

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# DATA SHEET

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

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### 1 NAME

\* \* \* HISTORIC  
Lyon's Bluff Site  
AND/OR COMMON  
22-Ok-520

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER [REDACTED]  
CITY, TOWN [REDACTED] CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT [REDACTED]  
STATE [REDACTED] CODE [REDACTED] COUNTY [REDACTED] CODE [REDACTED]

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

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

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Mr. R. E. Sorrells & Mr. William W. Sorrells  
STREET & NUMBER  
624 23rd Lane, NW. c/o Commercial Appeal  
CITY, TOWN Birmingham, Alabama 32515 VICINITY OF Memphis, Tennessee STATE

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Oktibbeha County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Starkville STATE Mississippi 39759

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Mississippi Department of Archives and History  
DATE  
1934-1935  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Mississippi Department of Archives and History  
CITY, TOWN Jackson STATE Mississippi

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University

DATE: 1967   x   State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Mississippi Department of Archives and History


CITY: Jackson STATE: Mississippi


# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lyon's Bluff site consists of an earthen mound approximately 20 feet high and surrounding village area. 

 The site is currently in grass and weed cover and is used as a pasture.

# 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 Lyon's Bluff site is basically undisturbed although it has been used as a pasture for a number of years, and its earthen mound, constructed during the late prehistoric period, is one of the largest Mississippian mounds in its portion of the state. Four phases of occupation, from the early Mississippian through the protohistoric periods, have been identified at the site. According to tradition, the site is the location of one of the three historic strongholds of the Chakchiuma tribe, which was destroyed by an allied attack by the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes. Although this tradition is open to serious question, the large quantities of protohistoric and early historic goods found in the vicinity of Starkville, Mississippi, do indicate an occupation of this area at the approximate time of the Chakchiuma defeat, and the ceramics there do not in all cases match either the historic Choctaw or the Chickasaw wares. Further analysis of materials from the Lyon's Bluff site may serve to confirm or disprove the traditional accounts. In light of both the time depth of occupation at the Lyon's Bluff site and the possibility that the site is the location of a specific important event in the history of the area, the Lyon's Bluff site merits inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED] acres

UTM REFERENCES

A [REDACTED]  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
 C [REDACTED]

B [REDACTED]  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
 D [REDACTED]

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Carolyn Ann Caldwell

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE

August 8, 1975

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

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

Acting *[Signature]*

DATE

9/22/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *[Signature]*

DATE

4.12.76

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