

APPENDIX B
RUSTENBERG PLANTATION SOUTH
HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION

Rustenberg Plantation South is located on the high center ridge of St. John north-east of Camelberg Peak, just south of the Centerline Road. It is one of the most extensive factory sites on St. John and includes a horsemill, a sugar factory, a bagasse shed, a storage building, a still, a combined warehouse and residence, two oxpounds with stables, two unidentified structures and several remains of slave quarters in addition to gateposts, water troughs and walls.

It was developed early in the 18th century as a sugar plantation and the remains of its buildings and structures for the greater part pre-date 1780. In 1852 only 40 acres were still in sugar cane (approx. 8% of the estate). The agricultural activities of the plantation ceased during the following decades and the site was abandoned. Its many years of existence in a relatively undisturbed condition the obvious traces of past occupation including quantities of surface shards makes the site an important historic archeological area.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rustenberg Plantation South is significant for its remains of many early buildings that still exhibit original construction methods and plan types.

	Latitude	Longitude
Acreage: 15 acres	A 18° 20' 46"	64° 45' 09"
	B 18° 20' 46"	64° 44' 54"
	C 18° 20' 35"	64° 44' 54"
	D 18° 20' 35"	64° 43' 09"

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the point where the trail to Rustenberg Plantation site leaves Centerline Road the boundary of the district follows the beds of the intermittent streams north, east and south of the factory to a point 300 feet southeast of oxpound #1 and from there back to the starting point. The area within the boundaries includes the access trail as well as all elements of the historical resource and its setting on the ridge as defined by the streambeds to the north, east, south and partially to the west of the district.

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CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
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NPS ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE NAME Horsemill, Rustenberg South STRUCTURE NO. H-27, 1

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yards south of Centerline Rd & 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

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: Raised circular earth mount defined by rubble masonry retaining walls.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation is located on the high center ridge of St. John northeast of Camelberg Peak, just south of the Centerline Road, the former Konge Vej. By 1780 it was a well-developed sugar plantation and it remained so into the 19th century. It is one of the most extensive factory sites on St. John. It includes a horse mill, a factory, a bagasse shed, a storage building, a still, a combined warehouse and residence, an oxpound with stable, two unidentified structures and several unexposed remains of slave quarters in addition to gateposts, water troughs and walls.

The Horse mill has a 1824 date stone and is a replacement of the one shown on the Oxholm maps. It is circular in plan with a diameter of 75'. The top surface is at grade level toward the west, but built up to the southeast and north and defined by retaining walls varying in height from 0' to 18'. On the north side, opposite the factory, the horse mill has a vaulted chamber extending approximately 12' into the mill. The factory is 15' north of the mill. The retaining walls supporting the mill platform are in fair to poor condition.

Latitude 18°20'42" Longitude 64°44'59"

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PRESENT CONDITION:	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>
Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>

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

STRUCTURE NAME Factory, Rustenberg South STRUCTURE NO. H-27, 2

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yards south of Centerline Rd and 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

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: Rectangular rubble masonry structure in one and two stories.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation South is one of the most extensive and rich plantation sites on St. John. Developed early and apparently abandoned early as a sugar producing plantation, the remains of the plantation buildings contain structures of exceptional interest for their early plan type and construction. They also illuminate aspects of agricultural structures rarely preserved and the site thereby is of importance to the entire territory. Although inadequately researched historically, the growth and decline of the plantation and of its sugar production follows a recognizable pattern characteristic of the economical history of the Virgin Islands. The large village site illustrates a social pattern of the 18th and early 19th centuries as does the relative size and importance given to the different structures of the site.

The factory is a one and two story masonry structure 52' by 45'. The date of construction is unknown but by plan, type and organization, it can be judged to be early and to predate 1790. A cistern is built against the east side of the factory and on the west side an elevated cistern with drinking troughs 15' by 20' adjoin the factory building. The ruins are in a poor condition although some of the walls (continue on reverse if necessary)

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

still stand to plate height. It has retained the boiling bench and fragments of two coppers and of its original limestone pavement.

Latitude $18^{\circ}20'42''$ Longitude $64^{\circ}44'59''$

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NPS ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE NAME Bagasse Shed, Rustenberg South STRUCTURE NO. H-27, 3

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yds south of Centerline Road & 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

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: Rectangular building with 3 high masonry base walls supporting a wood superstructure now lost.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation South is located on the high center ridge of St. John northeast of Camelberg Peak, just south of the Centerline Rd, the former Konge Vej. By 1780 it was a well-developed sugar plantation and it remained so into the 19th century. It is one of the most extensive factory sites on St. John. It includes a horse mill, a factory, a bagasse shed, a storage building, a still a combined warehouse and residence, an oxpound with stable, two unidentified structures and several unexposed remains of slave quarters in addition to gateposts, water troughs and walls.

The Bagasse Shed is located west of the horse mill and factory. It measures 15'x30' with an 8' ramp along the north and part of the west side. It was a wood construction, resting on a low masonry wall. Only the 3' high walls and the ramp remain. In construction and form, it deviates from the usual bagasse shed in design.

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

STRUCTURE NAME Storage Building, Rustenberg South STRUCTURE NO. H-27.4

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yds. south of Centerline Rd & 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

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

STRUCTURE: Type or, and composition: Rectangular one story rubble masonry building that formerly had one wood framed and sheathed wall.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation South is located on the high center ridge of St. John northeast of Camelberg Peak, just south of the Centerline Rd, the former Konge Vej. By 1780 it was a well-developed sugar plantation and it remained so into the 19th century. It is one of the most extensive factory sites on St. John. It includes a horse mill, a factory, a bagasse shed, a storage building, a still, a combined warehouse and residence, an oxpound with stable, two unidentified structures and several unexposed remains of slave quarters in addition to gateposts, water troughs and walls.

The strage building is a 65' by 15' two room structure east of the horse mill and south of the bagasse shed. The building is constructed east-west with the two end, the partition and the long north wall in masonry. The south wall has a two-foot high masonry sill with traces of a wood frame sheathed embedded in the masonry, but the original exterior finish cannot be determined. The masonry walls stand to plate height and are in fair condition.

Latitude 18°20'42" Longitude 64°44'59"

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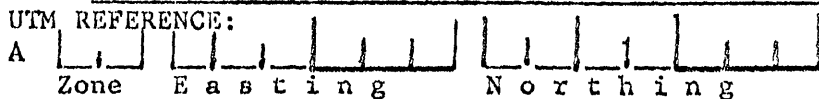
REGION Southeast PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Still, Rustenberg South STRUCTURE NO. H-27, 5

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yds. south of Centerline Rd and 5 miles east of Cruz Bay

UTM REFERENCE:



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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: One story irregular shaped rubble masonry structure.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation South is one of the most extensive and rich plantation sites on St. John. Developed early and apparently abandoned early as a sugar producing plantation, the remains of the plantation buildings contain structures of exceptional interest for their early plan type and construction. They also illuminate aspects of agricultural structures rarely preserved and the site thereby is of importance to the entire territory. Although inadequately researched historically, the growth and decline of the plantation and of its sugar productions follows a recognizable pattern characteristic of the economical history of the Virgin Islands. The large village site illustrates a social pattern of the 18th and 19th centuries as does the relative size and importance given to the different structures of the site.

The still is an irregular shaped masonry building with overall dimensions of 37'x 30'. The still proper is located on the south side of the building against a raised cooling cistern measuring 24 by 12 feet and extending westward from the center core of the building. A two room storage shed is built against the east and north wall of the cistern. All walls have been preserved to their full height except for

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PRESENT CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated
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the still furnace and chimney. These have collapsed and have been retained in fragments only. It is approximately 125 feet due west of the factory.

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NPS ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE NAME Warehouse and Residence, Rustenberg South STRUCTURE NO. H-27, 6

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yds. south of Centerline Rd & 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

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

Zone Easting Northing

STRUCTURE: Type or, and composition: Rectangular one story rubble masonry building.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation South is located on the high center ridge of St. John northeast of Camelberg Peak, just south of the Centerline Rd. the former Kinge Vej. By 1780 it was a well-developed sugar plantation and it remained so into the 19th century. It is one of the most extensive factory sites on St. John. It includes a horsemill, a factory, a bagasse shed, a storage building, a still, a combined warehouse and residence, an oxpound with stable, two unidentified structures and several unexposed remains of slave quarters in addition to gateposts, water troughs and walls.

The warehouse and residence is a one-story masonry structure 20' x 82' oriented southeast to northwest between the still (H-27, 5) and the bagasse shed (H-27, 3) and extending south of both. A bake oven is built against the southeast wall. The south end of the building was used as a residence or quarters while the north end appears to have served as a warehouse facility. About 50% of the structure stands to plate height. The residential section of the building has two rooms separated by a masonry partition and is divided from the warehouse section by a masonry wall. The structure was evidently build in several stages and the walls are constructed in rubble as well as brick masonry. Lat. 18°20'42" Long. 64°44'59"

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NPS ORGANIZATION

REGION Southeast

PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Cook House, Rustenberg South

STRUCTURE NO. H-27,7

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National

State

Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yds south of Centerline Rd and 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

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CLASS 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: Rustenberg Plantation South is located on the high center ridge of St. John northeast of Camelberg Peak, just south of the Centerline Rd., the former Konge Vej. By 1780 it was a well-developed sugar plantation and it remained so into the 19th century. It is one of the most extensive factory sites on St. John. It includes a horse mill, a factory, a bagasse shed, a storage building, a still, a combined warehouse and residence, slave quarters in addition to gateposts, water troughs and walls.

A 15'x18' one-story masonry structure partially built into the side of the hill, 15' east and at the approximate center of the warehouse and residence building (H-27, 6). It is probably a cook house but the deteriorated condition of the walls which do not stand to full height make positive identification without archeology difficult.

