

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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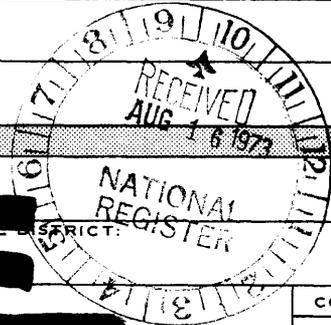
STATE:
Mississippi
COUNTY:
Claiborne
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE
JUL 15 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Catledge Archaeological Site
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
[REDACTED]
CITY OR TOWN:
[REDACTED] CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
[REDACTED]
STATE: [REDACTED] CODE: [REDACTED] COUNTY: [REDACTED] CODE: 021



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <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 type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>the site is not used for any purpose</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
International Paper Company
STREET AND NUMBER:
220 E 42nd Street
CITY OR TOWN:
New York STATE:
New York CODE:
10036 31

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Claiborne County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
Market Street at Orange
CITY OR TOWN:
Port Gibson STATE:
Mississippi CODE:
39150 28

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Mississippi Archaeological Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 571
CITY OR TOWN:
Jackson STATE:
Mississippi CODE:
39205 28

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Catledge Archaeological Site is a classic Coles Creek period (ca. 950 A.D.) mound triad. The mounds form a perfect isosceles triangle. Mound A, the largest and westernmost of the three, is twelve feet high. It is covered by lush Saint Augustine grass. Mound B, presently covered by a thick stand of hardwood timber and located ninety feet due east of Mound A, is seven feet high. Mound C, now only five feet in height, is located five hundred feet to the south, equidistant from Mounds A and B. It is presently covered by a rank stand of weeds and sage grass. The original dimensions of the mounds are unknown. All three have been plowed over in the past, thereby reducing their height an indeterminable amount.



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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <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. 950 A.D.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <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

In February 1973, archaeologists from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History examined the Catledge Archaeological Site. They found the three Coles Creek period (ca. 950 A.D.) mounds to be in good condition, but somewhat reduced in height by previous cultivation. Erosion at the site has been minimal, and, due to its inaccessible location, the site has not been damaged by pothunters. On close examination, the archaeologists determined that the three mounds are laid out with amazing geometric precision to form a huge isosceles triangle. Mounds A and B are situated precisely on an east-west axis, ninety feet apart. Mound C is located five hundred feet south of this axis, equidistant from Mounds A and B. This site, because of its relatively good condition and unusual geometric configuration, is certainly worthy of preservation. It could yield valuable information on Mississippi's prehistory if professionally excavated. Because of its location in Claiborne County, Mississippi, where there are several other known Coles Creek sites, there is a possibility that the Catledge Archaeological Site is a component of a large complex of Coles Creek sites.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brookes, Samuel O., and Inmon, Byron.
Archaeological Survey of Claiborne County, Mississippi.
 Edited by James H. Stone. Jackson: Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 1973, pp. 19,53.

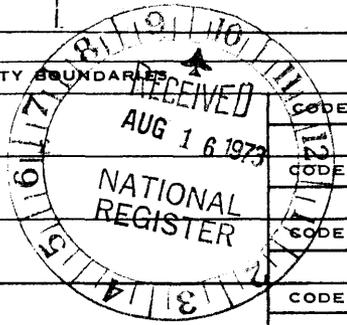
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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: nine 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: Assistant Administrator, Division of Historic Sites and Archaeology
 ORGANIZATION: Mississippi Department of Archives and History DATE: 7/31/73
 STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Box 571
 CITY OR TOWN: Jackson STATE: Mississippi 39205 CODE: 28

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Elbert R. Hilliard</u> Title <u>Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History</u> Date <u>July 31, 1973</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. Ruess</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>JUL 1 1974</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>Ronald M. Garberg</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>7/12/74</u></p>
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6.

Lower Mississippi Survey
1971: Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138
CODE: 20

