APPENDIX B MORE HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

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 18⁰ 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° 41'36".

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REGION Southeast

CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIETE AND REPORT (Attach 4"x5" Bow Photo) NPS ORGANIZATION PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park CODE NO. 5360 STRUCTURE NAME Residence, More Hill STRUCTURE NO. H-38, 1 ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National Local | X State

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

More Hill plantation was cleared and brought under cultiviation 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. Presumedly the

50% of the masonry walls have been preserved.

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PRESENT CONDITION:	Excellent	Good	Fair	. Deteriorated
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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"

PRESENT CONDITION:
Ruins X

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REGION Southeast	PARK/AREA NAME Virgin	Islands Nat'l Park CO	DE NO. 5360
STRUCTURE NAME Servants	Quarters, More Hill	STRUCTU	TRE NO. H-38.2
ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:	National	State	Local X
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LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 50	00 yards east of More	Hill on east end of St.	John
UTM REFERENCE: A Zone Easting	Northing	CLASS VI LAND AC	
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STRUCTURE: Type of, and	composition: The lov	wer rubble masonry wa	all of a
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Physical Description: A r dence. The 3 high rubbl	ectangular building 9'	finished down sloping	ton surfaces
and on the inner side imp	orints of the squared p	posts that served as th	e frame for the
upper wood section of the	e outer walls. A door	centered in the south	wall provided
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buildings make it likely t	hat the existing ruins	date back to the late	18th century.
	Latitude	18 ⁰ 21'39'' Longitude 6	404113811

Good Altered

(continue on reverse if necessary)

Fair Deteriorated

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STRUCTURE NAME Ware	chouse, More Hill	Š	TRUCTURE NO. H-38.3.
ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:	National	State	Local X
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LOCATION OF STRUCTURE:	500 yards east of Mor	e Hill on east end	of St. Tohn
UTM REFERENCE:	11 1 1 1 1		ND ACREAGE (if not
A)	complex or district:
Zone Eastin	g Northing		acres.
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STRUCTURE: Type of, an	nd composition: The lo	wer rubble masoni	v wall of a
rectangular	building.		
Physical Description: T			
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building is oriented due sides placed approxima	taly 4! from the corne	has 4 doorways 2 i	n each of the long
surrounding grade and l			
posts set in the lower m			
the floor of the building			
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More Hill plantation wa			
between 1780 and 1800.			
End Quarter plantations			
site is not indicated or			
published by the Society			
to the general area as and never had any other			
make it likely that the			
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			erse if necessary)
PRESENT CONDITION: E	Excellent Goo	h	Deteriorated
Ruins Unal	tered X Altered	" Original S	ite X Moved