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Appendix B

DENNIS BAY HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION:

Dennis Bay Plantation is located on the small peninsula that separates Trunk and Hawknest Bay. The lands of the plantation included the relatively flat and easily arable land of the peninsula as well as the steep hillsides to the south of it.

The plantation was claimed and cleared by 1728 and appears to have been devoted very early to the cultivation of sugar cane. The plantation buildings included a windmill tower and a horsemill sited on the high bluff on the west side of the peninsula, both post-dating 1800, while the rest and older buildings of the plantation are clustered on the shoreline of Dennis Bay between 200 and 250 yards east-northeast of the windmill tower. From east to west they are the Plantation House, the Factory Building, the Still and a Storage Building, the original Horsemill, an Oxpound and Stable, a village with 5 standing masonry cabins, as well as a small masonry bridge, walls, gateposts, drinking troughs and 2 wells and the remains of a masonry aquaduct for conducting the canejuice from the windmill site to lower elevations of the factory. This latter feature and the masonry cabins of the village are unique for St. John plantations.

The plantation house is the best preserved example of the traditional type within the V.I. National Park.

The buildings of Dennis Bay have exceptionally well executed masonry work and although quite simple in general design are of interest for their rarity and architectural quality.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Dennis Bay is significant because of its many well preserved buildings from the 18th and early 19th centuries of a well developed sugar producing plantation and for their architectural interest.

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| Acreage: 20 acres | Latitude | Longitude |
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| | D 18 ⁰ 21' 08" | 64 ⁰ 46' 45" |

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Dennis Bay Historic District is bordered to the east, north and west by the North Atlantic and to the south by the North Shore Road. The boundaries include the presence of all parts of the historical resource and their setting defined by the natural barrier of the sea and the man made North Shore Road.

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CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT

(Attach 4"x5" B&W Photo)

NPS ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE NAME Sugar Factory, Dennis Bay STRUCTURE NO. H-24.2

GROUP OR SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 200 yards north of North Shore Rd at Dennis Bay

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

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

Physical Description: Dennis Bay Plantation was brought under cultivation at an unknown date during the second quarter of the 18th century. Prior to 1780 it had the basic facilities such as a mill and factory of a sugar producing plantation and was connected by road to Susanneberg plantation on the high ridge land to the south.

The factory is a rectangular rubble masonry structure 30'x40' located south and 6' from horsemill No. 1. The walls stand to a full one story height. Although the building apparently has retained its original door and window openings, shutters and doors are new. The interior has been divided and remodelled to serve residential purposes and new concrete floors have been laid throughout at a level approximately 3' above surrounding grade. The building is covered with a corrugated metal shed roof on wood beams. An open porch with a floor level 2'6" above grade and with a shed roof supported on wood posts has been constructed against the west end of the building for its full width. Except for the walls, which are in good condition, and the original door, window and gutter openings there are no indication of the building 18th century character and the alterations which are approximately 20 years old tend to obscure its original functions. Lat. 18°21'15" Long. 64°46'04"

(continue on reverse if necessary)

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

The building is in good condition and is in use as a residence.

The date of its construction is not known, presumably early 19th century appearance then can be assumed to be much the same as it is now except north and west gallery. The additions and changes were made, reportedly the 1930s.

Latitude $18^{\circ}21'15''$ Longitude $64^{\circ}46'04''$

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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 Unidentified Structure, Dennis Bay STRUCTURE NO. H-24.8

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 200 yards north of North Shore Road at Dennis Bay.

UTM REFERENCE:

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STRUCTURE: type or, and composition: A small square rubble masonry structure.

Physical Description: Dennis Bay Plantation was brought under cultivation at an unknown date during the second quarter of the 18th century. Prior to 1780 it had the basic facilities such as a mill and factory of a sugar producing plantation and was connected by road to Susanneberg plantation on the high ridge land to the south. A structure of uncertain functions is located on the horsemill #1, 6' from the southwest edge. It is a 4' square hole surrounded by 18" rubble masonry walls that are raised 2' above the present grade of the horsemill and with two steps on the north side of the structure. It postdates the discontinuance of the use of horsemill #1 but is not of recent construction.

Latitude 18°21'15" Longitude 64°46'04"

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PRESENT CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated
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NPS ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE NAME Slave Cabin, Dennis Bay STRUCTURE NO. H-24, 11

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 200 yards north of North Shore Road at Dennis Bay.

UTM REFERENCE: A 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: Dennis Bay Plantation was brought under cultivation at an unknown date during the second quarter of the 18th century. Prior to 1780 it had the basic facilities such as a mill and factory of a sugar producing plantation and was connected by road to Susanneberg plantation on the high ridge land to the south. A "village" comprised of 5 standing rubble masonry cabins is located approximately 125 yds. west of the factory. Cabin H-24, 11 is approximately 30 feet back from the berm of the beach. It measured 20'x12' and had a saddle roof. A door in one gable end provided access to the interior and 5 window openings, 2 in each long side and one in the gable opposite the entrance, provided light and ventilation to the interior. The long sides of the cabin is north-south. Cabin H-24, 11 has lost the north gable end and part of the west wall.

Latitude 18°21'16" Longitude 64°46'06"

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PRESENT CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated
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NPS ORGANIZATION

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

STRUCTURE NAME Slave Cabin, Dennis Bay STRUCTURE NO. H-24, 15

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 200 yards north of North Shore Road at Dennis 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: A rectangular on story rubble masonry building

Physical Description: Dennis Bay Plantation was brought under cultivation at an unknown date during the second quarter of the 18th century. Prior to 1780 it had the basic facilities such as a mill and factory of a sugar producing plantation and was connected by road to Susanneberg plantation on the high ridge land to the south. A "village" comprised of 5 standing rubble masonry cabins is located approximately 125 yds west of the factory. Cabin H-24, 15 stands in a line perpendicular to the shoreline behind Cabin H-24, 12, H-24, 13 and H-24, 14. It measured 20' by 12' and had a saddle roof. A door in one gable end provided access to the interior and 5 window openings, 2 in each long side and one in the gable opposite the entrance, provided light and ventilation to the interior. The long sides of the cabin is north-south. Cabin H-24, 15 has retained all walls in their original height.

Latitude 18°21'16" Longitude 64°46'06"

(continue on reverse if necessary)

PRESENT CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated
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The mill tower post dates 1800 and is assumed to have been constructed about 1830.

Latitude $18^{\circ}21'11''$ Longitude $64^{\circ}46'10''$

