

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Mississippi

COUNTY:
Quitman

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ENTRY DATE
MAY 2 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Norman Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:
22-Qu-518

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:
[REDACTED]

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
[REDACTED]

STATE: [REDACTED] CODE: [REDACTED] COUNTY: [REDACTED] CODE: [REDACTED]

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Preston Bennett

STREET AND NUMBER:
106 DeSoto Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Clarksdale

STATE:
Mississippi

CODE:
38614

CODE:
28

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Quitman County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:
Marks

STATE:
Mississippi

CODE:
28

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Mississippi Archaeological Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Mississippi Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 571

CITY OR TOWN:
Jackson

STATE:
Mississippi

CODE:
39205

CODE:
28

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Norman Site consists of a village-occupation area of approximately forty acres comprising three small mounds. One mound is in cultivation and is about three-quarters destroyed. The two remaining mounds are brush-covered and one of them contains a modern cemetery.</p> <p style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</p> <p>The entire site, except for two of the mounds, is in cultivation. Materials and soils brought up by deep plowing indicate occupations of the Poverty Point, Tchula, Marksville, Baytown, and Mississippi periods. They also indicate the possible presence of deep pits or undisturbed deposits. Recent collections of surface materials show intense Poverty Point and Tchula period occupations.</p> <p>Test excavations some years ago by the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University in the cultivated mound revealed Poverty Point, Marksville, and Mississippi Period artifacts, indicating rebuilding stages over hundreds of years in the mound. No report of this excavation was published.</p> <p>Phillips, Ford, & Griffin first reported the site in their publication in 1951. However, their collections did not indicate the Poverty Point occupation. Phillips (1970) named a phase of the Tchula Period after Norman, although there has been no definitive study of the Norman Site materials from that period. No physical descriptions are given in either publication other than the presence of small mounds.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Norman Site has one of the most varied accumulations of pre-historic pottery types [REDACTED] especially those types associated with the Tchula Period. Tchula culture is one of the least known in the area, and the abundance of pottery at Norman indicates excellent possibilities for a definitive study of the period. Although the site has been in cultivation for a long time, only recently has the extent of Poverty Point and Tchula period occupation come to light. Recent exposure of dark midden soil and large concentrations of Poverty Point and Tchula period cultural materials indicates the possibility of deeply buried strata, pits, and occupation debris. There are small areas around the cemetery mound that are not cultivated, affording good test excavation areas. The possibility of study of these little-known cultures in such a heavily occupied site gives Norman a distinction few other sites in the area have. The possibilities of stratified accumulations through several cultural periods and the presence of distinct refuse areas from each cultural period represented make the site well worth preserving and investigating.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fisk, Harold N.
 1944 Geological Investigation of the Alluvial Valley of the Lower Mississippi River, Mississippi River Commission, Vicksburg.

Phillips, Philip
 1970 Archaeological Survey [redacted] Mississippi, 1949-1955, Papers of the Peabody Museum, Vol. 60.

Phillips, Philip, James A. Ford, and James B. Griffin
 1951 Archaeological Survey in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley, 1940-1947, Papers of the Peabody Museum, Vol. 25.

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	[redacted]	[redacted]		0	"	
NE	[redacted]	[redacted]				
SE	[redacted]	[redacted]				
SW	[redacted]	[redacted]				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Forty

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John Connaway, field archaeologist

ORGANIZATION: Mississippi Department of Archives and History DATE: August, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 571

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson STATE: Mississippi CODE: 28

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Elliot B. Hilliard</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>November 22, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>5/2/75</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>5-2-75</u></p>
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