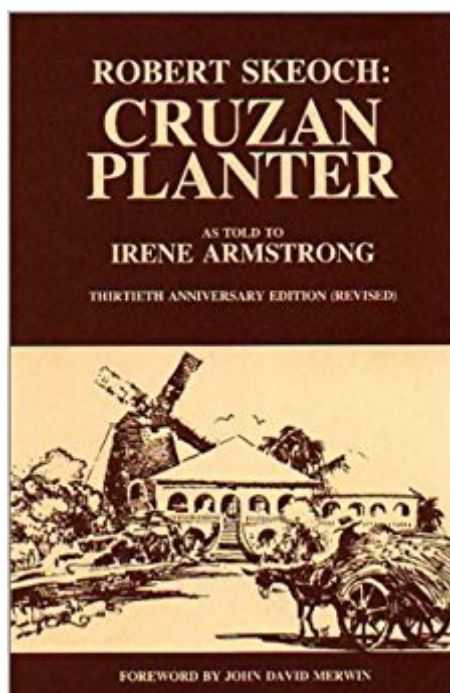


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Robert Skeock: Cruzan Planter contains this first-hand account of the insurrection of 1878;"Fireburn";seen through the eyes of Robert Walter Skeoch, a month shy of his ninth birthday: "Our little family drove back to Carlton under cover of darkness. Our own factory had been demolished, all the rum and sugar stolen, and kerosene-soaked cane trash spread all around inside the house ready "for the light." Just ahead of us a troop of volunteers on horseback (made up of planters and some of the free Negroes) had come to the head of our avenue and, seeing a mob with flares surrounding the house, fired a volley which sent the mob running for cover. And so our house was saved even though it had been thoroughly ransacked. We prepared to sleep in the house that night with mattresses and different things on the floor. We didn't after all, as someone sighted estate Mt. Pleasant on fire. Father quickly decided that we'd better go to Frederiksted where everything was reportedly under control. "In passing Hannah's Rest, we were stopped by some volunteers from the town who asked where we were going. Father explained our plight and told them we were going to the fort for safety, and we were permitted to proceed."

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Irene Lowe Armstrong (1898-1989) was a native of Noblesville, Indiana, who came to St. Croix in 1940 to serve as Secretary to the President of the Virgin Islands Company (later known as VICORP). She continued to serve in that position until her marriage to Malcolm K. "Harry"

Armstrong in 1953. Over the following almost 40 years, in addition to overseeing the large Armstrong household at The Grange estate, Irene served on many civic boards, including both the St. Croix and St. Dunstan's school boards. She also served on the Whim Great House Committee during the early days of its renovation and was instrumental in obtaining for the Whim Museum many important pieces of furniture, including the Quin dining table and the Pentheny pieces, all presently part of the Museum display. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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