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NPS ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE NAME Unidentified Structure, Rustenberg, South STRUCTURE NO. H-27, 8

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yds south of Centerline Rd. & 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

UTM REFERENCE: A

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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: Rectangular wood frame and daub and wattle building on rubble masonry base.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation South is located on the high center ridge of St. John northeast of Camelberg Peak, just south of the Centerline Rd, the former Konge Vej. By 1780 it was a well-developed sugar plantation and it remained so into the 19th century. It is one of the most extensive factory sites on St. John. It includes a horse mill, a factory, a bagasse shed, a storage building, a still a combined warehouse and residence, an oxpound with stable, two unidentified structures and several unexposed remains of slave quarters in addition to gateposts, water troughs and walls.

The unidentified structure is parallel to and 30' northwest of H-27, 6 and south of the still. The structure appears to have been of daub and wattle construction, 48'x15', with the wood posts of the wall sunk in masonry walls about 2 1/2' high. Only fragments of these walls remain.

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NPS ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE NAME Oxpound & Stable No. 1, Rustenberg South STRUCTURE NO. H-27, 9

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yds south of Centerline Rd & 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

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

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: A rectangular enclosure defined by rubble masonry walls.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation South is located on the high center ridge of St. John northeast of Camelberg Peak, just south of the Centerline Rd, the former Konge Vej. By 1780 it was a well-developed sugar plantation and it remained so into the 19th century. It is one of the most extensive factory sites on St. John. It includes a horse mill, a factory, a bagasse shed, a storage building, a still, a combined warehouse and residence, slave quarters in addition to gateposts, water troughs and walls.

The oxpound and stable No. 1 are located approximately 200 yards west by southwest of the still (H-27, 5) immediately south of the trail from the factory site to the Centerline Rd. The oxpound is a rectangular area 40'x60' defined by rubble masonry walls. A freestanding stable 18'x30' is located in the northeast section of the oxpound. The three remaining walls of the stable stand to plate height and are rubble masonry while the fourth side facing north appears to have had wood posts now missing supporting the roof. The walls of the oxpound are in a poor condition.

Latitude 18°20'45" Longitude 64°45'05"

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STRUCTURE NAME Oxpound & Stable No. 2, Rustenberg South STRUCTURE NO. H-27.10

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 150 yds south of Centerline Rd & 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

UTM REFERENCE: A

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 CLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not part of a complex or district: _____ acres.)
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STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: Rectangular enclosure defined by rubble masonry wall.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation South is located on the high center of St. John northeast of Camelberg Peak, just south of the Centerline Rd, the former Konge Vej. By 1780 it was a well-developed sugar plantation and it remained so into the 19th century. It is one of the most extensive factory sites on St. John. It includes a horsemill, a factory, a bagasse shed, a storage building, a still, a combined warehouse and residence, an oxpound with stable, two unidentified structures and several unexposed remains of slaves quarters in addition to gateposts, water troughs and walls.

The oxpound and stable No. 2 are located approximately 200 yds west by southwest of the still (H-27, 5) on the north side of the trail that from the factory site leads to the Centerline Rd. It is opposite the oxpound and stable #1. It is a rectangular enclosure surrounded by 5' high rubble masonry walls with a 9' wide entrance gate on the south side flanked by 7' high square gateposts. The remains of the stable are located in the southeast corner of the enclosure. Two of its walls were formed by heightened walls of the pound. A third wall extended out from the north wall of the

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oxpound while the south wall facing on the enclosure appears to have consisted of wood posts supporting the roof. Sections of the south and west wall of the pound as well as the stable walls have collapsed.

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NPS ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE NAME Village, Rustenberg South STRUCTURE NO. H-27, 11

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: South of Centerline Road 3 miles east of Cruz Bay

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: Terraces on a hillside indicative of old cabin sites.

Physical Description: Rustenberg Plantation South is one of the most extensive and rich plantation sites on St. John. Developed in the mid-18th century and apparently abandoned by the mid-19th century as a sugar producing plantation, the remains of the plantation buildings contain structures of exceptional interest for their early plan type and construction. They also illuminate aspects of agricultural structures rarely preserved and the site thereby is one of importance to the entire territory. Although inadequately researched historically, the growth and decline of the plantation and of its sugar production follows a recognizable pattern characteristic of the economical history of the Virgin Islands. The large village site illustrates a social pattern of the 18th and early 19th centuries as does the relative size and importance given to the different structures of the site.

Rustenburg South has what appears to have been an extensive "village" on the slopes south and west of the factory. Nothing remains above ground of the assumed slave quarters and they are discernible only as an irregular pattern of ill defined terraces on the hillside. The number and actual size of the slave quarters cannot be determined without archeological investigation, but judging from the contours of the slope only, the village contains from 20 to 30 cabin sites. Lat. 18°20'42" Long. 64°45'59"

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