



The Built Heritage of the U.S. Virgin Islands

A VIRGIN ISLANDS HISTORY
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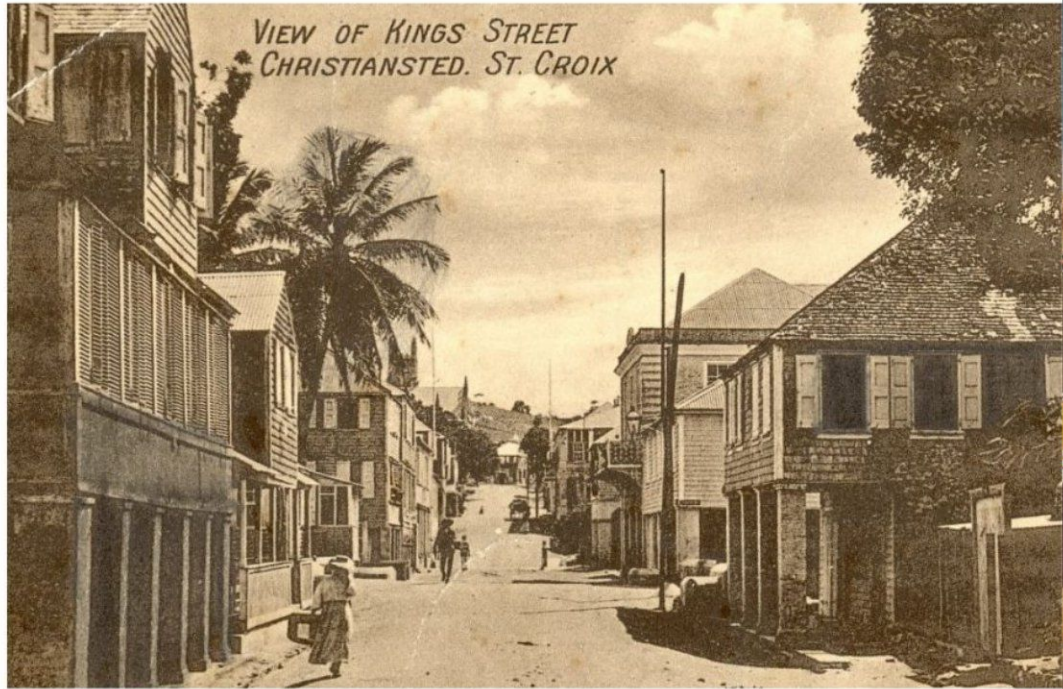
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King street view. Frederiksted. St. Croix D.W.I.

Over time, communities build structures to address their physical, social, and cultural needs. They build homes, and schools and churches. They build roads and streets that connect them. They build places to work and to enjoy themselves and they build places to bury their dead.



Over time, places and spaces become the built heritage of a community. By understanding their built heritage, individuals, families and communities remember where they came from and why they are here. With an understanding of built heritage, communities remember the triumphs and tragedies of their lives and the lives of their ancestors. Built heritage becomes the place from which individuals, families and communities plan their future and that of their children.



While built heritage is legally defined as a community's built environment and its resources made of brick, plaster, wood, metal and stone, a community's built heritage is representative of the people who created it, worked on it, lived in it, played in it, and inherited it.



To begin to understand a community's built heritage is to ask the questions: Who built this place? Why did they build it? What is their history? Where did they come from? Who lived here or worked here? When did they get here? Why did they leave?



Knowing and understanding the built heritage of your community helps you to know and understand your identity. It gives you a sense of place and purpose and gives you the confidence to connect to your community's history and its legacy.

Lesson One Vocabulary Words

- **Built Environment** - the places built by human communities to meet their needs for living such as homes, schools, markets, stores, offices or factories, churches, hospitals, cemeteries, theaters, gyms, parks, roads, bridges, tunnels, etc.
- **Built Heritage** - the history of a built environment, of the people who built it, lived in it, worked in it, played in it, inherited it; of where they came from and why they were there. It is also the history of how they built it, what materials they used and why, and why it is important to people today.



