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

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

50% of the masonry walls have been preserved.

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

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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			NPS ORGANIZATION Park CODE NO. 5360
STRUCTURE NAME Servants	Quarters, More Hill	\	STRUCTURE NO. H-38.2
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LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 50 UTM REFERENCE: A Zone E a s t i n g	Northing	CLASS VI	LAND ACREAGE (if not a complex or district:
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RECION Southeast	PARK/AREA NAME Virg	gin Islands Nat'l Pa	
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
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PRESENT CONDITION: E	Excellent Goo	h	Deteriorated
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More Hill

More Hill, East End St. John, Virgin Islands (V/ Natl. Park Mult-Res. area)

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Interior of servants quarters H-38,2 viewed from entrance (south) note impressions of posts in wall.



Warehouse

More Hill

More Hill, East End, St. John, Virgin Islands

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Northwest entrance to warehouse H-38,3 viewed from the north.

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