

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Mayersville Archaeological Site (22-Is-501)

and/or common

**2. Location**

[REDACTED] not for publication  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" 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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Eddie Carter

street & number

city, town Mayersville vicinity of state Mississippi

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk  
Issaquena County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Mayersville state Mississippi

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Archaeological Survey [REDACTED] has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1950  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University

city, town Cambridge state Massachusetts

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The major component at the Mayersville Archaeological Site (22-Is-501) belongs to the Mayersville phase (A.D. 1200-1400), during which the various mounds at the site were constructed. Of the eleven mounds (A through K) reported by Philip Phillips in 1950, two (D and E) have been completely destroyed; one has almost been completely destroyed (G); three have been further reduced in size by plowing (H, J, and K); and five (A, B, C, F, and I) are essentially as Phillips found them.

Phillips reported that Mound A was rectangular and ten meters' high. By 1979, the mound had been completely overgrown with trees. An old plantation house [redacted] has now been demolished. A collapsed iron railing encloses a small cemetery atop the mound; no tombstones are visible.

[redacted]. The mound is rectangular, seven meters high, and flat on the top. On top of the mound is a family cemetery (Smiths, Collinses, and Heaths).

[redacted] Mound F, which is rectangular and completely covered with trees. Together with Mounds A and B, Mound F defined three sides of a large plaza measuring approximately 170 by 240 meters. Mounds G, H, and I enclosed the fourth side. Mound G, which was rectangular, was probably destroyed for fill. Mounds J and K [redacted]

[redacted] No cultural material was found in 1979 on the surface of either destroyed mound.

Mound C [redacted] and partially enclosed by the berm.

[redacted] Mound I was reoccupied sometime between A.D. 1400 and 1600. A Deer Creek-phase component was reported from this mound by Phillips.

# 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 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The primary reason for the nomination of the Mayersville Archaeological Site to the National Register is the site's potential for contributing useful information toward a reconstruction of the cultural sequence [redacted]

[redacted] The site is the largest, most complex site of the Mayersville phase, and the site and material from its surface were the basis for the definition of that phase. The site is significant in that it may yield an understanding of the culture, history, and settlement, and socio-economic organization of the region from A.D. 1200 to 1400. Philip Phillips (1970:13) has argued that the Mayersville phase "may be the climax phase of the whole Yazoo sequence in a general development sense."

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Phillips, Philip. Archaeological Survey [redacted] Mississippi, 1949-1955. Papers of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1970.

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property [redacted]

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name [redacted]

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Zone	Easting	Northing

B [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Zone	Easting	Northing

[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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D [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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G [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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H [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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Verbal boundary description and justification

[redacted]

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Edward B. Sisson, Co-director

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state Mississippi 38677

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Edward B. Sisson*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date February 20, 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*W. Ray Juce*  
Keeper of the National Register

date *4/29/80*

Attest: *J. Ray Juce*  
Chief of Registration

date *4-24-80*

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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CONTINUATION SHEET

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4 - OWNER OF PROPERTY

Mississippi Levee District  
P. O. Box 637  
Greenville, Mississippi

9 - MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Phillips, Philip, J. A. Ford, and J. B. Griffin. Archaeological Survey [redacted]  
[redacted] -1947. Papers of the Peabody Museum of  
Archaeology and Ethnology. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1951.

Sisson, E. B. Cultural Resource Survey [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] 7000+00). Report submitted to Department of the Army, Vicksburg District,  
Corps of Engineers, 1979.

10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA (Verbal Boundary Description and Justification)

I and disappears as the elevation drops [redacted]  
[redacted] is devoid of  
artifactual material and the northern boundary is therefore the two mounds [redacted]  
[redacted]