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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Crawford Site (22-Mo-902)**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

CODE

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Ollie Grayson

STREET & NUMBER

1008 Meiggs Street

CITY, TOWN

Corinth

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Mississippi 38834

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Office of the Chancery Clerk
Monroe County Courthouse**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

STATE

Mississippi

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Archaeological Survey of Monroe County, Mississippi

DATE

1978

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Mississippi Department of Archives & History

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

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

The Crawford Site was located and recorded in March, 1978, during a survey [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 three month period and to evaluate these sites with respect to possible inclusion on the National Register. The survey was primarily informant based and the Crawford Site was reported by a local collector who owns the nearby Word Mound, also being nominated to the Register. [REDACTED]

The site consists of a large, very dark midden (photo #1, center background) which measures c. 59.4 x 11.4 meters (0.54 hectare), with the long axis [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The terrace consists of Houlka very fine sandy loam and Vaiden silt loam overlooking Una silty clay in the Word Creek bottom (USDA Soil Survey, Monroe County, Miss.). Borehole tests in the midden indicated a depth of c. 0.6 meter, with sterile, light gray clay underneath (probably Una).

The midden area, which is in cultivation, was covered by a heavy concentration of lithic and ceramic debris. There were human bones plowed up in spots, indicating the presence of burials. One concentration of Swan Lake projectile points was found on the south slope of the midden within an approximate area of 2.5 meters in diameter. The Swan Lake type falls within a Late Archaic through Early Woodland time frame. On another area of the midden, [REDACTED] a local collector found a cache of nine Benton points, five of which were fragmentary, and one Turkey Tail blade. These indicate a Middle Archaic occupation at the site, and possibly a burial of some important person. Ceramics from the survey surface collection (see attached tabulation) suggest occupations from Miller I through Mississippi periods, while projectile points (see attached tabulation) indicate these, as well as Middle and Late Archaic occupations. Two points in a private collection show Early Archaic utilization.

The size and depth of the midden area suggests a degree of permanence of settlement, but the great length of time represented by the variety of cultural components may suggest intermittent or seasonal utilization. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Seasonal exploitation of the creek area cannot be ruled out. However, subsurface testing would be required to substantiate any such hypothesis. The midden is in a cultivated field and plowing, along with subsequent natural erosion, will eventually take its toll of remaining cultural strata.

Other than the borehole test and surface collections carried out during the survey, there have been no archaeological investigations at the site, and data are limited to that obtained from analysis of surface collections.

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 Middle Archaic-Mississippi
(c.4,000 BC - 1400 AD) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Crawford Site components embrace a long time span of continuous, intermittent, or seasonal utilization within a riverine environment. Being located in a large creek bottom, but only a short distance from uplands as well, gave the inhabitants access to a variety of subsistence resources. One significant aspect of the site is its potential for extraction of data on subsistence strategies by diverse cultural groups within a particular ecozone. Data on seasonal, as opposed to permanent, activities and their socio-cultural implications might be available with further testing and excavation.

Evidence of at least six cultural components is present on the site, as well as a possible association with the Word Mound, a burial mound, and the Crawford settlement. This implies socio-religious data potential, apparently within a Miller I time frame according to the few ceramic sherds found on the Word Mound. Since human bones and a cache of blades, possibly burial associated, were found on the midden, there is the further potential of burial oriented data from components other than Miller I.

Since the site is multi-component, with a relatively deep midden, the potential for research into aspects of culture change, such as in subsistence strategies, socio-political and socio-religious frameworks, and settlement patterns, appears to be substantial.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED]

UTM REFERENCES

A [REDACTED]
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 C [REDACTED]

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the site consists of the general limit of artifact and debitage scatter [REDACTED]

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 / TITLE John Connaway, Survey Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History	March 19, 1980

STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
P. O. Box 36	(601) 624-2550

CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Clarksdale	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 89-665), 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 *Edward R. Hilliard*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE October 10, 1980

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>Joy D. Bush</i> DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE 11-28-80
ATTEST: <i>Carol A. Wright</i> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE 11-26-80