

The horse mill is located at the western extremity of the bay. It is partially dug into the hill that forms the west and north boundary of the valley. It is roughly circular in plan with a diameter of approximately 60'. It is defined by retaining walls against the hill and built up supporting walls about 7' high on the low side. A masonry ramp on the south side of the horse mill leads up from the lower elevation to the level of the horse mill. The factory building is 5' east of the horse mill and connected to it by a ramp. This is an unusual feature.

Latitude 18°21'50" Longitude 64°42'25" (continue on reverse if necessary)

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

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CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
(Attach 4"x5" B&W Photo)REGION SoutheastPARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l ParkNPS ORGANIZATION
CODE NO. 5360STRUCTURE NAME Sugar Factory, Brown Bay PlantationSTRUCTURE NO. H-36, 2ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐State ☒Local ☐LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay and Hermitage

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting NorthingCLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not
part of a complex or district:
_____ acres.STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: Rectangular one story rubble masonry
structure.

Physical Description: A relatively small rectangular factory 27'x42' consisting of
only a boiling house. The factory was intended to be "T" shaped in plan but was
either never completed or altered. The unfinished section, the curing and
storage wing is now a walled open courtyard between the completed section of the
factory and the newer plantation house to the east. The ruins stand to the head
height of the windows. The chimney is missing. The curing and storage wing,
the head of the "T" shaped plan layout was apparently intended to be 2 stories.
The building in all probability was erected during the last decades of the 18th
century.

Latitude 18°21'50" Longitude 64°42'25"

(continue on reverse if necessary)

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

JUL 23 1981

NPS ORGANIZATION

STRUCTURE NAME Plantation House, Brown Bay Plantation STRUCTURE NO. H-36.3

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay and Hermitage

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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: A large rubble and brick masonry structure
one and two stories high "L" shaped in plan.

Physical Description: A large and impressive ruin of a plantation dwelling house, 60'x70'. Originally a two-story building with a masonry grand floor and a second story in wood, it was expanded with a late 19th century two-story masonry addition as well as additions of one story masonry construction. It incorporates storage and other work functions of the plantation. The walls still stand to their full height with masonry staircases to the former wood second story. There are 3 cisterns, two of which still hold water. The exterior still exhibit considerable architectural embellishment such as projecting quoins, bands, raised panels and fragments of cornices with classical revival mouldings.

In the "Journal of Cuthbert Powell" describing a trip from St. Thomas to Tortola on the 18th of February of 1797 and a stop over at a plantation on the northeast end of St. John then owned by William Brown the plantation or great house is mentioned "as pleasantly situated on a high hill above his Sugar House." Cuthbert Powell's description of his visit with William Brown has been associated with Brown Bay because of the identical names, and although Brown Bay does have a great house at some distance from the sugar house and at a higher elevation its

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

situation cannot be described as "on a high hill above his Sugar House" as it is located on the opposite side of the valley on relatively level terrain. More probably Mr. Powell visited Leinster Bay Plantation just west of Brown Bay where the factory as at Brown Bay is close to the beach and the plantation house on a high hill behind it. H-36, 14 described below and shown on the Oxholm map of 1800 is probably the ruin of the original Great House of Brown Bay and the present Plantation House a later 19th century development.

Latitude $18^{\circ}21'50''$ Longitude $64^{\circ}32'24''$

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CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
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REGION SoutheastPARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

NPS ORGANIZATION

CODE NO. 5360STRUCTURE NAME Farm Building No. 1, Brown BaySTRUCTURE NO. H-36, 4

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

National ☐

Plantation

State ☐Local ☒LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John-on-trail between
Leinster Bay and Hermitage

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting NorthingCLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not
part of a complex or district:
_____ acres.STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: The masonry foundations and lower walls in
rubble masonry formerly supporting a rectangular wood structure.Physical Description: This structure is the footings and low masonry walls of a
rectangular building 12'x20' and with the upper sections of the walls constructed
in wood. The building is located behind the beach near the center of the bay
approximately 100 yards southeast of the plantation house except for traces in
the masonry nothing remains of the wooden superstructure.No date for the structure can be established with certainty presumedly it is one
of several buildings needed in a full scale agriculture pursuit and therefore can
be assumed to date from the early 1800s.Latitude 18°21'42" Longitude 64°32'24"

(continue on reverse if necessary)

PRESENT CONDITION:

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

Appendix B, Historic District

NPS ORGANIZATION

REGION Southeast

PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Farm Building No. 2, Brown Bay

STRUCTURE NO. H-36,5

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

National

Plantation

State

Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay and Hermitage

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting Northing

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

STRUCTURE: Type or. and composition: The masonry foundations and lower walls in rubble masonry formerly supporting a rectangular wood structure.

Physical Description: This structure is the footings and low masonry walls of a rectangular building 12'x20' and with the upper sections of the walls constructed in wood. The building is located behind the beach near the center of the bay approximately 100 yards southeast of the plantation house except for traces in the masonry nothing remains of the wooden superstructure.

No date for the structure can be established with certainty, presumably it is one of several buildings needed in a full scale agriculture pursuit and therefore can be assumed to date from the early 1800s.

Latitude $18^{\circ}21'42''$ Longitude $64^{\circ}32'24''$

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PRESENT CONDITION:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Deteriorated

Ruins ☒

Unaltered

Altered

Original Site

Moved

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CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
(Attach 4"x5" B&W Photo)REGION Southeast PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park NPS ORGANIZATION CODE NO. 5360STRUCTURE NAME Unidentified Structure No. 1 STRUCTURE NO. H-36,6
Brown Bay PlantationORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between -
Leinster Bay & Hermitage.

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting NorthingCLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not
part of a complex or district:
_____ acres.STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: A one story L shaped rubble masonry
building.Physical Description: A one-story "L" shaped masonry building immediately west
of the horse mill, each wing approximately 18' long and 10' wide. About 50% of
the walls stand to full height.Brown Bay Plantation was brought under cultivation in the last decades of the 18th
century and most of its numerous buildings probably date from the 19th century
or are later adaptations of the original 18th century structures. The unidentified
structure No. 1 appears from its location to have been associated with the sugar
production and is presumed of an early date.Latitude 18°21'50" Longitude 64°24'25"

(continue on reverse if necessary)

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

Appendix B, Historic District

NPS ORGANIZATION

PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

NPS ORGANIZATION
CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Masonry Well & Drinking Trough No. 1

STRUCTURE NO. H-36.7

Brown Bay Plantation

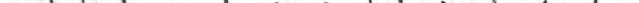
ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐

State ☐

Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay & Hermitage.

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting Northing -

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

STRUCTURE - Type of, and composition: A drinking trough surrounding a circular well 6' in diameter constructed in rubble masonry.

Physical Description: A well and drinking trough of an uncommon design is located 40 feet south of the factory. The well is a circular masonry shaft 6' in diameter and the walls of the shaft stand about 4' above present grade level. It was surrounded by a circular drinking trough 3' wide and raised 18" above present grade level. Similar layouts for wells and associated drinking troughs occur at Lameshur and Dennis Bay on St. John and in several locations on St. Croix but there generally with a well tower supporting a small windmill for hauling the water. The existing remains are in poor condition and show no traces of supporting a windmill.

Brown Bay Plantation was brought under cultivation during the late decades of the 18th century and most of its buildings presumably date from the 19th century or are 19th century adaptations of the original earlier structures.

Latitude 18°21'50" Longitude 64°42'25"

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

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REGION Southeast. PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Well and Drinking Trough #3, Brown Bay STRUCTURE NO. H-36,9

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On North Shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay and Hermitage.

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone East North

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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: A drinking trough surrounding a circular well 6' in diameter constructed in rubble masonry.

Physical Description: A well and drinking trough of an uncommon design is located 280 yards southwest of the factory. The well is a circular masonry shaft 6' in diameter and the walls of the shaft stand about 3' above present grade level. It was surrounded by a circular drinking trough 3' wide and raised 18" above present grade level. Similar layouts for wells and associated drinking troughs occur at Lameshur and Dennis Bay on St. John and in several locations on St. Croix but there generally with a well tower supporting a small windmill for hauling the water. The existing remains are in good condition and show no traces of supporting a windmill.

Latitude $18^{\circ}21'44''$ Longitude $64^{\circ}42'30''$

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

Report prepared by:

Frederik C. Gjessing
Signature

October 31 1978
Date

JUL 23 1981

CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
(Attach 4"x5" B&W Photo)REGION SoutheastPARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

NPS ORGANIZATION

CODE NO. 5360STRUCTURE NAME Cemetery No. 2, Brown Bay PlantationSTRUCTURE NO. H-36,10

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

National ☐State ☐Local ☒LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay & Hermitage.

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone

Easting

Northing

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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: A rectangular enclosure defined by rubble masonry walls & retaining walls with several monumented graves.
 Physical Description: A walled cemetery is located 40 yards west of the horse mill (H-36,1). It is rectangular in shape, approximately 20 x 30 yards, and sited on the rising ground of the northside of the valley. Both the north and south wall of the cemetery are built as retaining walls to equalize the slope of the hillside. Steps lead up to an entrance gate flanked by articulated gatepost with pyramidal finials at the south east corner of the cemetery enclosure. There are 13 monumented graves several in excellent condition and three that have been vandalized by what appears to be fairly recent treasure hunting. Although a number of the monuments are fairly elaborate none carry inscriptions.

The presence of two large and well defined cemeteries that from their general state of preservation and appearance are contemporary at one plantation is unusual and puzzling. The various conditions and designs of the monuments of cemetery No. 2 indicate that it was used as a burial ground both prior to and subsequent to the one dated 1860 in cemetery No. 1. The explanation may be that the two cemeteries represent denominational differences. Both cemeteries can be assumed to date from the early 19th century.
Lat. 18°21'50" Long. 64°42'25"

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PRESENT CONDITION:

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

Appendix B, Historic District

REGION Southeast

PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

NPS ORGANIZATION
CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Unidentified Structure No. 2, Brown Bay
Plantation

STRUCTURE NO. H-36, 11

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

National

State 1

Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay and Hermitage

UTM REFERENCE:

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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: A rectangular one story rubble masonry structure.

Physical Description: One rubble masonry wall 10' long and standing 8' above the present grade is located on the eastern edge of Cemetery No. 2 (H-36, 10). Rubble to the north and east of the standing remains indicate extension of the construction. No architectural or archeological search has been made.

The functions of the structure which adjoins the cemetery No. 2 (H-36, 10) are not known. Presumably it dates from the 19th century.

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PRESENT CONDITION:

Excellent

Good

Fair	
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Deteriorated

Ruins X

Unaltered ☒

Altered

Original Site ☒

Moved

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CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
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NPS ORGANIZATION
CODE NO. 5360

REGION Southeast

PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Unidentified Structure No. 3 Brown Bay

STRUCTURE NO. H-36, 12

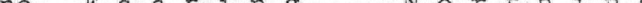
ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ Plantation

State ☐

Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay & Hermitage

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting Northing

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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: A rubble masonry wall of small structure roughly rectangular but so buried in vegetation that its extent has not been

Physical Description: determined accurately.

Physical Description: determined accurately.
One rubble masonry wall 15' long and in very poor condition is located uphill and 10 yds north of the west end of the cemetery in a dense cover of "catch & keep".
No determination has been made of the extent of the structure beyond the standing remains.

Brown Bay Plantation is located on the east section of the north shore of St. John in an area of relative dryness. The plantation buildings with few exceptions are located immediately behind the beach of the shallow Brown Bay. In addition to the masonry remains of a horse mill, a sugar factory and a large plantation house and an earlier great house on the hill to the west of the bay, the site has the masonry footing of two wood frame buildings and four unidentified masonry structures, small dwellings, wells, drinking troughs and two large cemeteries. The site was not brought under cultivation until the late 18th century and most of the buildings presumably date from the 19th century or are the much altered remains of the original structures.

Latitude 18°21'50" Longitude 64°42'25"

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

Appendix B, Historic District

NPS ORGANIZATION

STRUCTURE NAME Great House, Brown Bay Plantation STRUCTURE NO. H-36-13

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

UTM, REFERENCE:

A Zone East ing North ing CLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not part of a complex or district: _____ acres.

Physical Description: The remains of the Great House is located 500 yds west southwest of the factory site on the south side of the valley and west of the gut that courses down from Base Hill to the lagoon behind the Brown Bay beach. The building stands on gently rising ground on an elevation approximately 80' above sea level and has a view of the factory across the lagoon and of the sea beyond it. The building was two stories or more with a full story above grade in masonry supporting a wood superstructure. The ground story still stands to plate height and consists of two rectangles approximately 16'x24' offset from each other 6' and with a common long wall. The section of the ground floor that faces east contains a cistern and a small room with windows and a door towards the east and south. The west section has one large room with a doorway on the west side and window opening towards the north and south. Access to the second story was by two masonry staircases supported on arches on the east and west side of the building. Both staircases are constructed in part by "Flensburg Steen", a yellow brick and had landings paved in "Gotland" tile. The staircase facing east has the traditional Virgin Islands "open arms" design favored in the late 18th and early 19th century. The west staircase is 6' wide and is parallel with the west wall of the Great House.

