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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88000304

Date Listed: 4/13/88

SJ Mound (22 HA 594)
Property Name

[Redacted]
County

[Redacted]
State

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

John J. Knorr
Signature of the Keeper

4/13/88
Date of Action

===== Amended Items in Nomination:

Item 3. Classification.
Delete 1 Building, add 1 structure

Item 6. Function or Use.
Delete "Timberland", add "Funerary/burials"

Verified by phone with:
James T. Lauro
Archeologist
Mississippi Department of Archives and History

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Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name SJ Mound
other names/site number (22-Ha-594)

2. Location

street & number _____ for publication
city, town _____ vicinity
state _____

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. P. Pool 2/24/88
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Mississippi Department of
State or Federal agency and bureau Archives and History

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

John J. Kroschel 4/13/88

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Timberland

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Timberland

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls

roof

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The SJ Mound, is a small conical burial mound, approximately 3-4' in height and 75' x 40' in diameter dating probably to the Middle-Late Woodland Period (350-1000 A.D.).

The site is surrounded by marshland on three sides and is located in a pine forest approximately 1/2 mile or so from a residential subdivision. The land has never been cultivated but timber has been harvested here in the past. The mound appears to be constructed of sandy loams and is in a relatively good state of preservation. Two pot holes approximately 2 feet across by 2 feet deep have been dug on the westerly flanks and near the summit. Several small pieces of bone (probably burned) and several flakes of local chert were recovered in the relic collectors backfill. No diagnostic cultural materials were collected, making the chronological placement of the SJ Mound uncertain. However, small conical burial mounds elsewhere in the State of Mississippi

tend to date in the Middle-Late Woodland time range. Conical burial mounds are not all that common on the Mississippi Gulf Coast today; presumably many were destroyed by hurricanes, development, and relic collecting.

The area around the mound is covered in a thick carpet of pine needles and other types of vegetation making surface survey virtually impossible. No cultural materials were located adjacent to the mound, despite raking back of organic matter. This is not surprising as the village sites associated with conical burial mounds during the Middle-Late Woodland are usually located elsewhere

The area is difficult to get to as there are no roads or paths to utilize. Indeed, the vegetation makes moving around extremely difficult. And the difficulty is compounded by the presence of deer flies and snakes. This is probably the reason the mound appears to be in such good shape despite the fact it is less than one mile from a residential area.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

archaeology/prehistoric

Period of Significance

Middle Woodland

Late Woodland

Significant Dates

350-600 A.D.

600-1000 A.D.

Cultural Affiliation

Woodland

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The SJ Mound is a small, conical burial mound dating to the Middle-Late Woodland Period (350-1000 A.D.) located in Hancock County, Mississippi, on the last high ground overlooking the marshland at the mouth of the Pearl River on the Gulf of Mexico. The site is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D as it is likely to provide valuable information in the area of prehistoric archaeology. The mound appears to be in a good state of preservation having suffered little from erosion, probably due to the trees and heavy vegetation covering it. Two small pot holes appear to have done only minor damage, having destroyed less than 1% of the total mound. This is quite good in comparison to burial mounds elsewhere in the State of Mississippi which have been virtually destroyed by the activities of relic collectors. Scientific excavation would likely recover data pertinent in attempting to understand certain aspects of the Woodland culture. Information relative to the construction techniques of burial mounds is likely to be recovered along with a determination as to whether the mound was constructed in a single stage or in multiple stages. Excavation should be geared so as to recover as much information as possible regarding burials and burial techniques. Grave furniture is likely to be recovered and could be compared to materials from non-mound Woodland contexts in order to determine if any significant similarities or differences exist. Skeletal material may be discovered and could be researched from a paleo-pathological point of view perhaps providing information on Woodland populations and their skeletal physical characteristics. Further, data gathered at the SJ Mound, a Middle-Late Woodland conical burial mound in a coastal situation, should be compared with materials from similar sites located in inland Mississippi in order to gather ideas about a potentially existing coastal tradition.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

N/A

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Historic Preservation Division, Jackson, Mississippi

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property _____

UTM References

Zone Easting Northing

C

B

D

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary is restricted to the aboriginally constructed conical mound at the point the mound rises abruptly out of the local topography.

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11. Form Prepared By

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