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DATA SHEET

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Estate Brewers Bay

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2 John Brewers Bay

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Charlotte Amalie

VICINITY OF

1

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

U. S. Virgin Islands

78

St. Thomas

0900

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

__PUBLIC

__OCCUPIED

__AGRICULTURE

__MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

__EDUCATIONAL

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

__YES: RESTRICTED

__GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__NO

__MILITARY

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Virgin Islands Hotel, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1229

CITY, TOWN

STATE

St. Thomas

VICINITY OF

U. S. Virgin Islands

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

No. 18 Kongens Gade

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Charlotte Amalie

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 Island Planning Office

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Charlotte Amalie

St. Thomas

U. S. Virgin Islands

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Brewers Bay factory is located just west of Brewers Bay Beach and the campus of the College of the Virgin Islands, three miles west of Charlotte Amalie. The factory complex is now separated by a modern highway, with the animal mill north of the road, the factory south.

The mill is typical of the many animal powered crushing mills that once proliferated in St. Thomas. Built on a raised circular platform, 86' in diameter, the mill is enclosed with a 2' thick parapet wall, varying in height from at grade in the north to 10' along the road. The stone rubble wall is plastered on its exterior face. The horsewalk is 30' in radius, with a compacted earth floor. The stone bridge for supporting the set of rollers is 4' in thickness, with the walls plastered. The 14' diameter juice trough is set 4' below the platform and is lined with dressed stone. Nothing remains of the three rollers, the drive shaft or the wood sweep poles. The sluiceway or gutter ran from the central trough under the horsewalk and exited at the south face of the retaining wall. It then continued above ground to the factory. There is no evidence of a roof structure to provide shade for the mill.

The factory is located 32' south of the animal mill and is of the "T" plan, typical of most of the sugar processing factories in the Virgin Islands. The cross bar of the "T" is parallel to the shore and road, with the leg running perpendicular. This shorter section was the boiling room and is one story high with a hip roof intersecting the roof of the cross section. The 22' thick rubble walls are plastered on both faces, with the outer corners lined with red brick. The window and doors in this section are lined with yellow brick. There is no cellar in this part of the factory. The east wall has a central door flanked by single windows, all with flat brick arches. The shutters are missing, but wrought iron pintles remain in the wood jambs. The north wall has a **central door** with openings for two sluiceways let into the northwest corner, 6' above grade. The west wall has two windows, but the wood head, jambs and sills indicate that these may be later. There is also half of a large brick segmental arch about 4' above the floor level in the southwest corner of the room which opens to what was a shed roof appendage to the exterior of the west wall, now missing. The timber roof structure has collapsed. The floor is dressed stone and the ceiling height was 8'. The ruins of a firebox and rendering bench exist in the northeast corner. This section of the factory is heavily overgrown, hiding any other evidence of boiling room equipment.

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The cross section of the factory is one story on a high cellar, which is terraced into a gentle hill. Two by five bays, the space measures 23'3" x 52' with a ceiling height in the main floor of 10'. The wood framed roof was hipped and there was once a corrugated tin roofed porch running the full length of this section at the main floor level of the south facade. This porch may have been a later improvement, possibly replacing the typical double loaded "welcoming arms" staircase to the main floor. The high cellar has two full length openings in the south wall only, indicating that it was probably the packing and storage area for the factory. The south facade at the main floor level has a large central door opening to the porch or stair landing, flanked by pairs of windows. All openings have flat brick arches with the heads and jambs plastered. The window openings have beaded horizontal board shutters hung on wrought iron straps and pintles. The end walls at the main floor level have two windows each, and the north wall, which is connected to the boiling room, has a door in the east part and a window in the west. The wood floor has collapsed, with only the timber joists remaining. The exterior walls are constructed of a combination of coral block, local blue bitch stone and brick rubble.

There is a 14' x 14' rubble cistern and the ruins of other outbuildings at the west end wall.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 18th century estate of Brewers Bay contains the remains of an animal mill and sugar factory which was later adapted for a residence. It is significant as one of several sugar plantations flourishing on St. Thomas during the 18th century. The estate appears on several maps: Dewitz - 1732 - as Janprubay, S. Bellin - 1764 - as Baye de Jean Krameur, Oldendorp - 1777 - as John Brucebay, and Hornbeck - 1856 - Johns Brewers Bay.

While none of the deed records make reference to an active plantation, the 1856 Hornbeck map shows several buildings at the site. The first record of ownership is dated 1855. At that time the estate of Peter James Souffrain was transferred to his sister, Hortense Souffrain. In 1883 the estate was sold to L. E. de Lafarde for \$1,250. The buyer bore the cost of the purchase and the taxes owed on the property.

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 a permanent site for their trading and commercial interests. Agriculture was to serve as a supplement to the income provided in commerce and trading.

The purchase of St. Thomas in 1671 for trade and agriculture proved unsuccessful. However, the purchase of St. John (1718) and St. Croix (1733) was influenced more by the potential which they possessed for cultivation than by the need to use them as trading centers.

St. Thomas which the Danes purchased to serve as a commercial port had less agricultural development than the other islands. However, there were some sugar plantations in operation. By 1725 St. Thomas reached its peak in sugar production and by 1754 it was no longer very important to the industry. Moreover, during the 19th century the island's commercial and trading interests were finally prospering.

