

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE: Mississippi	
COUNTY: Coahoma	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAY 17 1973

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
Parchman Place 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 type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Modern graves on top</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Pauline L. Hammond

STREET AND NUMBER:
701 Van Dorn Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Holly Springs STATE: Mississippi CODE: 38635

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN: Clarksdale STATE: Mississippi CODE: 38614

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Archaeological Survey in the Lower Mississippi Valley 1940-1947.

DATE OF SURVEY: 1940-1947 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology

STREET AND NUMBER:
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN: Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts STATE: [REDACTED] CODE: 017

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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		

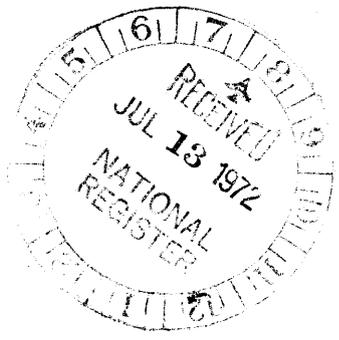
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The most obvious aspect of the site is the large platform mound [redacted].

[redacted] Approximately [redacted] of the large mound is a smaller platform mound and another which joins with the edge of the large mound. These three features are covered with trees and grass and have not been altered except by erosion and a small amount of plowing and storm cellar excavation on the smaller mound to the east. A few yards [redacted] is a large depression which is thought to be a possible borrow pit from which dirt was taken for use in mound construction.

The plowed field to the south of the mounds is littered with burned daub, much of which has the imprints of split cane mats. This material is especially heavily concentrated on small elevations which appear to be the remnants of house mounds to the south and west of the large mound. Other material found on the surface consists of potsherds and flint flakes.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1450 AD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

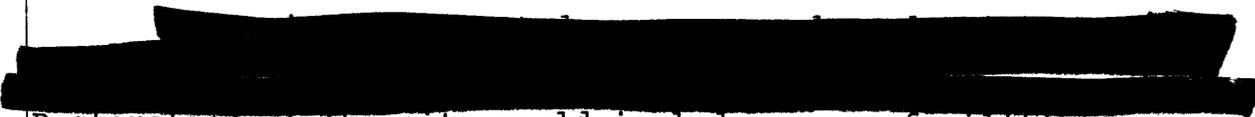
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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Parchman Place is the type site of the Parchman Phase (Phillips, 1970: 939-40), a late Mississippian manifestation in the area. Radiocarbon dates from the nearby Wilford (Wilford) Site, another component in the Parchman Phase, cluster around 1450 A.D. and should indicate an approximate date for the Parchman Place Site. Wilford, the only excavated component of this phase to date, has yielded architectural features suggestive of raised floor houses, a house type mentioned in the Garcilaso de la Vega account of the DeSoto Expedition (Connaway & McGahey, 1970:11). Surface information at Parchman Place indicates a good possibility that numerous subsurface architectural features have survived until the present.

The small mounds situated in a plaza arrangement mentioned in Phillips, Ford, & Griffin (1951:51) have been plowed to the extent that they now are only slight elevations, however, they should still yield house patterns. The three platform mounds have not been substantially altered and surely contain much valuable information.



Restoration of the site could include museum facilities, restoration of architectural features preserved in the mound as well as in the village area, flooding of a section of the old river channel on the north side of the site to add to the reconstruction of the original appearance, as well as the facilities for much needed archeological research in the area. If such restorations were found feasible, the location would be desirable in that it would be easily accessible and likely to be seen by large numbers of visitors, further enhanced by its close proximity to an established resort area. An accurately reconstructed aboriginal site in the area would be of considerable value in educating the public concerning a largely misunderstood subject and could also help to illustrate the need for conservation of archeological sites. Such a project has been planned for the site by local people interested in its preservation. It is urgent, however, that such plans be

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Connaway, John and McGahey, Sam. 1970, Archaeological Survey
1968-1969, Mississippi Department of Archives and
 History, Jackson, Mississippi.
 Phillips, Philip. 1970, Archaeological Survey
Mississippi, 1949-1955. Papers of the
 Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology, Harvard Uni-
 versity, Vol. 60, Cambridge, Mass.
 Phillips, Philip, Ford, James A., & Griffin, James B.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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
NW			0		
NE					
SE					
SW					

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **100 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Sam McGahey, Field Archaeologist**
John Connaway, Field Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION: **Mississippi Department of Archives and History** DATE: **June 30, 1972**

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

CITY OR TOWN: **Jackson** STATE: **Mississippi 39205** CODE: **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*
R. A. McLemore

Title **Director, Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History**

Date **June 30, 1972**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *5/17/73*

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
 Keeper of The National Register

Date *5-15-73*

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6.
Title of Survey: Mississippi Archaeological Survey 1968

Depository for Survey Records: Miss. Dept. of Archives and
History

Street and Number: Post Office Box 571, Jackson, Mississippi
City or Town: 39205
Code: 28

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carried out in the near future before modern deep plowing tech-
niques take their toll in the village area.

9.
1951, Archaeological Survey [REDACTED] 1
[REDACTED] 1940-1947. Papers of the Peabody Museum of American
Archaeology & Ethnology, Harvard University, Vol. XXV,
Cambridge, Mass.

