

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

35-20 DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME** **HISTORIC Diamond School *nhe*

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

W of Christiansted on Centerville Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Christiansted

☒ VICINITY OF

1

STATE

U.S. Virgin Islands

CODE

78

COUNTY

St. Croix

CODE

0800

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
☒ OTHER: Boy Scouts**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands

STREET & NUMBER

Government House

CITY, TOWN

Charlotte Amalie

STATE

VICINITY OF

U.S. Virgin Islands 00801

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Government House

CITY, TOWN

Christiansted

STATE

U.S. Virgin Islands

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

Washington,

STATE
D.C.

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 Diamond School lies south of Center Line Road, 3.5 miles east of Fort Frederick, Frederiksted, St. Croix. It is significant as one example of eight schools of identical design built on St. Croix as a result of Governor-General Peter von Scholten's efforts to improve the conditions of the slaves. Construction of the school began in or soon after 1839, and was completed by 1842.

Albert Løvmand (1827-1847) from Denmark was the architect-builder of Diamond and the other so-called "von Scholten schools". Løvmand received a classical education in architecture at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen before coming to the West Indies in 1832, and the design of the schools is a clear projection of this classical training.

The building faces Center Line Road on the north, with the long axis running east-west. Constructed of rubble masonry, covered with stucco, the building is a one story rectangle, measuring 63' 11" by 37' 5", with seven bays on the long facades and three bays on the ends. As found in all the designs for the schools, the main facade is divided into three parts: a slightly projecting central section of three bays, flanked by two sections of two bays each. Capital bands, applied at a level $\frac{3}{8}$ down the elevation, on the piers dividing the bays give the illusion of engaged pilasters. The projecting foundation of the building (which serves as a watertable) and a one foot deep strip on the wall immediately below the cornice create a recessed panelled area of wall surface. Masonry quoins articulate the corners.

There are three entrances to the building, on the north, east, and west facades, approached by a flat, half pyramid of two steps. On the end facades, the doors have a large masonry surround tolled to imitate quoins and radiating blocks above the semi-circular arches.

All windows and doors have flat heads and are set into round arched niches. The fanlight areas above the windows are filled in with masonry. All windows and doors have wood casings. The windows are without sills, have slightly projecting drip caps and are fitted with wooden shutters. Hardware on the window shutters includes wrought shutter hooks and iron strap hinges with heart-shaped cusps on drive pintles. There is a continuous molded cornice at the eaves. The roof is hipped and covered with corrugated metal.

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May, 1976 State
Virgin Island Planning Office
Charlotte Amalie, U.S.V.I.

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The exterior walls are painted pink, with white quoins, surrounds, fanlights and molded bands on the central section of the facade. The shutters are green.

The interior plan of the building is a single main room (with temporary partitions). The ceiling is noteworthy, as it is the typical West Indian "tray type", with a complex of exposed trusses.

Behind the building on the southeast corner are two unidentified graves (probably of missionaries) and a cistern. A small square walled graveyard, 15' on a side, lies off the southwest corner. The wall is about five feet high, with a rounded top.

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

C. 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Albert Løvmand

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Diamond School is significant as one of eight schools built on St. Croix specifically for slave children, as part of Governor-General Peter von Scholten's program to improve the condition of slaves. On June 4, 1839, von Scholten introduced an Edict of Free Compulsory Education for Slave Children. The schools were to be operated by Moravian Missionaries for slave children between the ages of six and 13. The construction was financed in part by the planters (who were taxed in proportion to their number of slaves) and in part by Burgher Council appropriations.

The school presently serves as an office for the Boy Scouts.

The Diamond School, designed by Albert Løvmand, is a good West Indian example of traditional Danish classicism with three part front facades articulated by flat engaged pilasters, corner quoining and a molded cornice below a low parapet which encloses a typical hip roof.

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Lewisohn, Florence. St. Croix under Seven Flags. Hollywood:
Dukane Press, 1970.

Property

Diamond School

State

V. I.

Working Number

6.2.76.3520

*St. Croix
76001842*

TECHNICAL

Photos

2

Maps

1

UTM can't be checked

CONTROL

*pl
6.4.76*

HISTORIAN

Accept

6/8/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Ind of Schools

*Accept
10/10/76
6/8/76*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
Cole
6.10.76*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

*Thompson
6.25.76*

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry

8-3-76

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



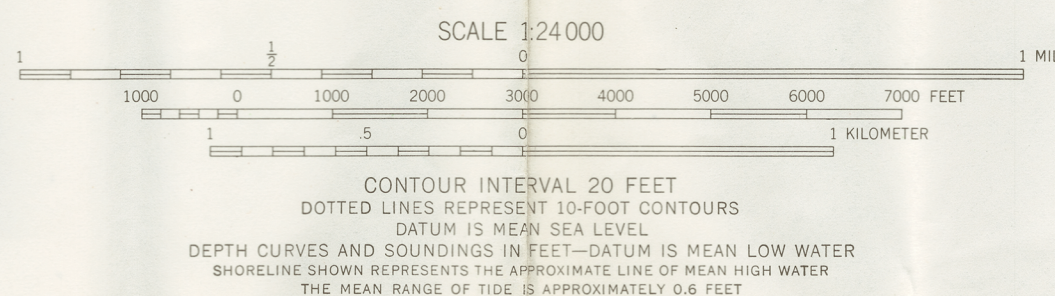
DIAMOND SCOUT CENTER
PUNAH ISLAND
COUNCIL - NC
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
FIELD OFFICE



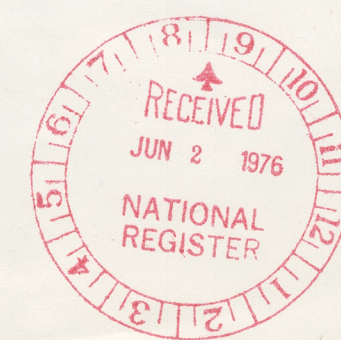


Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
Aerial photographs taken 1954. Field check 1958
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS charts 905 and 937 (1952)
Polyconic projection. Puerto Rican datum, 1940 adjustment
10,000-foot grid based on Puerto Rican coordinate system,
Puerto Rico, St. Croix zone
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines
visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown
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
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Unimproved dirt - - - - -

FREDERIKSTED, V. I.
N 1740.5-W 6448/7.5

1958

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Date Entered JUL 1 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Diamond School	Christiansted vicinity St. Croix County
Friedensfeld Midlands Moravian Church and Manse	Christiansted vicinity St. Croix County
Botany Bay Archeological District	Charlotte Amalie vicinity St. Thomas County
Enighed or Enighened	Cruz Bay St. John County
Lower Granard Archeological District	Christiansted vicinity St. Croix County
Aklis Archeological Site	Frederiksted vicinity St. Croix County
River Archeological Site	Frederiksted vicinity St. Croix County

Also Notified

Hon. Ron De Lugo
Regional Director, Southeast
Region

PR MMott/row 7/7/76

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

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 6/8/76
Reviewer: INITIALS: SRR

(NR) DOE

JUL 1 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Diamond School

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION: W of Christiansted
STREET & NUMBER: E. of Frederiksted on Enterline Rd.

CITY/TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

STATE V.I.

VICINITY OF

COUNTY St. Croix code 0800

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

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME): Territorial

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

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

☐ Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - ☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED ☒ UNALTERED ☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS ☐ ALTERED ☐ MOVED
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED ☐ Reconstructed ☐ Unknown
☐ Unexcavated ☐ Excavated

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- School

now- Office Bldg.

SIGNIFICANCE:

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

Claims

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

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ^① ^②

architect/m.builder: Albert L. v. Mand

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP: ^{Danish} ~~Swedish~~, Maorian, Black

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal

events

institutional

Peter von Scholten: 19th century
Governor-General of V.I.; intro-
duced program to educate slave
children.

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

2nd quarter of
19th century
c. 1840 ✓

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) .5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

STUCCOED RUBBLE MASONRY, 1 STORY, RECTANGULAR, H/D ROOF,
BANDED CORNER POSTS, ROUNDED ARCHED OPENINGS (BLIND
FANLIGHTS),

3 BAY CENTRAL PROJECTION

BANDED DOOR SURROUND ON SIDE

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

One of 8 schools built ^{by} on
St. Croix specifically for slave children as part of
Governor von Scholten's program to improve the condition of
slaves.

Bid

②

builder/contractor:

interior decorator:

Daniel

institutional

Peter von Scholten: 19th century Governor-General of V.I.; introduced program to educate slave children.

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S) :

2nd quarter of
19th century
c. 1840 ✓

COUNTY

FEDERAL AGENCY:

.5

Rubble masonry, stuccoed; 1 story, rectangular,
corrugated metal hipped roof, front center 3-bay
entrance projection with ~~capitol bands~~ ^{openings set in round arches}
~~with niches~~ w/ blind fanlights, side entrance with
~~rusticated~~ ^{barbed} surrounds; ~~barbed~~ corner posts.
~~barbed~~ corner posts.

A Area interpretation of Second Renaissance Revival
Part of Governor Von Scholten's program to improve the condition of slaves;
built following the Edict of Compulsory Education for Slave Children, ^{and} run
by Moravian missionaries. ~~WARS~~ ₆