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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC *Site*
Windsor (Mounds and Village Site)
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER [REDACTED]
CITY, TOWN [REDACTED] NOT FOR PUBLICATION
STATE [REDACTED] CODE [REDACTED] COUNTY [REDACTED] CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT [REDACTED]

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: cemetery

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME James Beesley
STREET & NUMBER Walnut Street
CITY, TOWN Port Gibson VICINITY OF STATE Mississippi 39150

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the Chancery Clerk
Claiborne County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Main Street
CITY, TOWN Port Gibson STATE Mississippi 39150

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Archaeological Survey of Claiborne County, Mississippi
DATE 1972 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Mississippi Department of Archives and History
CITY, TOWN Jackson STATE Mississippi 39205

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Windsor (Mounds and Village Site) was originally located during a 1971-72 Harvard University survey of the Natchez Bluff District. The purpose of the survey was to establish a chronology and settlement pattern for the region. Ceramics were used almost exclusively in the chronological ordering of sites. In 1972, Claiborne County was surveyed by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for the purpose of locating sites that might be affected by the construction of a nuclear generating station at Grand Gulf, Mississippi. The team made a brief visit to Windsor but only cursorily examined the site, since it clearly would not be affected by the power station.

[REDACTED]

The large mounds arranged in a triangular configuration surround a large plaza, Mounds A and B lying near the southern end of the site and Mound C lying to the north. In the Natchez Bluff District, mound sites are usually of the triad formation, generally facing the east. Windsor is oriented toward the east, as is its dominant mound, Mound A. Mound A is 8 meters high; Mound B (altered), 5 meters; and Mound C, 4.5 meters. Two of the mounds (A and C) are covered with trees and vines, and the third (Mound B) has been altered to serve as the Freeland family cemetery. [REDACTED] Mounds A and B, and bisects the plaza, which is in cultivation. Sherds occur in the plowed field, but are most plentiful near the mounds and the western edge of the field.

Excavations by Harvard University (Brown 1973) have shown that the major period of mound construction and site utilization occurred during the Anna Phase of the Plaquemine Period (A.D. 1200-1500). The site served as a minor village during the Balmoral Phase of the Coles Creek Period (A.D. 1000-1100), when initial occupation occurred, and during the Gordon Phase of Coles Creek (A.D. 1100-1200). It was during the Anna Phase of Plaquemine, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that Windsor became a major site in the region. During the Emerald Phase of Plaquemine (A.D. 1500-1700), many large sites were totally abandoned. A few sherds from Windsor indicate that although the site was still occupied by a small population during that phase, it had ceased to be an important center. After this phase, Windsor was abandoned by the aborigines.

Some alteration of Mound B has occurred as a result of its use as the Freeland family cemetery. In all probability, the top was graded and the sides straightened to enhance their appearance. A brick wall with an iron

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Funerary Art
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

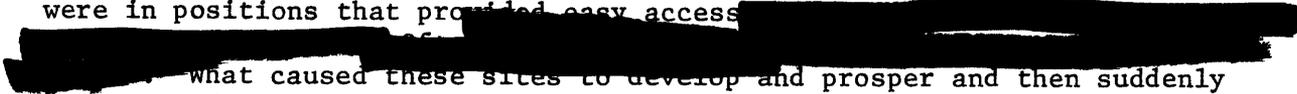
SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Windsor site is the largest, most impressive group of earthworks in Claiborne County and, because of its potential for the study of settlement patterns and cultural development, is one of the more important sites in the Natchez Bluff District.

All major sites of the Plaquemine Period in the Natchez Bluff District were in positions that provided easy access



what caused these sites to develop and prosper and then suddenly be deserted we do not know, but population shifts could possibly be explained by testing Windsor and other sites to the south. No large site in Mississippi has ever been completely excavated. Windsor could yield important data on town layout, and from this, a pattern of social organization could be inferred. Activity areas, suggested by concentrations of ceramics and lithics, could be defined.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brookes, Samuel O. and Byron Inmon
1973 Archaeological survey in Claiborne County, Mississippi. Mississippi Archaeological Survey, Report 3. Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED]
UTM REFERENCES

[REDACTED]
ZONE EASTING 100 NORTHING [REDACTED] ZONE EASTING [REDACTED] NORTHING [REDACTED] 5

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

[REDACTED]

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Samuel O. Brookes, Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE

September 26, 1977

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CITY OR TOWN

Clarksdale

STATE

Mississippi 38614

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE X LOCAL ___

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Chas. B. Hilliard

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

January 9, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 2-2-79

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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