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Historic Light Station Information **WEST INDIES / VIRGIN ISLANDS**

BUCK ISLAND LIGHT

ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS

Station Established: 1913 (Danish)

Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1915

Operational: No

Automated:

Deactivated: mid-1990s

Foundation Materials:

Construction Materials:

Tower Shape:

Markings/Pattern:

Height:

Relationship to Other Structure:

Original Lens:

Historical Information:

The Buck Island light station was originally established by the Danish Government in 1913. The island was transferred to the United States in 1919. At that time the Buck Island Light came under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Lighthouse Service.

At some point the original tower was replaced by a steel skeleton tower.

FORT LOUISA AUGUSTA LIGHT

ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS

Station Established: ?

Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: ?

Operational?

Automated?

Deactivated: ?

Foundation Materials: ?

Construction Materials: ?



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Tower Shape: ?
Markings/Pattern: ?
Relationship to Other Structure: ?
Original Lens: ?

HAMS BLUFF LIGHT

ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS

Station Established: 1915

Location: 17° 46.3' N x 64° 52.3' W

Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1915

Operational? No

Automated: Yes; 7 February 1975

Deactivated: ?; mid-1990s

Foundation Materials: Concrete

Construction Materials: Cast iron

Tower Shape: Cylindrical

Markings/Pattern: White tower with black cupola

Relationship to Other Structure: Separate; quarters at bottom of hill

Original Lens: Original lens made by A. B. Lux, Company of Denmark; replaced in 1921 with a French-made lens (Barbier, Bernard & Turenne, lens originally constructed 1912-1913). That lens was replaced in 1949 by a lens made in 1949 by "Crouse Hinds, L. H. Beacon, U.S.S." Quartz-iodine incandescent lamps were added on 15 June 1967

Historical Information:

The Hams Bluff Light Station was designed and built in 1915 by the Danish government. It is situated on the northwestern coast of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, on a bluff named Hams Bluff. The bluff rises approximately 360 feet above sea level. The property is a 0.25-acre circular parcel of land that measures 120 feet in diameter. The light station is centered in the middle of the land parcel. The land around the structure is mostly undeveloped, consisting of tropical trees and shrubs.

The original site consisted of 22.5 acres and included a lighthouse and two one-story keeper's quarters. On 21 October 1981, the Coast Guard transferred the property to the U.S. Navy with the exception of the lighthouse and 0.25 acres of land surrounding it. In 1912, the Directorate of the Danish Lighthouse Service purchased the property from J. W. Blackwood. The land was later ceded to the United States by Denmark under the Convention of Cession to the United States of the Danish West Indies, dated August 4, 1916, and proclaimed by the President of the United States of America on January 25,



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1917. On July 20, 1917, by Executive Order No. 2670, the President of the United States ordered that all public property of the former government of the Virgin Islands ceded to the United States, consisting of lighthouses and the public land adjacent to and used in connection with, were taken for the uses and purposes of the United States. The light was deactivated sometime in the mid-1990s.

NAVASSA ISLAND LIGHT

WINDWARD PASSAGE/WEST INDIES

Station Established: 1916

Year Current Tower(s) First Lit: 1917

Operational? YES

Automated? YES 1929

Deactivated:

Foundation Materials: STONE

Construction Materials: CONCRETE

Tower Shape: CONICAL W/BUTTRESSES

Markings/Pattern: LIGHT GREY

Relationship to Other Structure: SEPARATE

Original Lens: SECOND ORDER, FRESNEL 1917
