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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic L'Dora Lewis Mound (22-Si-512)

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number [redacted]  not for publication

city, town [redacted]  vicinity of

state [redacted]

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: wooded

4. Owner of Property

name Miss L'Dora Lewis

street & number Route 2, Box 99

city, town Florence  vicinity of state Mississippi 39073

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the Chancery Clerk  
Simpson County Courthouse

street & number P. O. Box 367

city, town Mendenhall state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title State Archaeological Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date Sept. 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Mississippi Department of Archives and History

city, town Jackson state Mississippi 39205

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The L'Dora Lewis Mound, 22-Si-512, [REDACTED]

The L'Dora Lewis Mound is a single mound site exhibiting no known village site adjacent to the mound; this is not an unusual occurrence for sites where the village responsible for construction and utilization of the mound is to be found elsewhere in the area. The mound is approximately 6-7 feet tall and approximately 40 feet in diameter and is presently covered in a stand of hardwoods. Heavy grass and underbrush are present on the mound and help to prevent extensive erosion. Like virtually every known mound in the entire state of Mississippi, L'Dora Lewis has been dug into by relic collectors. One medium sized "trench" has been dug at the top of the mound; it is approximately 1-1/2 feet deep and 3-4 feet in length. Two smaller holes have been dug in the side. However, this represents destruction of only a small portion of the mound. The landowners have heavily posted the property but, [REDACTED], relic collectors still occasionally sneak in and attempt to dig. Testing utilizing a 3" solid core auger revealed the mound had been constructed in at least several stages with sterile, light colored sandy soil layers separating stages of use/construction. Human bone was found in the relic collectors' backdirt in the 1981 and 1986 visits I made to the site and fragments of bone also showed up in the solid core samples. Lithic waste flakes (mostly local chert), a broken Woodland point, and a small handful of sandy tempered sherds were recovered when cleaning the relic collectors' holes off for photographic purposes. The results of the solid core auger tests point to the fact that much of the original archaeological integrity still exists except for only the uppermost portions of the mound (top 1-2 feet).

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 0 A.D. - 800 A.D. Builder/Architect N/A

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The L'Dora Lewis Mound, 22-Si-512, is a small, conical burial mound, [REDACTED]

The ceramics picked up in the relic collectors' backdirt are a sandy tempered ware with a somewhat contorted paste resembling Baytown Plain Var., Thomas ceramics. This would indicate an occupation somewhere between Middle-Late Woodland, based on comparisons with this ceramic variety [REDACTED]. A ceramic chronology for the Pearl River drainage has not been worked out and any excavated ceramic materials from an undisturbed deposit would help considerably in understanding the chronology of the region for the Woodland period. Core samples indicate construction in stages along with the presence of human burials. These classes of information will aid in delineating the method(s) of mound construction and may perhaps indicate any types of information concerned with social stratification as per burials and their accompanying grave goods.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

N/A

# 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name                     

Quadrangle scale                     

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The site boundary corresponds to the point where the man-made mound rises abruptly out of the natural local topography continuing to the apex of the mound.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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# 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

*Kenneth H. P. Pool*

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date January 12, 1987

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

*John J. Knood*

date 5/11/87

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration