

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places 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 Janet's Mound (22-Ch-520)

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication
city, town _____ vicinity
state _____

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<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. Paul Nov. 30, 1990
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

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): _____

Entered in the National Register

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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Funerary/burial mound

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture/subsistence

Agricultural Field (pasture)

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Janet's Mound Site (22-Ch-520) consists of a single, small mound situated upon a terrace

The site was initially reported to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in June of 1986 by Evan Peacock, a professional archaeologist affiliated with the Department of Anthropology at Mississippi State University. Peacock reported ground sandstone, flakes, and "some plain ceramics... too small to identify." A subsequent visit to the site by James Lauro of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History reported "a handful of clay tempered sherds..." and unidentified bone fragments in the backfill from the pothole in the mound. The site was again revisited by Archives and History archaeologists David Morgan and Keith Baca in April of 1990 in order to assess the character and current condition of the site.

Janet's Mound appears to originally have been conical. The crest is now disfigured by a meter deep pothole near the center of the mound and associated erosion. Mound height is 1.25 to 1.75 meters, the greater measurement being partially due to backdirt from the pothole having been heaped on the mound surface. The mound is approximately 60 meters in circumference. Numerous large trees including oak, sweetgum, and poplar now stand on the mound.

The area of the mound is presently in pasture while the ascending slope of the mound is thickly wooded. The pastured areas are known to have been cultivated in modern times. Shovel testing throughout this area provided only two chert flakes indicating that an associated village site is not present within the immediate area. Thus, present evidence would indicate that the site is restricted to the mound proper.

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Inspection of the backdirt atop the mound produced no additional artifacts. The conical shape of the mound and bone fragments reported by a previous investigator suggest this to be a burial mound. The few previously reported clay tempered sherds recovered from this location would suggest a Woodland affiliation. These assumptions, however, are unsubstantiated and remain problematic considering our present lack of knowledge concerning the archaeology of this 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
A.D. 1 thru A.D. 1700

Significant Dates
N/A

Cultural Affiliation
Woodland and/or Mississippian

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 Janet's Mound Site qualifies for listing under National Register Criteria D. Specifically, this site has yielded and is capable of yielding additional information important to prehistory. Its potential for contributing to our understanding of the post-Archaic period within [redacted] considerable. What little is presently known of the archaeology of this area is mostly inferred from adjacent portions of the lower Mississippi Valley [redacted] (cf Phillips 1970 and Williams and Brain 1983) and [redacted] (cf Jenkins 1982 and Bense 1987) where larger amounts of archaeological research have been undertaken (see Morgan n.d.).

Of primary importance is the location of Janet's Mound. Being situated in an area of the state where mound sites are relatively scarce and only minimally studied, it is particularly important that this site be recognized for its research potential concerning mound building and use [redacted]

While it is presumed that this is in fact a Woodland period mound a caveat must be interjected. [redacted]

[redacted] yielded both Late Woodland and the Mississippian burials (Bohannon 1965 a & b) while those [redacted] have consistently been found to be Mississippian in age (Ford 1936, Steponaitis 1989). Notably, the two streams which border the Janet's Mound site are tributary [redacted] while the lack of shell tempered sherds at this site indicates a Woodland affiliation, considering the miniscule artifact collection available a Mississippian association cannot be ruled out at this point.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository:

Cobb Institute of Archaeology
MS State University

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project _____

UTM References

A _____
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____
 Zone Easting Northing

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____
 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Based upon present evidence the site boundaries are confined to the mound structure itself.

_____ See figure 1 and quad map for graphical representation of the site boundaries.

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Boundary Justification Considerable random shovel testing of the pastured area surrounding the mound proved unproductive. A total of two chert flakes were found during shovel testing of the location at which the terrace edge most closely approximates Elkins Creek to the south and west of the mound. No associated village has been recorded in the immediate area although this remains a possibility considering the pastured and wooded condition of the surrounding area.

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Ford, James A.

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Jenkins, Ned J.

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