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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
Whaley Archaeological Site

AND/OR COMMON
Ms. # 22-Lf-512; Harvard # 18-P-2

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mrs. E. H. Neill

STREET & NUMBER
Route 3

CITY, TOWN
Greenwood

VICINITY OF

STATE
Mississippi 38930

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
Lower Valley Survey, Harvard

DATE
1951

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Harvard University, Peabody Museum

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE
Massachusetts

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

DATE: 1973

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg
District

CITY: Vicksburg

STATE: Mississippi

TITLE: Environmental Assessment of the Ascalmore-Tippo Bayou Area in the Yazoo Basin

DATE: November, 1972

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg
District

CITY: Vicksburg

STATE: Mississippi

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

[REDACTED]

Daub and refuse are scattered abundantly over the site. Phillips, Ford, and Griffin classify the site as a small ceremonial center, with a 150-foot-long plaza oriented southeast, a rectangular mound about five feet high, and one other grass covered mound about eight to ten feet high (1951:321). The latter mound, which is circular in shape, has been plowed, and cultivation has altered its appearance. The undisturbed midden around this mound is very dark and heavily laden with debris, including Mississippian and Baytown period potsherds, animal bones, and mussel shells. Other "mounds" on the site are either small remnants or natural ridges with midden buildup.

Phillips, Ford, and Griffin place the site in the Late Baytown period (1951:57) and assign to it an occupation range of short duration (1951:321). According to Phillips, since sites with rectangular mounds are certain to have post-Deasonville components, and because the rectangular mound at Whaley is probably of the Quitman phase of the Mississippian period, the site may be tentatively placed in the Deasonville-Bayland phases of the Baytown period. (1970:Fig. 445). Phillips, however, places the Whaley mound in the Quitman phase primarily to fill a gap in the distribution of Mississippian culture in this area; only testing could verify his conclusion. Testing would also be necessary to determine whether there are any earlier components beneath the mound or in the village area. [REDACTED]

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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 significance of Whaley is its potential for providing additional knowledge of the Baytown and Mississippian periods--a potential which lies in whatever undisturbed midden remains at the site, either deeper than the plow zone or within or underneath the mound. Although the site has not been tested, and the extent and depth of the midden are unknown, there can be little doubt that the mound itself contains undisturbed midden. Testing could answer such questions as: where this site fits into the various phases of the Baytown and Mississippian periods; whether there are earlier occupations or components as yet undisturbed by the plow; what types of settlement patterns or house types were present; what the economic situation was during these periods; whether the two known occupations were at separate times or form a continuum in time; what burial customs were practiced; and what types of political and religious organizations were present. This site could afford a good opportunity to study and compare the relationships between the various aspects of the earlier and later settlements, and perhaps even to show to some extent how one settlement evolved into another.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Ford, James A.; Griffin, James B.; and Phillips, Phillip. Archaeological Survey in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley, 1940-1947. Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Vol. XXV, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1951, pp. 57, 321.
- Phillips, Phillip. Archaeological Survey in the Lower Yazoo Basin, Mississippi, 1949-1955. Cambridge, The Peabody Museum, 1970, pp. 940 and Figs. 445 and 447.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

UTM REFERENCES

A			B		
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			D		

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

Carolyn Ann Caldwell

May 30, 1975

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi

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

Elton B. Williams

TITLE

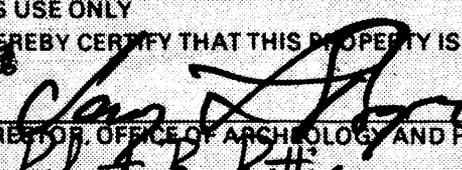
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

September, 1975

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


 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *Robert B. Ketting*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
Acting

DATE

5/15/76

DATE

3-14-76