

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS CEMETERY INVENTORIES

Caribbean Volunteer Expeditions conducted cemetery inventories in the British Virgin Islands between 2002 and 2004. The work included an examination of each grave site, and recording data on a form (see attached), as well as photographs of each grave. Information about the marker- size, materials, and conditions were recorded as well as written epigraphs. Forms were filled out for grave sites which had no inscription. Caribbean Volunteer Expeditions is a non-profit organization which recruits volunteers to work with local agencies in the Caribbean on historic preservation projects. In the BVI we were working with Mitch Kent of the Lavity Stoutt College. The information collected is summarized in this report which contains a schematic map of the cemetery as well as the names on the inscriptions. People wanting further information about these cemeteries should contact CVE via ahershve@aol.com

Cemeteries inventoried:

2002

Tortola: The Planter's Cemetery, Road Town
Tortola: Kingstown Cemetery
Tortola: St George's Anglican Cemetery, Road own (front section)
Tortola: Quaker Cemetery
Tortola: Donovan Vault, West End
Tortola: Tower's Cemetery West End
Tortola: St. Michael's at Windy Hill
Virgin Gorda: St. Thomas Bay Cemetery

2003

Tortola: St George's Anglican Cemetery, Road Town (back of the church)
Peter Island Cemetery
Salt Island: Rhone Cemetery
Salt Island: Cemetery 11
Salt Island: Cemetery 111

2004

Sea Cow's Bay Anglican Church Cemetery
Tortola: Cane Garden Bay Cemetery
Tortola: Road Town Methodist Church Cemetery
Jost Van Dyke: The Public Cemetery
Jost Van Dyke: Callwood Cemetery
Jost Van Dyke: Chinnery Cemetery
Virgin Gorda: The Valley Methodist Church Cemetery
Virgin Gorda: St. Mary's Episcopal Church Cemetery

CEMETERY SURVEY

CEMETERY: _____
LOCATION: _____

NAME ON MARKER: _____ GRAVE NO: _____

1. MARKER TYPE

- HEADMARKER COMPANION FOOTMARKER
 LEDGER BOX TOMB TABLE TOMB
 ABOVE GROUND TOMB OR VAULT (WITH SEVERAL GRAVES) TOMBSTONE
 OBELISK/MONUMENT GRAVE OUTLINED WITH STONES OR SHELLS
 EARTH MOUND OTHER _____

2. MARKER MATERIALS

- MARBLE GRANITE SLATE OTHER STONE _____
 CAST IRON BRICK CONCRETE PLASTERED MASONRY
 NATIVE STONES SHELLS WOOD
 OTHER (IDENTIFY _____)

3. SIZE OF PRIMARY MARKER

HEADMARKER: _____ HEIGHT _____ WIDTH _____ THICKNESS
LEDGER OR GRAVE SLAB _____ LENGTH _____ WIDTH _____ THICKNESS
TOMB/VAULT: _____ HEIGHT _____ WIDTH _____ THICKNESS
ROCK/SHELL OR EARTH OUTLINE: _____ LENGTH _____ WIDTH

4. DESIGN ELEMENTS _____

5. CARVER SIGNATURE _____

6. ORIENTATION

GRAVE: EAST/WEST NORTH/ SOUTH OTHER _____

7. OTHER MATERIALS AT GRAVE

- FENCE- CAST IRON/ WOOD METAL/BRICK/ STONE CURBING
 STATUARY ORNAMENTAL PLANTS
 SHELLS OTHER _____

8. CONDITION OF PRIMARY MARKER

EXCELLENT VERY GOOD GOOD FAIR POOR

- WEATHERING CHIPPING CRACKING FALLEN TILTED
 BROKEN (____ NUMBER OF FRAGMENTS) BIOLOGICAL STAINING
 PREVIOUS REPAIR

COMMENTS

CEMETERY SURVEY

CEMETERY: _____
LOCATION: _____

INSCRIPTION: _____

GRAVE NO: _____

OTHER COMMENTS

PHOTOGRAPH NO _____