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

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The arches of both staircases have partially collapsed and although the rubble masonry walls of the ground floor still stand to plate height they are cracked through and show other signs of failure. The building judging from its construction materials and design elements is probably the one shown on the Oxholm map of 1800 and consequently dates from the last decades of the 18th century.

NPS ORGANIZATION

STRUCTURE NAME Bake Oven, Brown Bay Plantation STRUCTURE NO. H-36.14

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

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Latitude 18°21'11" Longitude 64°42'36"

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

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PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

NPS ORGANIZATION
CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NO. H-36, 15

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ Plantation State ☐ Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay & Hermitage.

UTM REFERENCE:

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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: Square rubble masonry footing.

Physical Description: The remains of a footing or masonry platform is located on the north side of the Great House and about 10' west of the bake oven. The remains extend only a few inches above grade and are approximately 5' square. Although the unidentified structure No. 4 is clearly associated with the Brown Bay Plantation Great House, it has not been determined if it is contemporary with this late 18th century structure or a later addition to the Great House complex.

Latitude 18°21'11" Longitude 64°42'36"

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

CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
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JUL 23 1981

REGION Southeast PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park NPS ORGANIZATION CODE NO. 5360STRUCTURE NAME Cabin No. 1. Brown Bay Plantation STRUCTURE NO. H-36.16ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay & Hermitage.

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting NorthingCLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not
part of a complex or district:
_____ acres.STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: The rubble masonry footings of a rectangular
daub and wattle or wood building.Physical Description: The masonry footings of a building 14'x16' are located 60'
west of the Great House. Nothing remains of the building except for the footings
and it is assumed that it was either of wood or of daub and wattle construction.
The cabin is part of the Great House Complex and presumably was servants
quarters. It may have been contemporary with the late 18th century Great House
or a later addition to the site.Latitude 18°21'11" Longitude 64°42'36"

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

Appendix B, Historic District

REGION Southeast

PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

NPS ORGANIZATION
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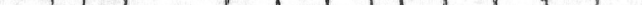
STRUCTURE NAME Cabin No. 2, Brown Bay Plantation

STRUCTURE NO. H-36.17

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay & Hermitage.

UTM REFERENCE:

A 

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

STRUCTURE: Type or, and composition: Rubble masonry footings of a rectangular building.

Physical Description: The masonry footings of a building 8'x12' are located 300' east and along side the trail that leads up to the Great House. No traces of the superstructure remains. Cabin No. 2 is part of the Great House Complex of Brown Bay Plantation. Its relative age has not been determined and it may be contemporay or post date the late 18th century Great House.

Latitude 18°21'11" Longitude 64°42'36"

(continue on reverse if necessary)

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

CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
(Attach 4"x5" B&W Photo)

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REGION SoutheastPARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l ParkNPS ORGANIZATION
CODE NO. 5360STRUCTURE NAME Service Building, Brown Bay PlantationSTRUCTURE NO. H-36, 18

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

National ☐State ☐Local ☒LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: on north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay & Hermitage.

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting NorthingCLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not
part of a complex or district:
_____ acres.STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: The masonry footings of an 'L' shaped
structure.

Physical Description: The masonry footings of an "L" shaped structure with an
overall dimension of 22'x28' is located uphill and south of the Great House. The
building is assumed to have served as a stable or had other service functions
connected with the Great House complex. Fragment of a brick pavement is located
in the angle between the two wings. The footings are in rubble masonry and at
highest point stand 2' above present grade. The deteriorated condition of the
service building's remains precludes a positive identification of the building's
original functions.

It is believed to be contemporary with the Great House and one of the two
structures indicated at this location on the Oxholm map of 1800.

Latitude 18°21'11" Longitude 64°42'36"

(continue on reverse if necessary)

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

Appendix B, Historic District

REGION Southeast

PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands

NPS ORGANIZATION
CODE NO. 5360

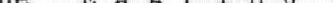
STRUCTURE NAME Cemetery No. 1, Brown Bay Plantation

STRUCTURE NO. H-36,19

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: On north shore of east end of St. John on trail between
Leinster Bay & Hermitage.

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone East ing North ing

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

STRUCTURE: Type or, and composition: Rectangular enclosures defined by breast height rubble masonry walls containing several identifiable graves.

