

APPENDIX B  
JOSSIE GUT HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION

Jossie Gut Historic District is located in the Reef Bay Valley about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile down from Centerline Road. It is on the old cart road of Reef Bay Valley where the main gut is joined by the two guts that drain the west side of the Bordeaux Mountain ridge. The district contains a factory, a large horsemill, an oxpound, a stable and a storage building and the fragmentary remains of a dam across the tributary gut with sluices and a cistern for collection and distributing surface runoff.

The horsemill is in a fair state of preservation and some of the factory walls still stand to plate height although in a poor condition. All other buildings and structures have been partially destroyed by erosion and deterioration.

Jossie Gut Factory like Reef Bay Factory is a 19th century structure and the plantation appears to have had reasonable amount of sugar production during the first half of the 19th century. It was owned and operated by Governor Hans Henrik Berg from the 1820ties until his death in 1862.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Jossie Gut Sugar Factory is significant for its remains of a surface water collecting and distributing system and for its associations with Hans Henrik Berg, Governor of the Danish West Indies.

Acreage:	5 acres	Latitude	Longitude
		18° 20' 31"	64° 44' 27"

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Starting at the crossing of the cart road from the east to the west side of the gut 600 feet north of the factory, the boundary follows a line in a south-westerly direction for 358 feet and then turns a 90° angle in a south-easterly direction for 650 feet, until it intersects the cart road 150 feet south-east of the factory and then continues in a north-northeasterly direction for about 600 feet to the bed of the stream that drains the west flank of the Bordeaux Mountain Ridge and then in a west by northwesterly direction for 350 feet to the starting point of the cart roads crossing of the gut. The boundaries include all parts of the historical resource that is set in protected surroundings.

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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, Jossie Gut

STRUCTURE NO. H-14.1

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National  State  Local LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Reef Bay Valley  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile down from Centerline Road

UTM REFERENCE:

A	Zone	Easting	Northings	CLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not part of a complex or district: _____ acres.)
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STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: Horsemill

Physical Description: A circular platform 65' in diameter partially carved out of the slope on the east and north and partially built up on rubble masonry retaining walls. The retaining walls on the south and west are up to 16' high. The mill is located north of the factory site.

The Jossie Gut factory was brought under cultivation after 1800. Though begun after the peak years of prosperity in the island it appears to have had a reasonable amount of sugar production during the first half of the 19th century. It was owned by Governor Hans Henrik Berg in the 1820s.

Latitude 18°20'31" Longitude 64°44'27"

(continue on reverse if necessary)

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

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NPS ORGANIZATION

REGION Southeast

PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Factory, Jossie Gut

STRUCTURE NO. H-14, 2

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Reef Bay Valley  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile down from Centerline Road.

UTM REFERENCE:

A	Zone	E a s t i n g	N o r t h i n g	
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CLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not part of a complex or district): \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: Rubble and brick masonry one and two story building in the shape of a "T".Physical Description: The factory is a rubble masonry structure with yellow brick lining of corners and of door and window openings. It is "T" shaped in plan with the stem of the "T" 3 feet from and south of the horsemill. The single story stem of the "T" contains the boiling house with the firing trench on the west down-hill side of the stem. It measures 26'x28'. The head of the "T" contains the curving and storage rooms of the factory and had two staircases. The width of the wing is approximately 18' and it is about 45' long. Only a few sections of the walls stand to plate height, in all cases they are badly affected by vegetation and in a poor condition. Jossie Gut factory like Reef Bay Factory is a 19th century structure that appears to have had reasonable amount of sugar production during the first half of the 19th century. Although not adequately researched, historically it is known to have been owned and operated by Governor Hans Henrik Berg. It is of local interest as well for its conformity to local standards agricultural structures of the early 19th century.

