**Form 10-306**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. **NAME**
   - **COMMON:** Mary Point Great House and Factory
   - **AND/OR HISTORIC:** Mary Point Estate

2. **LOCATION**
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** Maho Bay Quarter
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** St. John
   - **STATE:** Virgin Islands

3. **CLASSIFICATION**
   - **NUMBER:**
     - **CATEGORY (Check One):**
       - District
       - Building
       - Site
       - Structure
       - Object
     - **OWNERSHIP:**
       - Public
       - Private
       - Both
     - **PUBLIC ACQUISITION:**
       - In Process
       - Being Considered
     - **STATUS:**
       - Occupied
       - Unoccupied
       - Preservation work in progress
     - **ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:**
       - Restricted
       - Unrestricted
       - No
     - **PRESENT USE:**
       - Agricultural
       - Government
       - Park
       - Historical Residence
       - Industrial
       - Military
       - Religious
       - Scientific
     - **Other:**
       - (Specify) __________
     - **Comments:** __________

4. **AGENCY**
   - Virgin Islands National Park, National Park Service, Dept. of Interior

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   - **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**
     - Registry of Deeds, Office of Lieutenant Governor
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:**
     - King Street, Government Hill
   - **CITY OR TOWN:**
     - Charlotte Amalie
     - St. Thomas
     - Virgin Islands

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   - **TITLE OF SURVEY:**
     1. Historic Resource Management Plan, VIIS
     2. HABS Great House
   - **DATE OF SURVEY:**
     - 6/1973 & 1964
     - Federal
     - (Check One)
     - State
     - County
     - Local
   - **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
     1. Virgin Islands National Park

**DATA SHEET**

- **STATE:** Virgin Islands
- **COUNTY:** St. John
- **ENTRY DATE:** MAY 2, 1972
- **ENTRY NUMBER:** 700
- **REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS:** Southeast Region
- **STREET AND NUMBER:** 1895 Phoenix Blvd.
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Atlanta
- **STATE:** Georgia 30349
- **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
  1. Virgin Islands National Park
  3. P.O. Box 806, Charlotte Amalie

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MARY POINT PLANTATION

Adaptive Restoration and Preservation

Mary Point Plantation has for the greater part of its history been a part of
and under the same ownership as one or the other of the three adjoining
estates. The Great House is located on the narrow neck of land that
connects the hog back formation of Mary Point proper with St. John. It
overlooks Francis Bay to the west and Mary Creek to the east. In addition
to the Great House proper, there is a servants house, a farm structure, a
factory, a cemetery and a modern cistern constructed in reinforced con­
crete 50 feet north of the Great House.

1. Mary Point, Great House (H-30, 1)

The Great House is a one-story masonry dwelling house 33'x26' with a
kitchen 8'x12' built against the northwest corner and a cistern 10'x11'
against the southeast corner. Dating from the mid-19th century, it has
classical revival details and an unusual for the Virgin Islands hipped "M"
profile roof. The original structure is somewhat disfigured by the addition
of a large roofed terrace towards the south which has replaced the original
piazza that ran along the south, main and entrance side of the building and a
wood and asphalt shingle penthouse erected above the kitchen and over the
west wall. Both additions post date 1925. The interior woodwork which was
fairly elaborate is now preserved in traces only.

Significance: Second Order
Recommended Treatment Adaptive Restoration
Preliminary Estimate for restoration of the extension and adapting interior
for use as Park residence $40,000.

2. Servants House (H-30, 2) Latitude 18° 22' 02" Longitude 64° 44' 30"

The servants quarters is a one-story gabled roofed masonry structure 19'x
24', fourteen feet west of the Great House. It is completely plain in its
execution and by its lesser height dominated by the Great House. It is still
roofed and in fair condition.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Adaptive Restoration
Preliminary Estimate for restoration of exterior and for adapting interior
for use in connection with the proposed park residence $12,000.

3. Mary Point Farm Building (H-30, 3) Latitude 18° 22' 02"
   Longitude 64° 44' 30"

A rectangular one-story masonry structure approximately 20'x30' with a
shed roof and a short free-standing brick chimney added a few feet from the
Mary Point Estate is associated with Governor Berg, Augustus Kragh and the Grancis Family, all notable in the history of the Virgin Islands. The Great House is one of the three structures of its kind on St. John that has survived roofed. It still, in spite of later additions, reveals its original architectural character and although modest in size has considerable style. It is, therefore, important to the understanding of the architecture and building tradition of the Virgin Islands. The Great House with the factory buildings H-30, 4) comprise a unit which is characteristic of the agricultural pattern of the Virgin Islands. Although sections of the estate probably cultivated sugar cane, it never had sugar "works" of its own and the land was, for the most part, devoted to raising of cotton and later, cattle. The plantation was under cultivation before 1780, however, little is known of the original structures, and the standing remains of the "factory" appears to date from the early 19th century. As an example of the structures connected with a plantation devoted to raising cotton and cattle, its organization and layout is of considerable local interest. By its association with the Mary Point Great House and its latter's connection with Governor Berg, it is also of general interest to the Virgin Islands.

The estate was owned by Augustus Kragh in the late 18th century. He was a prominent an influential planter and the son of Jens Nielsen Kragh who until his death in 1773 served as the Commandant of St. Thomas. The estate was subsequently acquired by Hans Henrik Berg who at various times in the mid-1800s was member of the Danish Westindien Government Council, Governor and President of St. Thomas and St. John. Upon his death Mary Point Estate was acquired by the Francis family.

The land within the district boundary is now covered by dense bush. By 1800 all the relatively flat land of the neck between Mary Point proper and St. John was cleared and under cultivation and as late as 1925 was still open pasture land.
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

**NAME AND TITLE:** Frederik C. Gjessing, Architect

**DATE:** Nov. 1975

**BUSINESS ADDRESS:**

Virgin Islands National Park

**STREET AND NUMBER:** P. O. Box 806, Charlotte Amalie

**PHONE:** 809-775-2050

**CITY OR TOWN:** St. Thomas

**STATE:** Virgin Islands

**12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

**State Liaison Officer recommendation:**

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

**Signature:**

State Liaison Officer

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National. The property is included in the National Register.

**Director of the National Register:**

**Title:** Deputy Assistant Secretary

**Date:** 10/30/77

**ATTEST:**

**Date:** 5-12-78

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

Oxholm Map of St. John 1800, Congressional Library, Washington, D. C.
Constructed in the later half of the nineteenth century, the building was apparently intended for farm and equipment storage and later, after the addition of the chimney, was used in connection with distilling bay oil. Now it is in use by the National Park for storage of materials and tools. It is in fair condition and located 100 feet southeast of the Great House.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Adaptive Restoration
Preliminary estimate for restoration of exterior and adapting interior for use in connection with park use $8,000

4. Mary Point Factory (H-30, 4) Latitude 18°22'05" Longitude 64°44'30"

The factory is located 300 feet northwest of the Great House. The building is modest in size and its condition is too poor to provide any information of its former architectural character. It is an irregular roughly "L" shaped one-story masonry structure of three joined units. The total overall dimensions of the 'factory' is approximately 40'x60'. Approximately 1/3 of the walls stand to plate height. The unit towards the north appears to have had a second wood story.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Estimate $2,000

5. Cemetery (H-30, 5) Latitude 18°22'05" Longitude 64°44'32"

A small cemetery is located about 300 feet north of the factory. It contains several unmarked graves with built up masonry covers and one monument in black marble. There are no clear demarkation of the exact limits of the burial ground.

Significance: Third Order
Recommended Treatment Preservation
Preliminary Estimate $500

Latitude 18°22'07" Longitude 64°44'32"
NAME

HISTORIC
Mary Point Estate

AND/OR COMMON
Mary Point Great House and Factory

LOCATION

CITY, TOWN
Maho Bay Quarter

VICINITY OF

COUNTY
St. John

STATE
Virgin Islands

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PHOTO CREDIT
F. C. Gjessing

DATE OF PHOTO
May, 1970

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Farm Building (H-30, 3) with the Plantation House (H-30, 1)
in the background viewed for the southeast.

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Cemetery H-20, 5 showing two of the unmarked graves viewed from the southeast.
Sacred to the memory of
Hesther D. Francis,
born April 20th 1826,
died Sept. 9th 1864.
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Cemetery H-30, 5 inscription of marker over Hesther D. Francis.

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Servants House H-30, 2 viewed from the south.

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Servants House H-30, 2 viewed from the southwest showing part of gable end and south elevation.