Physical Description: A walled cemetery is located 30 yards southeast of the road that from Hermitage crosses the northeast peninsula of St. John and enters Brown Bay from the east and then continues westward to meet the Coral Bay-Leinster Bay trail. The cemetery is approximately 400 yards southeast of the plantation house H-36, 3. It is rectangular in shape and measures 25 by 38 yards. The plastered rubble masonry walls are four feet high and are in a fair state of preservation except towards the northeast where sections of them have collapsed. The corners are accentuated by pillars with a projecting band and a pyramidal finial.

The cemetery contains a number of identifiable graves without markings but only one monument. This is a small sarcophagi raised 30 inches above grade and topped with an upright inscribed marble slab set in a niche at the head of the grave. The monument is surrounded by a cast iron fence on a raised brick masonry curb. It is set over the grave of James Thomas Abbot Davis, a 2 and a half year old boy who died Nov. 20th, 1860.

(continue on reverse if necessary)

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 Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
✓ 2. Rustenberg Plantation South Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
✓ 3. Dennis Bay Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
✓ 4. More Hill Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
✓ 5. Hermitage Plantation Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
✓ 6. Annaberg Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
7 America Hill Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>Return</u>
✓ 8. Reef Bay Great House Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>accept Reef Bay Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
✓ 9. Reef Bay Sugar Factory Hist. Dist. -	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
✓ 10. Jossie Gut Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
✓ 11. L'Esperance Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
✓ 12. Lind Point Fort ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
> 13. ^{Pending Plant} Liever Marches Bay Hist. Dist. ✓	-	<u>accept - Beth Grosvenor 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 Grosvenor 7/23/81</u>
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21.	-	
22.	-	
23.	-	
24.	-	

DUE 7-8-81 — 7-23-81

Name Brown Bay Plantation 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 5

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)

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 criterion A
 Grovena, 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	☒			<i>partially in cover overview</i>
3. Concepts/Integrity	☒			<i>cover overview/some in description</i>
4. Concepts/Criteria	☒			
5. Concepts/Boundaries	☒			
6. Contextual Evaluation	☒			<i>cover overview</i>

General Comments (cont. on back if necessary):

Reviewer/Date Grovena 7/23/81

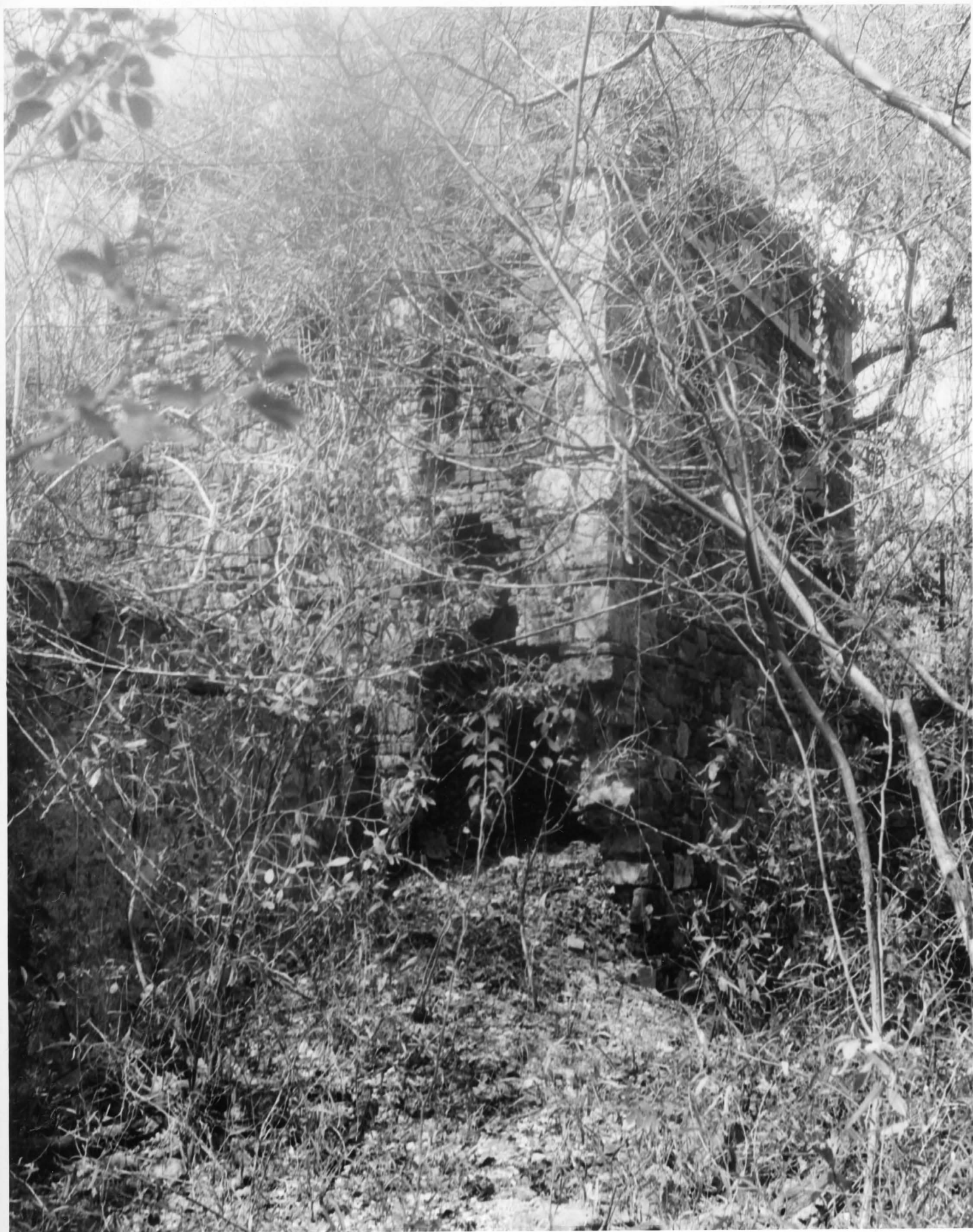
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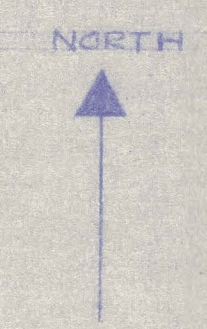
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LONG 64° 42' 17"