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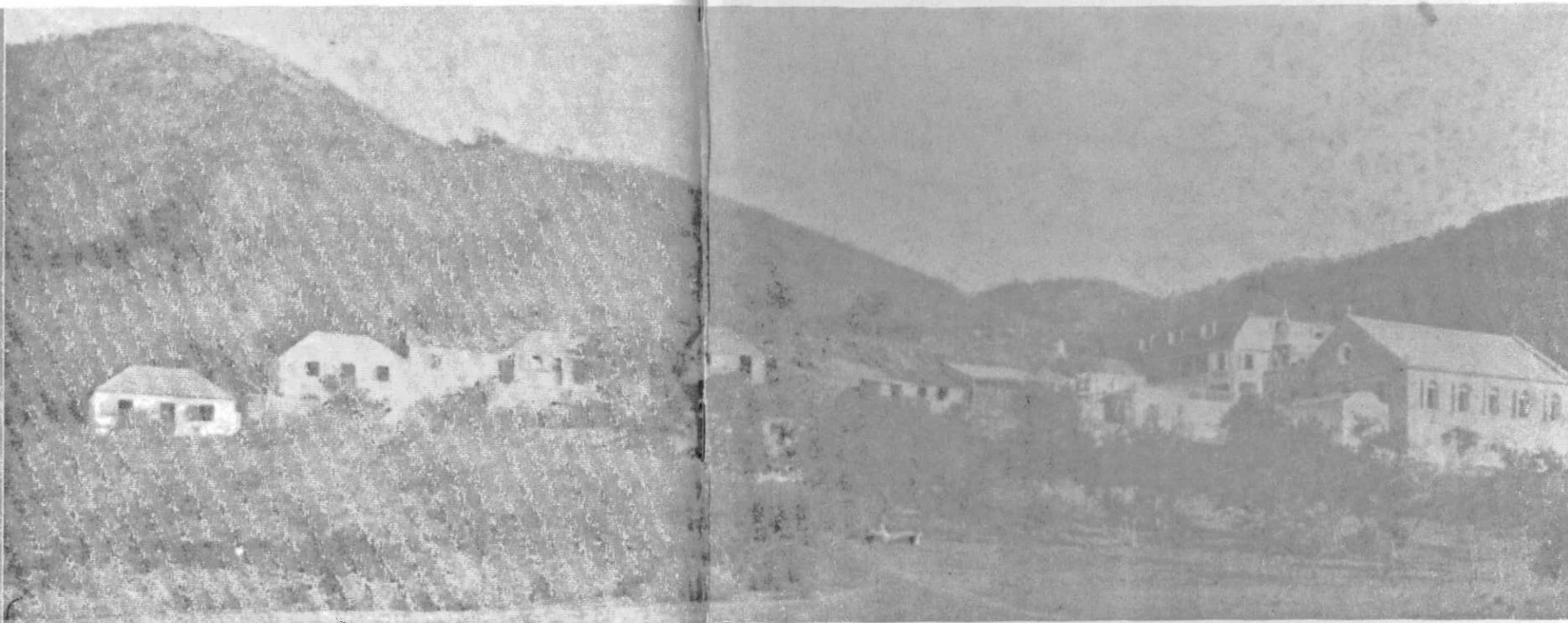
- The Virgin Islands Division of Cultural Education
- The Virgin Islands Architecture Center for Built Heritage and Crafts
- The Virgin Islands Office of Historic Preservation
- WTJX Public Television