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CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FLOOR INVENTORY REPORT  
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REGION Southeast

PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park

STRUCTURE NAME Dam and Cistern, Jossie Gut Factory

STRUCTURE NO. H-14,3

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Reef Bay Valley  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile down from Centerline Road

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: Rubble masonry dam across stream bed with masonry cistern.Physical Description: North of the factory there are the remains of a dam across the tributary gut from the east side of the valley. The dam has a sluice way and a spill over and gutter leading to an elevated cistern between the gut and the horse mill. All walls and pavements are fragmentary, partially destroyed by erosion and undercutting by the intermittent stream they were intended to control.Jossie Gut factory site is located in the Reef Bay Valley about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile down from Centerline Road, in the valley bottom below the two unfinished factory sites of Paquerau to the northeast and Hope to the southwest. The site was cleared and brought under cultivation after 1800. It was owned by Governor Hans Henrik Be in the 1820s. The site is on the old cart road of Reef Bay Valley where the main gut is joined by the two guts that drain the area between Paquerau and Hope spur.Latitude  $18^{\circ} 20' 31''$  Longitude  $64^{\circ} 44' 27''$ 

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Ruins	X		Unaltered	X	Altered	<input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site	X	Moved	<input type="checkbox"/>

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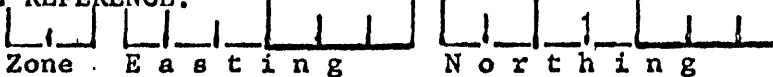
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STRUCTURE NAME Oxpound, Jossie Gut Factory Site

STRUCTURE NO. H-14.4

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National State Local LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Reef Bay Valley  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile down from Centerline Road

UTM REFERENCE:

A  CLASS VI LAND ACREAGE (if not part of a complex or district): \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: Irregular rectangular enclosure defined by remains of stone fence.

Physical Description: The oxpound is located north and uphill from the factory and on the west and opposite side of stream bed or the factory. The stone fence surrounding the oxpound has for its greatest extent tumbled but can be followed by its rubble remains.

The Jossie Gut Factory site was brought under cultivation after 1800 but appears to have had a reasonable amount of sugar production during the early decades of the 19th century. It was owned by Governor Hans Henrik Berg during the 1820s.

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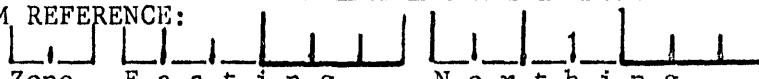
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LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: Reef Bay Valley  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile down from Centerline Road

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

Zone	Easting	Northing
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STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: Rectangular one story rubble masonry structure.

Physical Description: Remains of a rectangular storage building 12'x20' is located south and east of the compound. It is constructed in rubble masonry. The walls are in poor condition and only one corner still stands to near its original height. Jossie Gut factory like Reef Bay Factory is a 19th century structure and appears to have had reasonable amount of sugar production during the first half of the 19th century. Although not adequately researched, historically it is known to have been owned and operated by Governor Hans Henrik Berg. It is of local interest as well for its conformity to local standard agricultural structures of the early 19th century.

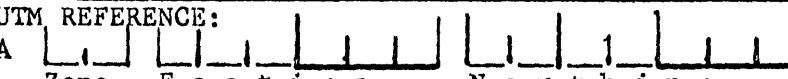
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Zone

Easting

Northing

STRUCTURE: Type of, and composition: Rectangular one story rubble masonry building.Physical Description: The ruined remains of a rectangular building 40' long is located north of the compound. The building has three walls. One long side of the building was open and had pillars supporting the roof. Both walls and pillars are constructed in rubble masonry. They are in very poor condition and except for a short section have toppled. Jossie Gut factory like Reef Bay Factory is a 19th century structure and appears to have had reasonable amount of sugar production during the first half of the 19th century. Although not adequately researched, historically it is known to have been owned and operated by Governor Hans Henrik Berg. It is of local interest as well for its conformity to local standard agricultural structures of the early 19th century.Latitude  $18^{\circ}20'31''$  Longitude  $64^{\circ}44'27''$ 

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# Factory

Historic Name: Jossie Gut

Common Name: Hope, Jussie Gut

Reef Bay Quarter, St. John, Virgin Islands

(VI Natl. Park Mult. Resource Area)

Photo credit J. Aring Date of photo November, 1975

Negative filed at Virgin Islands National Park

West wall of factory (H-14, 2) viewed from the southwest.



Horsemill

Historic Name: Jossie Gut

Common Name: Hope, Jossie Gut

Reef Bay Quarter, St. John, Virgin Islands

(VI Nat'l Park Mult. Res. Area)

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West wall of Horsemill with entrance to vault

(H-14, 1) viewed from the west.

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