

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lawson site covers a roughly oval-shaped area which measures approximately 200 feet [REDACTED] by 100 feet [REDACTED]. The midden deposit varies in thickness but much of it is around two feet deep. The surface of the site exhibits a cover of young, widely spaced pine trees. [REDACTED]

This feature holds water the year round. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is covered by the Tupelo Gum and Cypress trees common to such low wet features.

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/HUMAN
<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

The Lawson Site is a small well preserved preceramic midden. Over two feet of deposit insure that considerable artifactual material remains in an undisturbed context. Testing by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History revealed evidence suggesting that the bulk of deposit is from the Archaic period with a relatively thin stratum at the bottom of the site representing an Early Archaic occupation. Although many sites of this period are known in the area, few are known with undisturbed deposit. The nearby Hester-Standifer Creek Site which appears to have been continuously occupied during Late Paleo Indian-Early Archaic times was no doubt culturally connected with the Lawson Site in some manner. The Hester-Standifer Creek Site is an exceptionally large site (ca. 6 acres) for its early date range and possibly functioned as a base camp or annual meeting place for the various segments of a society. It is thought that the Lawson Site, due to its much smaller size, could represent a special activity area of the same society. Since both Hester-Standifer Creek and Lawson are fairly well preserved, the answer to this problem should be obtainable.

The main significance of the Lawson Site then is in its potential for contributing to the understanding of an extinct social system.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED]

UTM REFERENCES

*UTM OK
HF*

[REDACTED]
C ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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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 89-6) hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Elmer R. Hilliard

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE May 27, 1975

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

R. P. Montross
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE *7/7/75*

ATTEST: *Charles W. Harris*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE *7.7.75*

acting