Source Book for Buildings & Structures

A Resource Manual for the V.I. Inventory of Historic Places

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	Name on the Register	Date listed ^[5]	Location	Subdistrict	Description
1	<u>Aklis Archeological Site</u>	July 1, 1976 (#76001852)	<u>Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge</u>	<u>Frederiksted</u>	
2	<u>Bethlehem Middle Works Historic District</u>	July 6, 1988 (#87001932)	King's Quarter <u>17°43'04"N</u> <u>64°47'33"W</u>	Southcentral	
3	<u>Christiansted Historic District</u>	July 30, 1976 (#76002266)	Roughly bounded by Christiansted Harbor, New, Peter's Farm Hospital, and West Streets <u>17°44'46"N</u> <u>64°42'16"W</u>	<u>Christiansted</u>	
4	<u>Christiansted National Historic Site</u>	October 15, 1966 (#66000077)	Bounded by King, Queen, and Queens Cross Streets and Christiansted Harbor <u>17°44'56"N</u> <u>64°42'08"W</u>	<u>Christiansted</u>	
5	<u>Coakley Bay Estate</u>	July 23, 1976 (#76001841)	East of Christiansted <u>17°45'31"N</u> <u>64°38'28"W</u>	East End	Sugarcane plantation site, with 20 feet (6.1 m)-tall stonework of a windmill
6	<u>Columbus Landing Site</u>	October 15, 1966 (#66000743)	East of Greig Hill on <u>Salt River Bay</u> <u>17°46'43"N</u> <u>64°45'34"W</u>	East End	
7	<u>Danish West India and Guinea Company Warehouse</u>	October 9, 1974 (#74001940)	Church and Company Streets <u>17°44'47"N</u> <u>64°42'09"W</u>	<u>Christiansted</u>	
8	<u>Diamond School</u>	July 1, 1976 (#76001842)	West of Christiansted on Centerline Road <u>17°42'47"N</u> <u>64°49'47"W</u>	Southcentral	

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9	<u>Estate Butler's Bay</u>	August 25, 1978 (#78002722)	North of Frederiksted <u>17°44'57"N</u> <u>64°53'32"W</u>	Northwest	
10	<u>Estate Grove Place</u>	July 17, 1978 (#78002721)	4 miles (6.4 km) east of Frederiksted off Centerline Road <u>17°43'39"N</u> <u>64°49'27"W</u>	Northwest	Sugar factory, chimney, and wagon depot
11	<u>Estate Hogansborg</u>	February 17, 1978 (#78002723)	East of Frederiksted off Centerline Road <u>17°42'39"N</u> <u>64°50'44"W</u>	Northwest	
12	<u>Estate Judith's Fancy</u>	July 17, 1978 (#78002717)	4 miles (6.4 km) northwest of Christiansted <u>17°46'41"N</u> <u>64°44'44"W</u>	Sion Farm	
13	<u>Estate La Reine</u>	November 24, 1980 (#80003994)	20 Kings Quarter and 19 Queens Quarter <u>17°44'09"N</u> <u>64°46'19"W</u>	Northcentral	
14	<u>Estate Little Princess</u>	June 9, 1980 (#80003995)	Northwest of Christiansted <u>17°45'35"N</u> <u>64°43'31"W</u>	Sion Farm	
15	<u>Estate Mount Victory</u>	February 17, 1978 (#78002724)	Northeast of Frederiksted <u>17°45'13"N</u> <u>64°52'05"W</u>	Northwest	
16	<u>Estate Prosperity</u>	February 17, 1978 (#78002725)	North of Frederiksted <u>17°43'42"N</u> <u>64°52'53"W</u>	Northwest	
17	<u>Estate Saint George Historic District</u>	October 24, 1986 (#86003351)	Prince Quarter <u>17°43'05"N</u> <u>64°49'49"W</u>	Northwest	
18	<u>Estate St. John</u>	June 9, 1978 (#78002718)	3 miles (4.8 km) northwest of	Sion Farm	

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			<u>Christiansted</u> <u>17°45'57"N</u> <u>64°44'48"W</u>		
19	Fair Plain Archeological District	September 29, 1976 (#76001843)	Address Restricted	<u>Christiansted</u>	
20	Fairplain Historic and Archeological District	July 6, 1988 (#87001903)	Address Restricted	<u>Christiansted</u>	
21	<u>Frederiksted Historic District</u>	August 9, 1976 (#76001853)	Roughly bounded by Fisher Street, the cemetery, and <u>Fort Frederik</u> <u>17°42'44"N</u> <u>64°52'53"W</u>	<u>Frederiksted</u>	
22	<u>Friedensfeld Midlands Moravian Church and Manse</u>	July 1, 1976 (#76001844)	West of <u>Christiansted</u> <u>17°44'53"N</u> <u>64°46'48"W</u>	Northcentral	
23	<u>Friedensthal Mission</u>	August 25, 1978 (#78002719)	Southwest of <u>Christiansted</u> <u>17°44'39"N</u> <u>64°42'35"W</u>	<u>Christiansted</u>	
24	<u>Ft. Frederik of US Virgin Islands</u>	September 25, 1997 (#96001073)	South of junction of Mahogany Road and U.S. Virgin Island Highway 631, north end of <u>Frederiksted</u> <u>17°42'55"N</u> <u>64°53'01"W</u>	<u>Frederiksted</u>	
25	Great Pond Archeological Site	July 12, 1976 (#76001845)	Address Restricted	<u>Christiansted</u>	
26	<u>Green Kay</u>	July 19, 1976 (#76001846)	East of <u>Christiansted</u> <u>17°45'32"N</u> <u>64°39'16"W</u>	East End	
27	<u>Hams Bluff Light</u>	September 16, 2019 (#100004382)	Crest of Hams Bluff, 1400 feet east of N. end of Hams Bluff Rd.	<u>Frederiksted</u>	

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			17°46'09"N 64°52'15"W		
28	La Grande Princesse School	July 12, 1976 (#76001847)	Northeast of <u>Christiansted</u> 17°45'29"N 64°43'51"W	Sion Farm	
29	Little La Grange	October 22, 1976 (#76001854)	Northeast of <u>Frederiksted</u> 17°43'47"N 64°51'54"W	Northwest	
30	Lower Granard Archeological District	July 1, 1976 (#76001849)	Address Restricted	<u>Christiansted</u>	
31	Prosperity Archeological Site	July 12, 1976 (#76001855)	Address Restricted	<u>Frederiksted</u>	
32	<u>Richmond Prison Detention and Workhouse</u>	February 14, 1978 (#78002720)	West of Christiansted 17°44'53"N 64°42'45"W	<u>Christiansted</u>	
33	River Archeological Site	July 1, 1976 (#76001856)	Address Restricted	<u>Frederiksted</u>	
34	<u>St. John's Episcopal Church</u>	October 4, 2016 (#16000698)	Plot #27 King Street 17°44'35"N 64°42'28"W	<u>Christiansted</u>	
35	<u>Salt River Bay National Historic Site and Ecological Preserve</u>	February 24, 1992 (#01000280)	2100 Church Street 17°46'52"N 64°45'23"W	<u>Christiansted</u>	
36	<u>Sion Hill</u>	July 19, 1976 (#76001850)	West of <u>Christiansted</u> 17°44'35"N 64°44'41"W	Sion Farm	
37	<u>Slob Historic District</u>	November 12, 1987 (#87001929)	King's Quarter 17°43'54"N 64°46'16"W	Central	
38	St. Georges Archeological Site	September 29, 1976 (#76001857)	Address Restricted	<u>Frederiksted</u>	
39	Strawberry Hill Historic District	October 2, 1987 (#87001934)	Queen's Quarter 17°43'57"N 64°45'37"W	Sion Farm	
40	Upper Salt River Archeological District	September 1, 1976 (#76001851)	Address Restricted	<u>Christiansted</u>	

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41	<u>Whim</u>	July 30, 1976 (#76001858)	1.7 miles (2.7 km) southeast of <u>Frederiksted</u> on Centerline Road <u>17°42'10"N</u> <u>64°51'47"W</u>	Southwest	

Saint John

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1	<u>Annaberg Historic District</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000090)	Northwest of <u>Coral Bay</u> , <u>Leinster Bay</u> <u>18°21'53"N</u> <u>64°44'18"W</u>	Central	
2	<u>Brown Bay Plantation Historic District</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000089)	North of <u>Palestina</u> <u>18°21'47"N</u> <u>64°42'25"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
3	<u>Catherineberg-Jockumsdahl-Herman Farm</u>	March 30, 1978 (#78000270)	East of <u>Cruz Bay</u> <u>18°20'49"N</u> <u>64°45'39"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
4	<u>Cinnamon Bay Plantation</u>	July 11, 1978 (#78000269)	Northeast of <u>Cruz Bay</u> on <u>Cinnamon Bay</u> <u>18°21'15"N</u> <u>64°45'15"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
5	<u>Congo Cay Archeological District</u>	December 1, 1978 (#78003166)	Address Restricted	<u>Cruz Bay</u>	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
6	<u>Cruz Bay Town Historic District</u>	October 4, 2016 (#16000699)	Town boundary <u>18°19'52"N</u> <u>64°47'42"W</u>	<u>Cruz Bay</u>	
7	<u>Dennis Bay Historic District</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000095)	Northeast of Cruz Bay off North Shore Road <u>18°21'15"N</u> <u>64°46'33"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA

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8	<u>Emmaus Moravian Church and Manse</u>	November 7, 1977 (#77001531)	West of <u>Palestina</u> 18°21'01"N 64°42'48"W	<u>Coral Bay</u>	
9	<u>Enighed</u>	July 1, 1976 (#76002219)	Cruz Bay Quarter 18°19'54"N 64°47'30"W	<u>Cruz Bay</u>	
10	<u>Estate Beverhoudt</u>	August 29, 1978 (#78003170)	1.5 miles (2.4 km) east of <u>Cruz Bay</u> off Center Line Road 18°20'27"N 64°46'19"W	Central	
11	<u>Estate Carolina Sugar Plantation</u>	July 19, 1976 (#76002217)	West of Coral Bay on King Hill Road 18°20'58"N 64°43'07"W	<u>Coral Bay</u>	
12	<u>Fortsberg</u>	September 1, 1976 (#76002218)	Southeast of Coral Bay 18°20'45"N 64°42'20"W	<u>Coral Bay</u>	
13	<u>Hermitage Plantation Historic District</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000094)	East End Road, Hurricane Hole 18°21'32"N 64°41'59"W	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
14	<u>HMS Santa Monica</u>	February 17, 1978 (#78003163)	Address Restricted	<u>Coral Bay</u>	
15	<u>Jossie Gut Historic District</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000086)	West of Coral Bay off Center Line Road, Reef Bay 18°20'32"N 64°44'25"W	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
16	<u>L'Esperance Historic District</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000699)	East of Cruz Bay off Center Line Road, Reef Bay 18°20'33"N 64°45'30"W	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
17	<u>Lameshur Plantation</u>	June 23, 1978 (#78000271)	East of <u>Cruz Bay</u> on Little Lameshur Bay	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA

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			<u>18°20'33"N</u> <u>64°45'30"W</u>		
18	<u>Liever Marches Bay Historic District</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000087)	East of Brown Bay <u>18°21'16"N</u> <u>64°42'04"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
19	<u>Lind Point Fort</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000085)	Northwest of <u>Cruz Bay</u> <u>18°20'13"N</u> <u>64°47'50"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
20	<u>Mary Point Estate</u>	May 22, 1978 (#78000272)	Northeast of <u>Cruz Bay</u> <u>18°22'06"N</u> <u>64°44'29"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
21	<u>More Hill Historic District</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000092)	Off East End Road <u>18°21'40"N</u> <u>64°41'37"W</u>	East End	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
22	<u>Petroglyph Site</u>	July 7, 1982 (#82001716)	Reef Bay Coordinates missing	Central	
23	Reef Bay Great House Historic District	July 23, 1981 (#81000091)	West of Bordeaux, Reef Bay <u>18°19'55"N</u> <u>64°44'23"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
24	<u>Reef Bay Sugar Factory Historic District</u>	July 23, 1981 (#81000084)	East of <u>Cruz Bay</u> , Reef Bay <u>18°19'31"N</u> <u>64°44'40"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
25	Rustenberg Plantation South Historic District	July 23, 1981 (#81000093)	West of Coral Bay off Center Line Road, <u>Cinnamon Bay</u> <u>18°20'42"N</u> <u>64°44'59"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA
26	Trunk Bay Sugar Factory	July 23, 1981 (#81000088)	Northeast of Cruz Bay on North Shore Road, <u>Trunk Bay</u> <u>18°21'35"N</u> <u>64°46'02"W</u>	Central	Virgin Islands National Park MRA

Former listings

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			Harwood Highway <u>18°20'19"N</u> <u>64°57'06"W</u>		
9	<u>Estate Perseverance</u>	February 17, 1978 (#78002730)	West of <u>Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands</u> <u>18°21'18"N</u> <u>64°59'51"W</u>	West End	
10	<u>Fort Christian</u>	May 5, 1977 (#77001329)	At Saint Thomas Harbor <u>18°20'26"N</u> <u>64°55'47"W</u>	<u>Charlotte Amalie</u>	Danish fort, the oldest structure in the U.S. Virgin Islands
11	<u>Hamburg-America Shipping Line Administrative Offices</u>	October 10, 1978 (#78002731)	48B Tolbod Gade <u>18°20'30"N</u> <u>64°55'53"W</u>	<u>Charlotte Amalie</u>	
12	<u>Hassel Island Historic District</u>	July 19, 1976 (#76001862)	South of Charlotte Amalie in Saint Thomas Harbor <u>18°19'46"N</u> <u>64°56'08"W</u>	<u>Charlotte Amalie</u>	
13	<u>Hull Bay Archeological District</u>	September 1, 1976 (#76001863)	Address Restricted	<u>Charlotte Amalie</u>	
14	<u>Krum Bay Archeological District</u>	August 28, 1976 (#76001864)	Address Restricted	<u>Charlotte Amalie</u>	
15	<u>Mafolie Great House</u>	February 17, 1978 (#78002732)	North of <u>Charlotte Amalie</u> <u>18°21'13"N</u> <u>64°55'42"W</u>	Northside	
16	<u>Magens Bay Archeological District</u>	July 30, 1976 (#76001865)	Address Restricted	<u>Charlotte Amalie</u>	
17	<u>New Herrnhut Moravian Church</u>	October 8, 1976 (#76001866)	East of <u>Charlotte Amalie</u> <u>18°20'13"N</u> <u>64°54'05"W</u>	Northside	
18	<u>Blackbeard's Castle (Skytsborg)</u>	December 20, 1991 (#91001844)	39 Donningens Gade <u>18°20'46"N</u> <u>64°55'46"W</u>	<u>Charlotte Amalie</u>	

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19	<u>St. Thomas Synagogue</u>	September 25, 1997 (#97001270)	Crystal Gade #16AB, Queens Quarters <u>18°20'34"N</u> <u>64°55'58"W</u>	<u>Charlotte Amalie</u>	
20	<u>Tutu Plantation House</u>	July 12, 1976 (#76001867)	3 miles (4.8 km) northeast of <u>Charlotte Amalie,</u> <u>United States</u> <u>Virgin Islands</u> <u>18°20'31"N</u> <u>64°53'08"W</u>	<u>Tutu</u>	
21	<u>Venus Hill</u>	February 17, 1978 (#78002733)	North of <u>Charlotte Amalie</u> <u>18°21'12"N</u> <u>64°55'46"W</u>	Northside	