BROWN BAY PLANTATION H-36

MAHO BAY QUARTER, ST. JOHN V.I.



DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE

COURSE OF INTERMITTENT STREAM

WELL & DRINKING TROUGHS NO 2 & 3

LAGOON

BROWN BAY

SHORE LINE

TRAIL TO HERMITAGE

TRAIL TO LEINSTER BAY

CABIN NO 2

UNIDENT. STRUC. NO 4

BAKE OVEN

CABIN NO 1

GREAT HOUSE

SERVICE BLDG.

FARM BLDG NO 1

FARM BLDG NO 2

IDENTIFIED STRUC. NO 1

UNIDENTIFIED STRUC. NO 3

UNIDENT. STRUC. NO 2

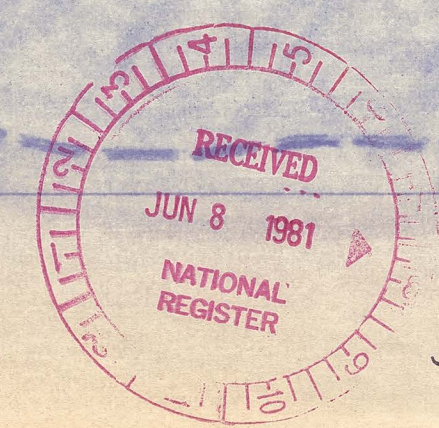
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PLANTATION HOUSE

CEMETERY NO 1

DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE

LAT. 18° 21' 39"



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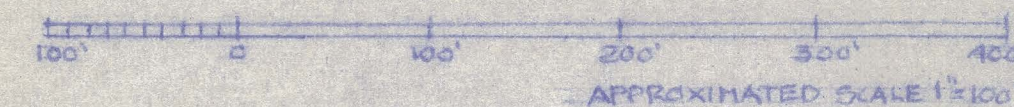
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BROWN BAY PLANTATION H-36

MAHO BAY QUARTER, ST. JOHN V.I.



NORTH



BROWN BAY

DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE

COURSE OF INTERMITTENT STREAM

WELL & DRINKING TROUGHS N° 283

LAGOON

SHORE LINE

TRAIL TO HERMITAGE

TRAIL TO LEINSTER BAY

CABIN N° 2

UNIDENT. STRUC. N° 4

BAKE OVEN

CABIN N° 1

BEAT HOUSE

SERVICE BLDG.

DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE

CEMETERY N° 1

LAT. 18° 21' 39"



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