

APPENDIX B
MORE HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

JUL 23 1981

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 18° 21' 39"	Longitude 64° 41' 39"
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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° 41'35".

Appendix B,
Historic District

NPS ORGANIZATION

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 500 yards east of More Hill on east end of St. John

UTM REFERENCE:

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

Zone Easting Northing

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.

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Ruins ☒ Unaltered ☒ Altered ☐ Original Site ☒ Moved ☐

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Latitude $18^{\circ}21'39''$ ' Longitude $64^{\circ}41'38''$

CLASSIFIED STRUCTURE FIELD INVENTORY REPORT
(Attach 4"x5" B&W Photo)

NPS ORGANIZATION

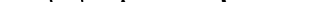
REGION Southeast PARK/AREA NAME Virgin Islands Nat'l Park CODE NO. 5360

STRUCTURE NAME Warehouse, More Hill STRUCTURE NO. H-38.3

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: 500 yards east of More Hill on east end of St. John

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: The lower rubble masonry wall of a
rectangular building.

Physical Description: The lower rubble masonry walls of a rectangular building 24'x48' is located on slightly lower ground 75' southeast of the residence. The building is oriented due north and south and has 4 doorways 2 in each of the long sides placed approximately 4' from the corners. The walls stand from 2 to 4' out of surrounding grade and like the other 2 buildings of the site supported wood walls on posts set in the lower masonry walls. Fragments of a red clay tile indicate that the floor of the building was paved. Approximately 80% of the masonry walls remain standing.

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Servants Quarters

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More Hill

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More Hill, East End

St. John, Virgin Islands

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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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