

# DATA SHEET

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

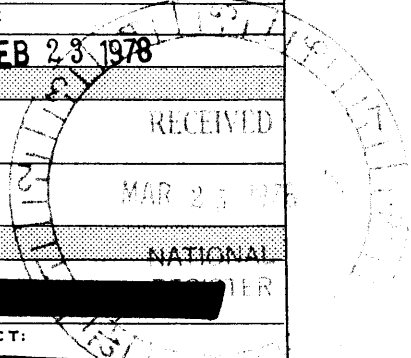
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
Mississippi

COUNTY:  
Prentiss and Itawamba

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ENTRY DATE  
FEB 23 1978



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Pharr Mounds (Nos. 280-287-3B)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:  
[REDACTED]

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
[REDACTED]

STATE:  
[REDACTED]

CODE COUN CODE

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. AGENCY**

U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Natchez Trace Parkway

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
Southeast

CITY OR TOWN:  
Atlanta

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3401 Whipple Avenue

STATE:  
Georgia 30344

CODE  
13

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Chancery Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:  
Booneville

STATE:  
Mississippi 38829

CODE  
28

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
[REDACTED] nited States Government Printing Office

DATE OF SURVEY: 1941  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:  
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
District of Columbia

CODE  
001

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COUNTY: Prentiss & Itawamba

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Preservation Recommended

The Pharr Mound group consists of eight mounds [redacted]. Three of these are twenty or more feet in height, artificially constructed, and conical in shape. Two of these three mounds still have trees upon them. The other five are flattened through cultivation. Two of the latter five are small artificial specimens, though three are probably natural eminences on which midden material has accumulated.

Pharr Mounds are one of the most impressive groups in Northeast Mississippi; they lie in a natural setting of considerable beauty. [redacted] cypress swamps provide a heavy screen of vegetation against which the mounds are silhouetted; low hills covered with pines and mixed hardwoods border the site, which is cleared and cultivated, [redacted]

Archeological investigations were carried out by the NPS during the summer of 1966. The customary grid system was used and exploratory trenches were made. Cultivation of the site has thoroughly erased surface traces of the village site and one can only hypothesize on the nature of the several occupations.

Present plans call for developing these mounds into an interpretive stop [redacted] when completed in this section which would mean an exhibit shelter and picnic area. The site would be cleared and planted in grass.

1. Pharr Mound A (No. 280-3B)

[redacted] the mound is covered with trees yet is impressive in size. Presently soybean farming is taking place in this group of eight mounds. Coordinates for the center of the site are being used and not the location coordinates.

Longitude: [redacted] Latitude: [redacted]  
 Acreage: [redacted]  
 Recommended treatment: Preservation  
 Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$200.00  
 Photograph enclosed

2. Pharr Mound B (No. 281-3B)

Approximately 20 feet in height this is the tallest mound of the group and it is overgrown with very large trees. [redacted]

Longitude: [redacted] Latitude: [redacted]  
 Acreage [redacted]  
 Recommended treatment: Preservation  
 Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$300.00  
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3. Pharr Mound C (No. 282-3B)

This mound is flattened yet is several feet high and is covered with undergrowth and trees.

Longitude: [REDACTED] Latitude: [REDACTED]

Acreage: [REDACTED]

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$200.00

Photograph enclosed

4. Pharr Mound D (No. 283-3B)

Mound D is rather long, yet it is flattened and is covered with undergrowth and probably was cultivated over at one time.

Longitude: [REDACTED] Latitude: [REDACTED]

Acreage: [REDACTED]

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$100.00

Photograph enclosed

5. Pharr Mound E (No 284-3B)

About 7-8 feet high [REDACTED] A few trees are growing on it.

Longitude: [REDACTED] Latitude: [REDACTED]

Acreage: [REDACTED]

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$150.00

Photograph enclosed

6. Pharr Mound F (No. 285-3B)

Flattened through the years this mound is covered with small pine trees and it has practically lost its identity as a mound.

