

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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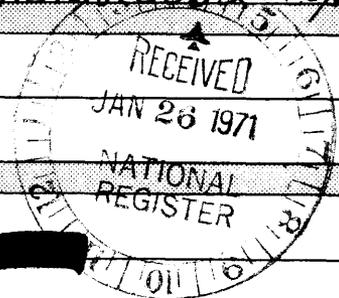
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STATE:
Mississippi

COUNTY:
Carroll

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71.5.28.0002	5/6/71



1. NAME

COMMON:
Teoc Creek Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:
[REDACTED]

STATE: [REDACTED] CODE: [REDACTED] COUNTY: [REDACTED] CODE: [REDACTED]

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
E. H. Neill

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 3

CITY OR TOWN:
Greenwood

STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **28**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Carroll County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Carrollton

STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **28**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Teoc Creek site is a village site of the Poverty Point culture. Maps of the surface midden, as well as aerial photographs, indicate that the site is basically crescent shaped. The total area of the dark surface midden, [REDACTED] is in definite contrast to the surrounding soils. It contains large quantities of aboriginal cultural material, including fire-cracked rock, broken clay balls or Poverty Point objects, flint tools and flakes, which are by-products of the manufacturing talents of the site's prehistoric occupants. Cultivation of the field through the years has probably spread the surface midden to a certain extent.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

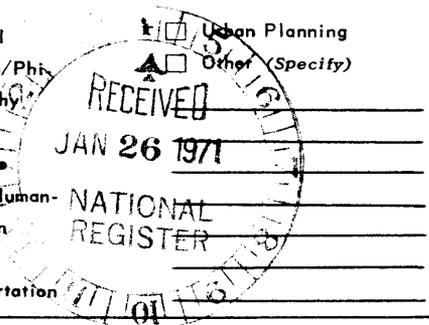
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **ca. 1392 B.C.**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Teoc Creek site was first officially recorded in 1966 by noted Poverty Point authorities Clarence Webb and James A. Ford and by Robert S. Neitzel, Archaeologist, Mississippi Department of Archives and History. At this time, it was determined by two traverses of bore holes that the site was probably occupied when the adjacent old river channel was active and depositing its levee. One of the bore holes revealed a midden 8.5-10 feet beneath the surface at the levee crest.

Excavations in 1969 by Webb and a field team from the University of Mississippi under the direction of Professor Thomas H. Koehler and of John Connaway and Samuel O. McGahey, Field Archaeologists, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, confirmed that the levee was being deposited while the site was occupied, since middens, separated by deposits of sterile river sand, were found. Attempts to explore the deep midden were thwarted by a high water table which prevented access.

Continued excavations in early 1970 by Connaway and McGahey revealed several concentrations of fired clay (hearths), which extended to the bottom of the midden, approximately 3 feet deep at this point. The deep midden was again located and officially identified as contiguous with the Poverty Point culture. Two additional deep middens were also located. Radiocarbon dates obtained on the site extend as far back as 1700 B.C., with an average radiocarbon date of 1392 B.C., thus establishing Teoc Creek as the second oldest recorded Poverty Point site.

According to Dr. Clarence H. Webb, "Teoc is the best preserved site of Poverty Point phase in [Mississippi] and offers an unequalled opportunity of studying the settlement pattern, everyday life and ceremonial development of prehistoric peoples...." The site is considered especially important because of its size and probable extent of naturally sealed and therefore undisturbed midden. Its

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Marshall, Richard A., "Reasons for Preserving the Teoc Creek Site." Typescript, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi, April 28, 1970.
 Statement of Importance of Teoc Creek Site. Letter from Clarence H. Webb, Shreveport, Louisiana, to Elbert Hilliard, Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi, March 31, 1970. Teoc Creek folder, Archaeological Subject File, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi.

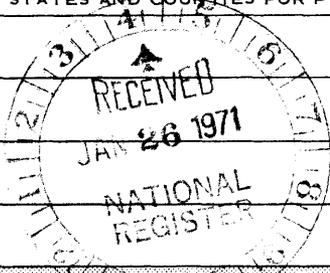
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "				
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **approximately 9 acres**

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 AND TITLE: **Samuel O. McGahey, Field Archaeologist**

ORGANIZATION: **Mississippi Department of Archives and History** DATE: **January 22, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Post Office Box 571**

CITY OR TOWN: **Jackson** STATE: **Mississippi** CODE: **39205** STATE: **28**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: R. A. McLemore
 Title: Director, Mississippi Dept of Archives and History
 Date: January 22, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Annex A Community
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 MAY 6 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William H. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 APR 8 1971

Date: _____

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preservation and development as a park and archaeological laboratory has been recommended by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in the first edition of its Statewide Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan.

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