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The ruins of the factory at Brewers Bay are of architectural significance because of the classic revival details, the plan, the method of construction and the use of local building materials, all typical of sugar factories in the Virgin Islands at this period.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre
UTM REFERENCES

18° 20' 50" North Latitude
64° 58' 47" West Longitude

A [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

D [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is within plot #2 Estate Brewers Bay and is roughly 300' x 150'. The complex is separated by Brewers Bay Road with the animal mill north of the road, the factory south.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Annie Hillary, Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION

Virgin Islands Planning Office

DATE

June 9, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 2606

TELEPHONE

(809) 774-1730

CITY OR TOWN

Charlotte Amalie

STATE

U. S. Virgin Islands

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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.

James R. Blake
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

Director of Planning

DATE 5 August 1977

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

ATTEST:

Matthew Cole
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7-31-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7-5-78

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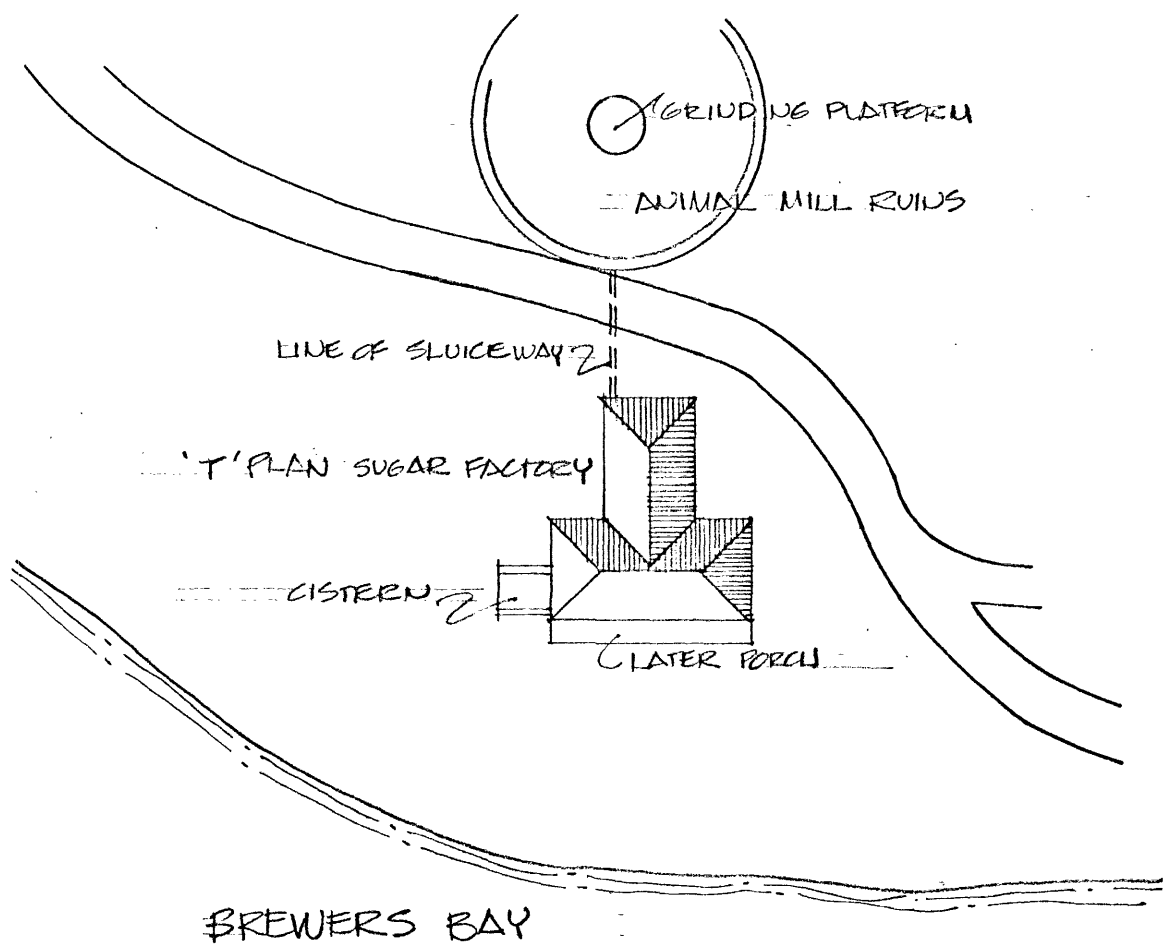
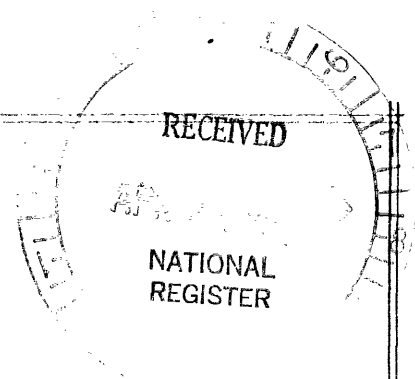
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of Estate Brewers Bay commences at a point on the shore of Brewers Bay 85' SE of the SE corner of the factory building; thence W 150'; thence N 250'; thence E 150'; thence S 250' to the point of origin.



SCALE 1" = 50' ± NORTH