Longitude: [REDACTED] Latitude: [REDACTED]

Acreage [REDACTED]

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$200.00

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7. Pharr Mound G (No. 286-3B)

Flattened through cultivation this mound has almost lost its identity and it is grown up in briars and weeds. This site is only slightly higher than the surrounding field. [REDACTED]

Longitude: [REDACTED] Latitude: [REDACTED]

Acreage: [REDACTED]

Recommend treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$100.00

Photograph enclosed.

8. Pharr Mound H (No. 287-3B)

Several feet in height this mound also has trees growing on it.

Longitude: [REDACTED] Latitude: [REDACTED]

Acreage: [REDACTED]

Recommended treatment: Preservation

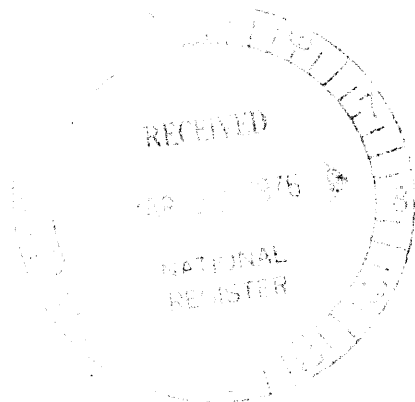
Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$150.00

Photograph enclosed.

Item 10. Geographical Data

U.T.M. Reference

[REDACTED]



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Pharr Mounds Archeological District, Natchez Trace Parkway:

Previous Research - Reported research on this impressive group of mounds is limited. Jennings (1941a) made the initial survey and recommendation for purchase. It was not until 1970 that a report by Bohannon (1970) indicated that the mound group was Middle Woodland, circa A.D. 1 - 200, and part of the Miller I period of Northeast Mississippi.

Bohannon's excavations were extensive, being carried out on mounds A, D, E, and H as well as a small part of the plaza area. Occupation of the site is described by Bohannon as intermittent "...during times of mortuary rites and seasonal exploitation of nearby food resources" (Bohannon 1972:82).

Prokopetz conducted a survey of the proposed parkway road bed [redacted] in 1974, locating some artifactual remains on the surface. Testing of this area in 1977 by Hamilton concluded that roadbed construction was not likely to pose a problem as no subsurface indications of occupation or interment were discovered.

Interpretive Value - The interpretive value of these mounds is high as each mound is visible from the others and as a collective group they are strikingly different [redacted] thus capturing the visitor's imagination and attention, and allowing the story of the site and its connection with American prehistory to be explained with greater understanding.

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century             | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal             | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic    | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture            | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of Pharr Mounds makes it an impressive aboriginal monument. The site is apparently referable to a single cultural horizon, prehistoric, and little understood. On the basis of a preponderance of cord paddle marked pottery, the remains are roughly equitable with the widespread prehistoric horizon which has been labeled Deasonville. The pottery complex includes predominantly a cord marked, sand or sand-clay tempered ware, and a plain ware with similar paste characteristics. J. R. Swanton, in his Final Report of the U. S. DeSoto Expedition Commission, is inclined to label this complex Proto or early Chickasaw.

Significance: 3rd order

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**GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Jennings, J.D. "The Pharr Mounds." Report on file at Natchez Trace Parkway Library, Tupelo, Mississippi

Bohannon, Charles F. "Excavations at the Pharr Mounds." Report on file at Natchez Trace Parkway Library, Tupelo, Mississippi

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0	0		0	0	
NE						
SE						
SW						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: [REDACTED]

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Mississippi	28	[REDACTED]	117
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
		[REDACTED]	057
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: William E. Cox, Assistant Chief Park Interpreter		DATE: 10-01-74
BUSINESS ADDRESS: [REDACTED]		
STREET AND NUMBER: Rural Route 1, NT-143		PHONE: (601) 842-1572
CITY OR TOWN: Tupelo	STATE: Mississippi 38801	CODE: 28

**12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes  
 No  
 None

Elbert R. Willard  
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State  Local

Jennings & Grubelle 3/23/76  
 Federal Representative Signature Date  
 for the Deputy Assistant Secretary  
 Title

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 2-22-78