

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hester-Standifer Creek Site

AND/OR COMMON

Hester

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

[REDACTED LOCATION INFORMATION]

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"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Miss Addie Hester (C. C. Hester Estate)

STREET & NUMBER

Meadowbrook Circle

CITY, TOWN

Amory

VICINITY OF

STATE

Mississippi

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Monroe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

STATE

Mississippi

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Mississippi Archaeological Survey

DATE

December 6, 1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

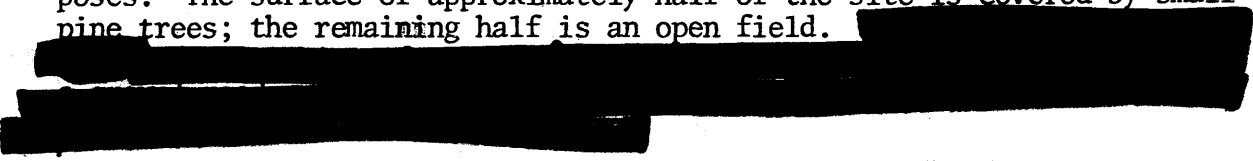
UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hester-Standifer Creek Site is approximately six acres in size and varies in thickness of deposit with much of it being as much as up to three feet in depth. It is divided by a small depression into two areas of more or less equal size. Tests in the depression yield little or no artifactual material and little midden deposit. The two areas yield virtually the same inventory of cultural material and are considered at present to represent one site. The depression seems to be modern and intrusive into the prehistoric midden. Two acres have seen substantial disturbance. The site overlies a stratum of gravel which is being mined throughout the area. Part of the midden has been destroyed in this operation, and unfortunately we will never know how much. Another part of the site, a roughly rectangular area of approximately one hundred twenty feet by one hundred feet, has been excavated by local collectors and thus is destroyed for all practical purposes. The surface of approximately half of the site is covered by small pine trees; the remaining half is an open field.



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 Hester-Standifer Creek Site is a large multi-component site covering approximately six acres. The midden deposit varies in depth but is over four feet in places. Much of the lower part of this deposit has not been affected by modern disturbance. Excavations indicate a fairly continuous and heavy occupation from the Late Paleo Indian period through the Early Archaic period. Earlier Paleo Indian period material is present in small amounts as is Later Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian period material. Excavations by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in 1973 and 1974 have revealed considerable information concerning the cultural sequence of the area during the earlier part of the site's history. One of the main activities carried out here throughout the duration of occupation was the manufacture of chipped stone tools. Nearby Sandifer Creek today contains an abundant supply of chert cobbles of sufficient size and quality for the requirements of the chipping industry. There are large quantities of tools in all stages of manufacture throughout the deposit, and it is possible because of this to determine the various stone working techniques used throughout the history of the site. There was also considerable tool use as evidenced by the large number of completed but broken or worn out implements. The wide variety of tools used indicates that a number of different activities were being carried out simultaneously. There are knives, saws, and scrapers which are suitable for butchering and skin processing of animals. Other tools suggest work on antler, bone, and wood. Adzes are a further indication of wood working industry. Pitted stones together with charred nut hulls are indicative of the processing of wild plant food.

The evidence seems to indicate that this site was used throughout the earlier years of its occupation as a base camp where the various activities of a total society were carried out. The size of Hester-Standifer Creek in relation to the other much smaller sites of that time period suggests that it was a major center at least for part of the annual cycle for perhaps three thousand years.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED]

UTM OK

UTM REFERENCES

HL

A [REDACTED]
 B [REDACTED]
 C [REDACTED]

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Samuel O. McGahey

April 10, 1975

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE

(601) 354-6218 Ext. 43

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 571

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE XX

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Edward R. Hilliard

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE April 14, 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

A. K. Masterson

DATE

6/5/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

[Signature]

DATE

JUN 4 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER