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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 Buford Site (22-T1-501)

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number [redacted] not for publication

city, town [redacted]

state [redacted]

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" 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. Bo Marley

street & number General Delivery

city, town Sumner vicinity of state Mississippi

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Court Square

city, town Charleston state Mississippi

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Archaeological Survey [redacted] has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970 private federal state county local

depository for survey records Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology

city, town Cambridge state Massachusetts

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 Buford site, 22-TI-501, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The site consists of a large, rectangular platform mound, approximately twenty-five feet tall and some twenty-two acres of village midden. The actual village area is delineated on the basis of dark, organically stained village dirt with moderate-heavy concentrations of cultural material such as pottery, lithics, bone, and shell. At one time (Phillips, 1970), there were at least two other smaller, probably conical shaped, mounds present on the site. Intensive agricultural practices have since, for all intensive purposes, destroyed the mounds. The site is roughly crescent shaped [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In test pits dug by Mississippi State University (Marshall, 1983) to the southern edge of the mound revealed the presence of an aboriginally elevated ridge composed of occupational midden. The deposit extends to 80" below the present ground surface with house patterns being recorded along with rich floral and faunal remains and some fragments of human bone. Five bore holes dug to 5-1/2 feet below the present ground surface in the village area revealed dark midden interspersed with layers of sterile soil to about 3' below the ground surface. Intensive agricultural practices have tended to mix the midden but whether or not the entire twenty-two acre village area is badly disturbed cannot, at this time, be said. The mound is in extremely good shape. It is covered by a growth of hardwoods and heavy underbrush. Further, the landowner does not allow digging either in the mound or the village area. Several potholes have been shallowly dug in the mound, but considering the size of the mound, these appear rather insignificant.

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 see below

Builder/Architect N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Buford site, 22-T1-501, a large platform mound and village site, multi-component in nature, has the potential to provide valuable archaeological information for the Tchula, Marksville, Baytown, Coles Creek, and, especially, Mississippian periods (300 B.C. - 1550 A.D.). Circa 900 - 1000 A.D. small numbers of sherds of Cahokia cord marked show up at Buford suggesting trade from the upriver (Cahokia) area or resulting from stimuli derived from the Cahokia area. It is from this component that the statement of significance for the nomination is derived. Not only is this the best represented component at the site, it is also an example of a rather unique archaeological situation [redacted] i.e., "site unit intrusion" (Williams and Brain 1983). Especially important is the presence of a shell tempered, red filmed, cord marked pottery recognized as classic Cahokia material, Varney Red. This material derives ultimately from the Cahokia site in South Illinois. Its presence at the Buford site in Northwest Mississippi indicates contact of some type with the major Mississippian site in the Illinois-Ohio drainage, the "heartland" of the Mississippian culture. Williams and Brain (1983) cite Buford as an apparent example of "site unit intrusion" from Cahokia and there appears to have been an actual movement of people bearing a Mississippian culture [redacted] at about 1000 - 1200 A.D. The nature of the contact between Cahokia and Buford needs to be systematically examined involving detailed ceramic comparisons between collections of the same temporal position from Buford and Cahokia. [redacted] provides an opportunity to compare any C-14 dates derived from the archaeological deposit with the relative dates ascertained through geomorphological (geological) studies of landforms in this portion [redacted]

9. Major Bibliographical References

Phillips, Phillip
1970 Archaeological Survey [redacted], Mississippi, 1949-1955.
Papers of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Vol. 25.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property [redacted]

Quadrangle name [redacted]

Quadrangle scale [redacted]

UTM References

[redacted]
Zone Easting Northing

B [redacted]
Zone Easting Northing

C [redacted]

D [redacted]

E [redacted]

F [redacted]

G [redacted]

H [redacted]

Verbal boundary description and justification

[redacted]

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

state	N/A	code	county	code

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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 August 27, 1986

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

John J. Knowl

date 10/15/86

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration