

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Baker Mound (22-Mo-896)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Archie Baker

STREET & NUMBER Rt. 1

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

VICINITY OF

STATE

Mississi

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Chancery Clerk
Monroe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

STATE

Mississi

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Archaeological Survey

DATE 1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Mississippi Department of Archives & History

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississi

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

The Baker Mound was located and recorded in March, 1978, during survey of [REDACTED] by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. One of the primary goals of the survey was to locate and record as many prehistoric sites as possible within a month period and to evaluate these sites with respect to possible inclusion on the National Register. The survey was primarily informal and the Baker Mound was reported by a local artifact collector.

The Baker Mound is a small, domical shaped burial mound measuring c. 18 meters in diameter and c. 1½ meters in height. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] consists of Vaiden silt loam (USDA Survey, Monroe County, Miss.). There are two potholes in the top of the mound, each measuring c. 1.2 meters in diameter, and one large pothole in the south edge (Photo #1, just to right of person standing in photo) measuring c. 1.8 meters square. The owner reported digging up a bone and coffin parts in this section some years ago, indicating an in situ historic burial. A large tree stands on the mound. [REDACTED]

A borehole test was placed in the top of the mound and mound was found to a depth of c. 1½ meters. At a depth of c. 1.2 meters soil was dark black and the auger brought up a potsherd of Baldwin Plain var. unspecified. Another similar sherd was found in the pothole on the south side, both indicating a possible Miller I or II occupation. These were the only artifacts recovered from the mound or its immediate surrounding area. No other archaeological investigations have been carried out there.

The mound appears to be isolated except for two recorded camps nearby, neither of which indicate occupations of any length of time. Collection from site 22-Mo-897, c. 366 meters NNW of the Baker Mound yielded 4 Baldwin Plain sherds and one Mulberry Creek Plain sherd indicating a late Miller II or early Miller III component. The collection from 22-Mo-898, c. 488 meters NW of the mound and on the opposite side of Cowpen Creek, yielded 3 Baldwin Plain sherds and 8 unidentified with a sandy paste, as well as a Benton point (Middle Archaic) and a Bradley Spike point (Miller II or III). A Miller II component at site seems most likely to be related to the period of mound construction. However, both sites have very sparsely scattered surface debris and no evidence of a midden, suggesting an insufficient length of occupation for their inhabitants to have built the mound.

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/HUM
<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"/> TRANSPORT.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPEC
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES unknown(Miller I or II) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Baker Mound has remained relatively intact except for the holes in the top and south side. It thus provides a potentially valuable research site for future study of burial customs within a particular cultural framework. It is reasonable to assume that the use of this mound was limited to a relatively short time span, adding the possible dimension of a short term cultural activity pattern by a certain group of people. This could yield important information not only on social and religious activities, but on social organization as well. Aerial study of other such mounds could yield data on social interaction among groups within a limited area and time span, or aspects of culture during a longer time. Three other similar mounds, all being nominated to the Register, are located in the general area. The Bloodworth Mound is [REDACTED] the W [REDACTED] Mound is [REDACTED] and the Town Creek Mound is [REDACTED].

Most village sites in the area are multi-component, embracing long time spans of continuous or intermittent occupation. On the other hand, the small burial mound is generally restricted to a short term, one group, single component framework. In this respect, certain cultural aspects are more readily discernable as components of a particular culture. Interment methods and customs, of course, are the major features of mounds. Inferences concerning other data categories, such as those mentioned above, can often be made. Much of this data depends on the degree of preservation of the mound and its contents, and further testing will be necessary to determine its extent at the Baker Mound.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

UTM NOT VERIFIED

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

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

John Connaway Survey Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION

Miss. Dept. of Archives & History

DATE

March 25,

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CITY OR TOWN

Clarksdale

STATE

Mississippi

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-66) hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

John R. Millard

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

May 26, 1980

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

W. Ray

Lucy

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7/17/80

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

Joseph W. Fairchild

DATE

7-16-80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER