# INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

**FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**DATA SHEET**

**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

**RECEIVED MAY 31, 1977**

**DATE ENTERED MAR 30, 1978**

---

## 1 NAME

**HISTORIC**

Cathrineberg, Jockumsdahl, Herman Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Hammer Farm, Herman Farm

---

## 2 LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

Cruz Bay-Quarter

**CITY, TOWN**

St. John

**STATE**

Virgin Islands

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds, Office of Lieutenant Governor

**STREET & NUMBER**

King Street, Government Hill

**CITY, TOWN**

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

**STATE**

Virgin Islands

---

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CATEGORY</th>
<th>OWNERSHIP</th>
<th>STATUS</th>
<th>PRESENT USE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>X DISTRICT</td>
<td>PUBLIC</td>
<td>OCCUPIED</td>
<td>AGRICULTURE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BUILDING(S)</td>
<td>PRIVATE</td>
<td>UNOCCUPIED</td>
<td>COMMERCIAL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STRUCTURE</td>
<td>BOTH</td>
<td>WORK IN PROGRESS</td>
<td>EDUCATIONAL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SITE</td>
<td>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</td>
<td>ACCESSIBLE</td>
<td>ENTERTAINMENT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OBJECT</td>
<td>IN PROCESS</td>
<td>YES: RESTRICTED</td>
<td>RELIGIOUS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>BEING CONSIDERED</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>TRANSPORTATION</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

## 4 AGENCY

**REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (IF APPLICABLE)**

Southeast Region, National Park Service

**STREET & NUMBER**

181895 Phoenix Boulevard

**CITY, TOWN**

Atlanta

**STATE**

Georgia

---

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**TITLE**

Historic American Buildings Survey, Mill Tower, Hammer Farm

**DATE**

June 1973

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

Library of Congress

**CITY, TOWN**

Washington, D. C.
Hammer Farm Plantation is located on the high relatively level plateau of the east center of St. John at an elevation of approximately 700 feet above sea level. The ruins of the former plantation buildings are grouped approximately 500 feet north of the Centerline Road, the Old Konge Vej, and contain most of the major components of a well developed sugar producing plantation. The most impressive feature of the site is the remains of a large and unusual windmill tower. The site also includes a horsemill, a stable and Oxpound area, a factory, a still and two unidentified structures.

1. Windmill Tower (H-4, 1)

The windmill tower is a 37'6" high masonry truncated cone with an exterior diameter of 35 feet at the base and 22 feet at the crown. The tapering wall over 6 feet wide at grade level and 2'5" at the top. A T shaped ramp supported on fill and fire barrel vaults extends 33' southwest from the tower with the head of the T measuring 73 feet and provides access to the grinding floor of the windmill, the second level of the tower. The center barrel vault that supports the stem of the T ramp also provides the passage to the grade level storage room of the mill, a chamber with a center column supporting a circular barrel vault. The mill had two additional levels supported on wood beams and a wood superstructure, the cap, that carried the vanes of the windmill and the driving gear. The cap rotated on skids anchored in the crown of the masonry trunk. Only traces remain of former wood structure. Arched openings provided light to both the grade level room, its assess passage and to the grinding level.

Significance: Second Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Estimate $15,000.00

2. Horsemill (H-4, 2)

The horsemill was as unusual in its construction as the windmill. It was a circular platform approximately 50 feet in diameter raised from 4' to 10' above surrounding grade and defined by a rubble masonry retaining wall. Its center was supported by a circular vaulted chamber accessible from the southeast from a vaulted passage. In the early fifties the horsemill was converted into a water storage tank by removing the vaulting of the center chamber, blocking the passage way and reinforcing and
Hammer Farm once known as Cathrineberg and Jockumsdahl, was parcelled out in 1719 and is known to have been under cultivation by the third decades of the 18th century as a sugar plantation. During its early years it was owned and operated by the families deBoult and Beverhout and for a 30 year period spanning 1800s by the Heyliger family, all families closely associated with the first settlement of St. Thomas and St. Croix and the early development of the Virgin Islands. It was a sugar estate through the 1700s and continued as such well into the nineteenth century. From 1870, and possibly as early as 1847, until the late 1930s it was a cattle farm and this was allowed to revert to bush. Its development history illustrates an agricultural land use pattern characteristic of all the Virgin Islands. While the factory and possibly some of the other plantation buildings date from the 18th century, the windmill tower and the present horsemill were constructed at an unknown date between 1800 and 1826. Both have unusual railings as to type and have exceptional architectural qualities.

The horse mill in its altered state has lost many of its original features but still retains sufficient traces of its earlier appearance to make it of special interest. The windmill tower in addition to its unusual construction still exhibits the decorative finishes of the interior with its ingenious patterns in integral colored plaster.
9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Oxholm Survey of St. John 1780, National Archives, Copenhagen, Denmark

Historic Structures Report on Windmills, Part I, 1965, F. C. Gjessing,
Virgin Islands National Park, National Park Service

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE EASTING NORTHING ZONE EASTING NORTHING
A

C

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude Longitude
NW 18°20'51" 64°45'46"
NE 18°20'51" 64°45'36"
SE 18°20'45" 64°45'36"
SW 18°20'45" 64°45'46"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Frederik C. Gjessing, Architect

ORGANIZATION
Virgin Islands National Park

STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 806, Charlotte Amalie

TELEPHONE
(809) 775-2050

CITY OR TOWN
St. Thomas,

STATE Virgin Islands

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES X

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

MAY 25, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3/30/71

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3/14/78
replastering the old walls of the interior. The surrounding retaining walls still stand to their full height. The horsemill is west of the windmill.

Significance: Second Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Cost Estimate $10,000.00
Latitude 18° 20' 48" Longitude 64° 45' 39"

3. Factory (H-4, 3)

The factory is located south and downhill from the horsemill. It is relatively small and its ruins are badly deteriorated. A rectangular boiling room with walls from 2' to 14' out of the ground is constructed in rubble masonry with brick lining of openings and corners. It contains recognizable remains of an elevated cistern, a boiling bench and a firing trench. Sections of foundation walls that at one time supported a wood structure adjoins the boiling room and probably contained the curing and storage facilities of the factory.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Cost Estimate $8,000.00
Latitude 18° 20' 48" Longitude 64° 45' 39"

4. Still (H-4, 4)

The remains of the still is located west and below the factory. It consists of the plastered rubble masonry walls of a cistern still standing in its original height and the severely fragmented and indistinct remains of the still proper.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Estimate $3,000.00
Latitude 18° 20' 48" Long 64° 45' 39"
5. Stable and Oxpound (H-4, 5)

The stable and oxpound are located north of the horsemill. It is a rectangular area demarked by the toppled remains of the former masonry enclosure walls with the standing rubble masonry walls of a stable located in the southwest corner of the enclosure.

Significance: Second Order
Preliminary Cost Estimate $4,000.00
Recommended Treatment Preservation

Latitude 18°20'48" Longitude 64°45'39"

6. Unidentified Structure I (H-4, 6)

The structure is a rectangular rubble masonry building approximately 12 by 16 feet. The walls stand from 1 to 5 feet out of the ground. Its location immediately west of the still indicates a possible use as a storage shed for the still, but it cannot be positively identified.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Cost Estimate $1,500.00

Latitude 18°20'48" Longitude 64°45'39"

7. Unidentified Structure II (H-4, 7)

The masonry footings of this 8 by 12 foot structure are located approximately 40 feet northwest of H-4, 6. Its identity has not been established. Possibly it served as quarters and it may be part of the "village" of the plantation.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Cost Estimate $1,000.00

Latitude 18°20'48" Longitude 64°45'39"
Cathrineberg, Jockumsdal, Herman Farm

Hammer Farm, Herman Farm

Cruz Bay Quarter

St. John

Virgin Islands

October, 1973

Virgin Islands National Park

Windmill Tower viewed from the east H-4, 1.
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES ENCLOSURE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

1 NAME
HISTORIC
Cathrineberg, Jockumsdal, Herman Farm
AND/OR COMMON
Hammer Farm, Herman Farm

2 LOCATION
CITY, TOWN
Cruz Bay Quarter
VICINITY OF

COUNTY
St. John
STATE
Virgin Islands

3 PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT
F. C. Gjessing
DATE OF PHOTO
October, 1973
NEGATIVE FILED AT
Virgin Islands National Park

4 IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
Windmill tower interior H-4, 1 viewed from the west

PHOTO NO.
2 of 3
Cathrineberg, Jockumsdal, Herman Farm

Hammer Farm, Herman Farm

Cruz Bay Quarter

St. John

Virgin Islands

F. C. Gjessing

October, 1973

Virgin Islands National Park

Interior of ground level of windmill tower H-4, 3) viewed from the south.
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES  ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

1 NAME
HISTORIC
Cathrineberg, Jockumsdal, Herman Farm
AND/OR COMMON
Hammer Farm, Herman Farm

2 LOCATION
CITY. TOWN
Cruz Bay Quarter
VICINITY OF
COUNTY
St. John
STATE
Virgin Islands

3 PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT
F. C. Gjessing
DATE OF PHOTO
July 6, 1976
NEGATIVE FILED AT
Virgin Islands National Park

4 IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
Horsemill H-4, 2 viewed from the southeast showing the
deteriorated retaining wall of the mill.

PHOTO NO. 4 of 7
FORM NO. 10-301A  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM  

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

1 NAME  
HISTORIC  
Catherineberg, Jockumsdal, Herman Farm  
AND/OR COMMON  
Hammer Farm, Herman Farm

2 LOCATION  
CITY, TOWN  
Cruz Bay Quarter  
VICINITY OF  
COUNTY  
St. John  
STATE  
Virgin Islands

3 PHOTO REFERENCE  
PHOTO CREDIT  
F. C. Gjessing  
DATE OF PHOTO  
July 6, 1976  
NEGATIVE FILED AT  
Virgin Islands National Park

4 IDENTIFICATION  
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET  
PHOTO NO. 5 OF 7  
Windmill H-4, I viewed from the southwest showing the deteriorated access ramp
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>NAME</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>HISTORIC</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Catherineberg, Jockumsdal, Herman Farm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>AND/OR COMMON</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hammer Farm, Herman Farm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>LOCATION</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CITY, TOWN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VICINITY OF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COUNTY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>PHOTO REFERENCE</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PHOTO CREDIT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE OF PHOTO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NEGATIVE FILED AT</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>IDENTIFICATION</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>DESCRIPTION</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PHOTO NO.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
1. NAME
   HISTORIC
   Cathrineberg, Jockumsdal, Herman Farm
   AND/OR COMMON
   Hammer Farm, Herman Farm

2. LOCATION
   CITY, TOWN
   Cruz Bay Quarter
   VICINITY OF
   COUNTY
   St. John
   STATE
   Virgin Islands

3. PHOTO REFERENCE
   PHOTO CREDIT
   F. C. Gjessing
   DATE OF PHOTO
   July 6, 1976
   NEGATIVE FILED AT
   Virgin Islands National Park

4. IDENTIFICATION
   DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
   Raised cistern of Still H-4, 4 viewed from the south.