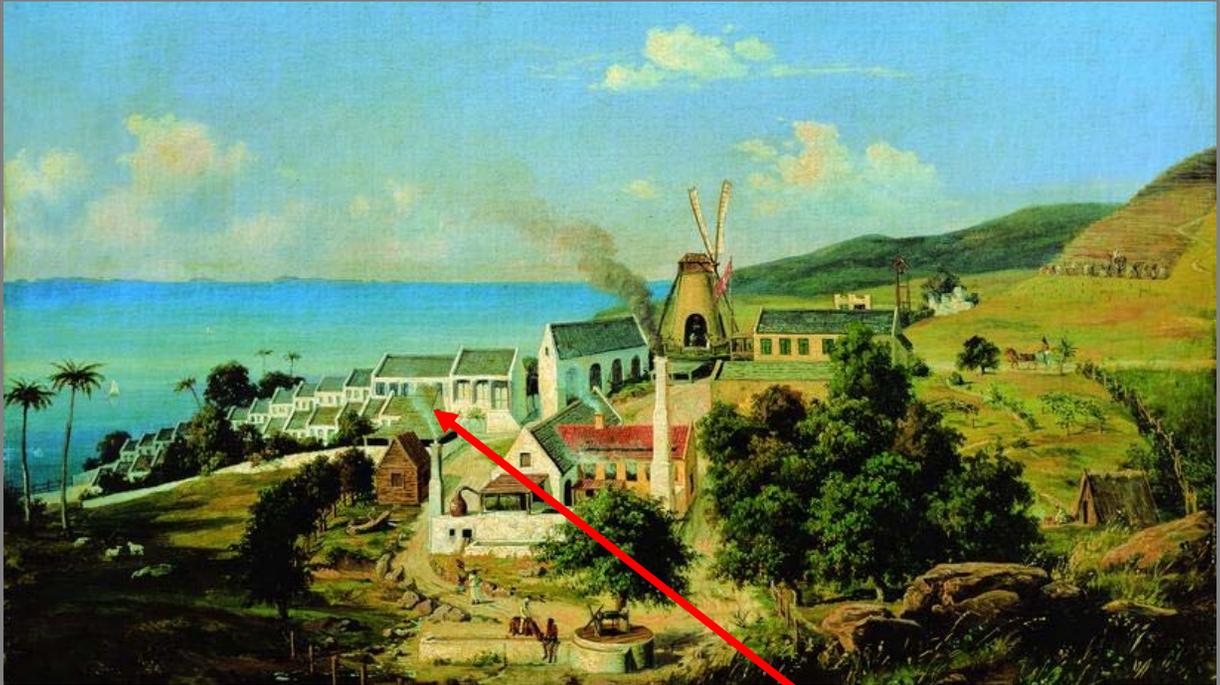


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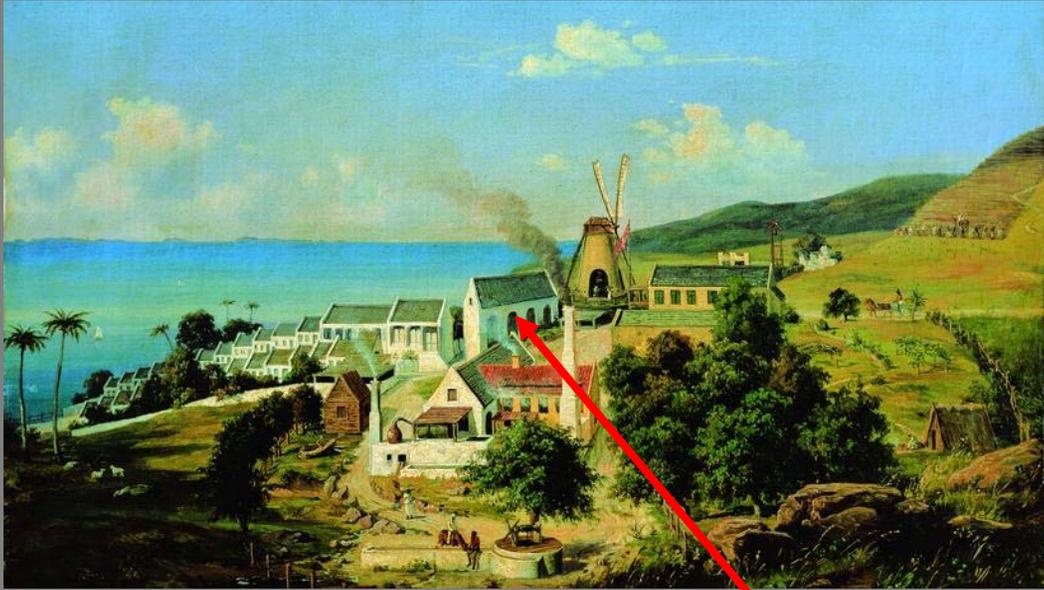
The painting above on the left hangs in The National Museum of Denmark and they have indicated that it is a plantation on the island of St. Thomas at Frenchman's Bay. Byron Foster (family owned Estate North Star 60's thru 70's) while researching St. Croix plantations at the Whim Great House Museum back in 1978 he found a black and white photograph of the original painting above. At that time he thought it to be Estate North Star. He photographed the photo and we reviewed it and confirmed in our minds that it indeed was North Star. Our claims didn't seem to make any change on reclassification.

During my years on North Star, I worked hard to keep the ruins from deteriorating any further. Especially the "arches". We would make repairs. Other areas we tried to keep the roots out of the walls. I felt strong about preserving the history. I understood the property very well and all the building placement, the well and the contour of the land fits perfectly. The following pages include my support of my continued position.



Slave quarters were on both sides of the driveway coming up the hill.







★ Painters perspective

Estate North Star - image dated Sept. 2016

Overlay of houses as of 1980. Hurricanes over the years destroyed the top house and cottage.



Mill

Cottage

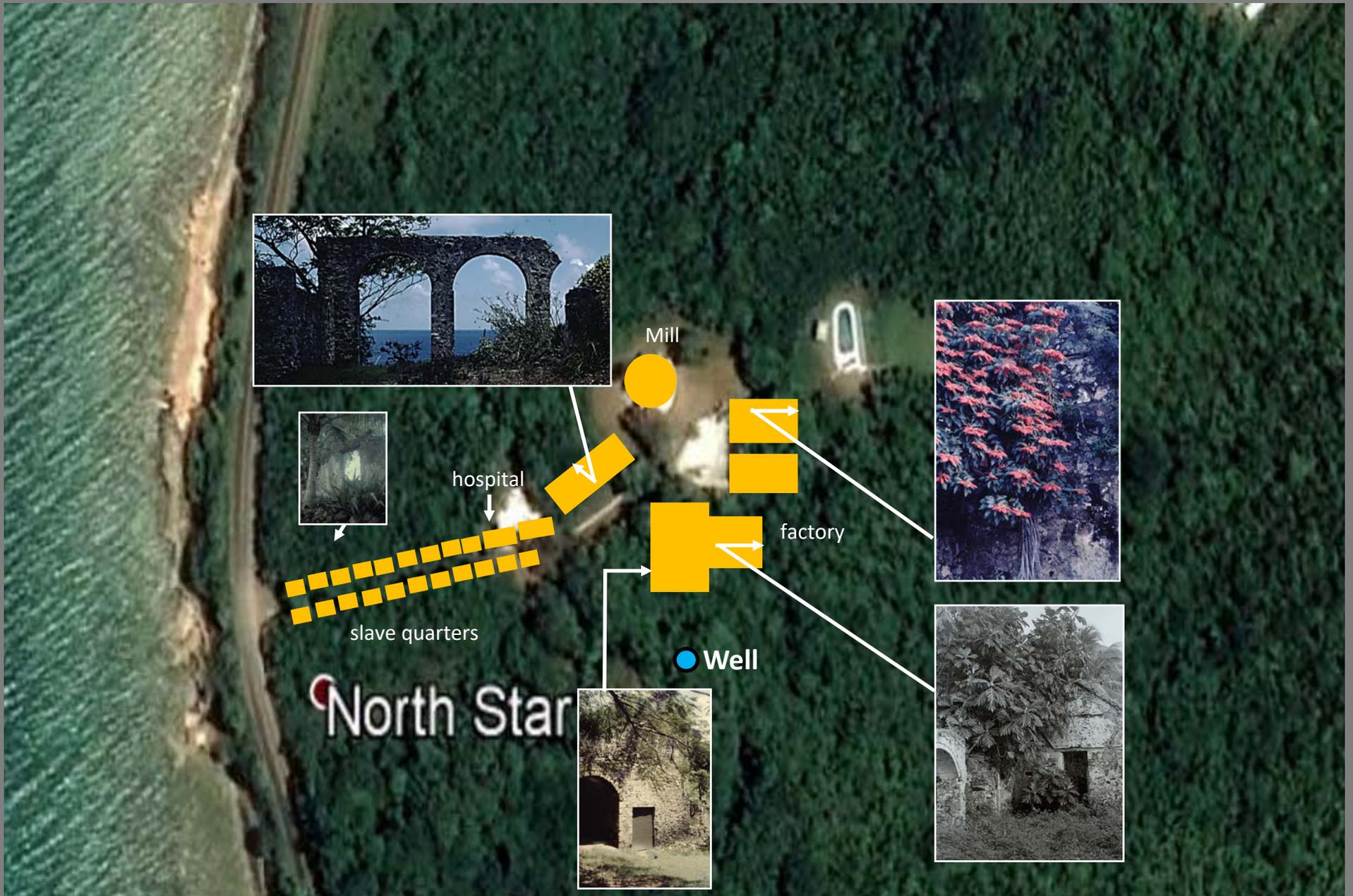
Pool

Top House

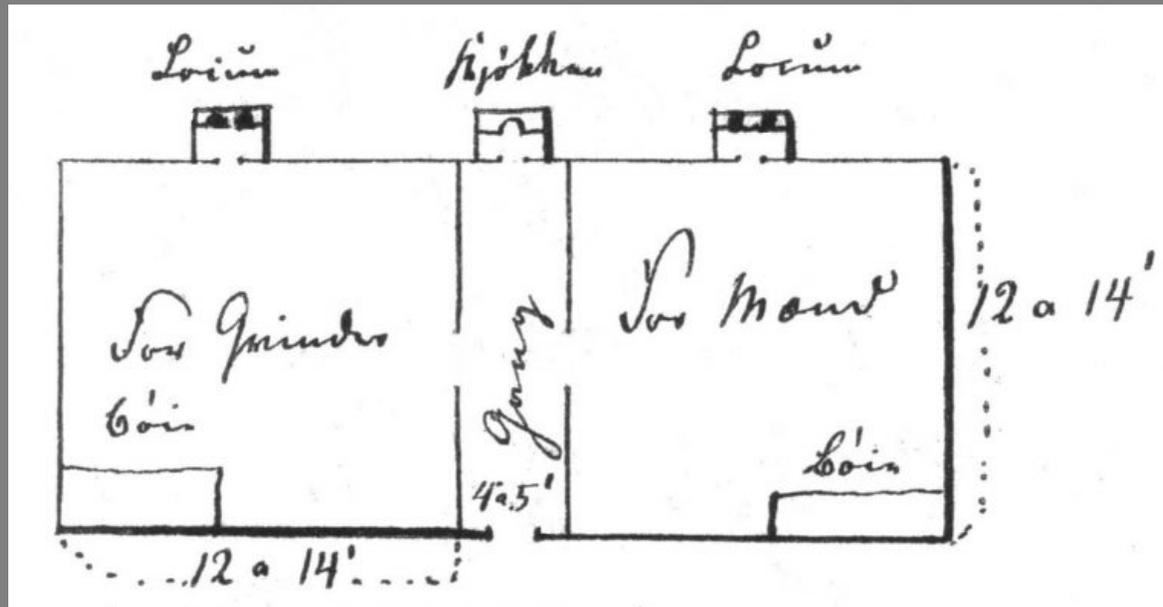
Pink House

Brown House

North Star



The above diagram indicates the locations of the buildings of plantation Estate North Star. My photos will indicate arches and walls of various buildings.



The hospital at estate North Star, St. Croix, 1831. Danish National Archives, Den Vestindiske Gælds Likvidationsdirektion ("Royal West India Debt Liquidation Directorate The West India Debt Liquidation Directorate"), archive no. 681, Likvidationskommissionen ("West Indian Debt Liquidation Commission The Debt Liquidation Commission") for St. Croix, Sager og rapporter vedr. de enkelte plantager på St. Croix ("Files and reports concerning individual plantations on St. Croix Cases and reports concerning the individual estates on St. Croix") 1787-1847, North Star 1831-1832, serial no. 46.17.53, case nos. 450 and 509. Bar code: 8011327891]

Regardless of which type of hospital was involved, the hospital was not a place anyone wished to be. Until the end of the 1800s, the hospital was a place where the risk of dying was far greater than if you were treated at home. That's how it was in Europe, and that's how it was in the Caribbean. Therefore, hospitals were also primarily intended for population groups that did not have a family to take care of them, or which served others. They might be the poor, soldiers or enslaved laborers. All others were treated at home and taken care of by the family.

Most plantations had a hospital or sickroom where the enslaved laborers were admitted if the plantation owner or the overseer thought they were sick enough. The plantation doctor only came by once or twice a week to attend to the sick, or if acute disease broke out. It was the nurse that managed the plantation hospital on a daily basis, and she was also an enslaved laborer.