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National Register of Historic Places
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Allison Mound
other names/site number 22-T1-1024 (#261)

2. Location

street & number [redacted] not for publication
[redacted]
state [redacted]

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	1	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	1 structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		1	1 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. P. Paul _____ October 24, 1988
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

John J. Knorr _____ *12/19/88*
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Funerary/burial mound

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Agricultural (field)

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls _____

roof _____

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Allison Mound (22-T1-1024) is a conical burial mound with no associated village area.

The site is located in the Mississippi Alluvial Plain physiographic province a short distance from a major physiographic province shift including the Loess Bluff and the North Central Hills. The mound is approximately 6' in height and approximately 75' in basal diameter and is covered with a heavy stand of trees and brush. Several relic collectors' pot holes are located in the center and on the west side of the mound, however, this has caused less than approximately 1% of the mound's integrity to be compromised.

Shovel testing and surface collecting in the cultivated fields adjacent to, and in the immediate vicinity of the mound, revealed no midden soils and/or cultural debris indicative of an associated village area. This is generally accepted to be a good settlement pattern marker for Middle Woodland and elsewhere in the State of Mississippi. The village site associated with the Allison Mound is probably somewhat removed in distance from the mound proper.

A certain amount of erosion has caused some deflation of the mound but the heavy cover of trees and brush present today deaccelerates the rate of erosion considerably. Further, the present landowner of the site will not allow access to the mound by unauthorized, non-professional archaeologists. Many conical mounds have been seriously compromised and/or destroyed by relic collecting activities in the Yazoo Basin and it is fortunate that the Allison Mound will not have subjected to that. No previous archaeological research has been conducted at this site and until late 1987 the site was unknown to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Considering the mound is relatively undisturbed the likelihood of uncovering human skeletal remains and associated artifacts within the mound by means of controlled excavation is considerable.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Archaeology/prehistoric

Period of Significance
A.D. 1 - A.D. 300

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation
Middle Woodland Period

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Allison Mound (22-T1-1024) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D. This site has yielded and is capable of yielding additional information important to prehistory. Its potential for contributing to our understanding of the Middle Woodland within the Mississippi Alluvial Plain physiographic province is considerable.

The presence of a mound provides an opportunity to gather additional information on Middle Woodland mound construction practices. A single soil auger [redacted] of the mound revealed soil color change (mottling) probably indicative of loading from mound construction. No scientific excavations have been undertaken at the Allison Mound but undoubtedly this could provide evidence of burials within the mound allowing us to better understand mortuary practices during this period. Ceramics will more than likely be recovered in burial features allowing us to potentially place the site in a tighter chronological situation. Organic materials may also be recovered which could be used for radiocarbon dating, so lacking during this time period (Morgan 1987).



These differences may be reflected in the archaeological record and attempts should be made to compare the archaeology at Allison with the archaeology of nearby Loess Bluff and North Central Hills sites from the Middle Woodland. Phillips (1970) has suggested there will probably be very little difference in the archaeology of the very different physiographic provinces (floodplain vs. upland sites). This idea needs to be tested archaeologically and the Allison Mound could serve as a good starting point to initiate this type of interareal research. Excavation within the mound should provide artifacts both within the moundfill and burial pits which could reflect upon interregional associations.

See continuation sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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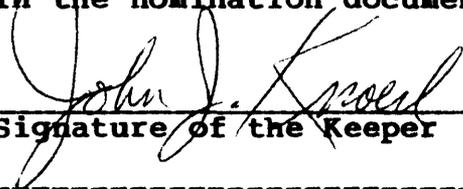
Date Listed: 12/14/88

Allison Mound
Property Name

County State

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper


Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Item 3 Classification.
There is 1 contributing structure in this nomination.

Verified by phone with:
Geoffrey R. Lehmann
Archeologist
Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DISTRIBUTION:

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)