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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

22-Lf-500; Harvard # 18-P-7

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. E. H. Neill

STREET & NUMBER

Route 3

CITY, TOWN

Greenwood

STATE

Mississippi 38930

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Leflore County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

300 Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Greenwood

STATE

Mississippi 38930

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Environmental Inventory for the Upper Auxiliary Channel Area in the Yazoo Basin

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Corps of Engineers

CITY, TOWN

Vicksburg

STATE

Mississippi

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Lower Valley Survey, Harvard

DATE: 1951

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Peabody Museum, Harvard University

CITY: Cambridge

STATE: Massachusetts

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 Neill village site, [REDACTED] Borings by the Mississippi Geological Survey in 1971 revealed midden deposits up to eight feet deep below the highest portion of the present site contour. The deepest midden, which probably represents the initial occupation [REDACTED] is covered by later midden deposits which indicate intermittent occupations during natural levee buildup (Saucier, unpublished manuscript).

Placed by Phillips in the Jaketown phase of the Poverty Point period (1970:871, Fig. 442), this site is part of a linear distribution of such sites along the early [REDACTED] sander belt ridge. Webb classifies Neill as a Poverty Point site with several primary, secondary, and tertiary diagnostic traits (1968:304-305). A 1966 survey of the site by Ford, Neitzel, and Webb showed the presence also of a few Tchula and Baytown period materials (Webb, 1968:306).

Geological evidence seems to indicate that the site was occupied no earlier than 4,000 years ago and no later than 2,000 years ago. Occupation probably terminated about 2,800 years ago (Saucier, unpublished manuscript). A date range of from 1600 to 800 B. C. is suggested by comparisons with the geological evidence and radiocarbon dates from the nearby Teoc Creek site. The topography indicates that relatively little erosion of the site as a whole has taken place, although much of the upper subsurface midden has been destroyed by deep plowing and erosion.

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/HUMANITARIAN
<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 Neill site's primary significance lies in its deep, undisturbed midden, the nature of which has been briefly discussed in Part 7. The buildup of midden deposits over a period of approximately 800 years, leaving intermittent strata up to eight feet in depth, offers a definite potential source of information about the development of Poverty Point settlements through time. Study of the undisturbed layers could lead to a better understanding of: the natural levee formation; the cultural sequence of the site; the relationships between the various occupations; the seasonality of the occupations; the relationship between this site and others where some excavation has been carried out, such as the [REDACTED] the settlement pattern, economy, and cultural ecology of the prehistoric inhabitants of the Poverty Point culture.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Phillips, Phillip. Archaeological Survey [REDACTED]
1955. Cambridge, The Peabody Museum, 1970, Vol. 60.
- Saucier, Roger T. "Geological Analysis," [REDACTED] John Connaway,
Samuel McGahey, and C. H. Webb, unpublished manuscript.
- Webb, Clarence H. "The Extent and Content of Poverty Point Culture" in American
Antiquity, Vol. 33, No. 3, 1968.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED]

UTM REFERENCES

D [REDACTED] A [REDACTED]
B [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
[REDACTED]

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

DATE

May 26, 1975

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STATE

Mississippi 39205

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___

STATE x

LOCAL ___

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elmer B. Hilliard

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

October, 1975

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

DATE

4/24/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles A. [Signature]

DATE

4-23-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

The boundary of the site is outlined on the map and shaded yellow. It was determined by the extent of surface artifactual material. The presence of the deeply buried deposits was determined on the basis of a few corings. The exact extent of this material is unknown. Hopefully, the outline of the site and shading will clarify the question. 
