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# United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Wild Wings Mounds  
other names/site number 22-Gr-713 (survey #210)

### 2. Location

street & number [redacted]  not for publication  
city, town [redacted]  
state [redacted]

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		sites
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	structures
			objects
			<u>2</u> 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. O'Neil 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. Knoed 12/14/88  
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 Wild Wings Mounds (22-Gr-713) is a funerary/burial mound site consisting of two rounded (conical) burial mounds with no associated village (occupation) area.

This area falls within the Mississippi Alluvial Plain physiographic province, however, several other major physiographic provinces are but a short distance from the site.

Surface survey in the cultivated field adjacent to Mounds A and B revealed no midden or cultural debris indicating an absence of a village area in the vicinity of the mound. This is quite characteristic for Middle Woodland settlement patterns. Based upon this fact and the size and shape of the mound the site can be attributed to the Middle Woodland Period. Mound A is approximately 90' E-W at the base and is 10' in height. The site is grown up in trees and cane and two pot holes are present; one in the center top and one in the south side of the mound. Approximately 130' south of Mound A is Mound B. This feature has a 30' basal diameter and is approximately 3-4' tall and covered in trees and grasses. Both mounds appear to be in good condition and the heavy cover of trees, grass, and cane discourage relic collectors. The site is owned by the State of Mississippi and is managed by the Grenada County Board of Education who in turn leases the land out to the Wild Wings Hunting Club. The hunting club has posted the land and carefully maintains the area. This is one reason so little damage from relic collectors has been done to date. It is quite possible, considering the size of the trees, that the mounds have never been cultivated, especially Mound A.

No previous archaeological research has been carried out at the site. It was unknown to the professional archaeological community until the 1987 Mississippi Department of Archives and History site survey along the braided stream surfaces and terrace edge (Connaway, forthcoming).

**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

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Woodland (Middle)

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 Wild Wings Mounds (22-Gr-713) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D. The site has yielded and is capable of yielding additional information important to prehistory. Its potential for contributing to our understanding of the Middle Woodland Period

is considerable. The apparently good condition of the mound makes the likelihood of recovering important cultural information quite real. The heavy cover of trees, brush, etc., and the fact that the site is carefully managed by a hunting club makes it difficult for relic collectors to gain access. This is very important as many burial mounds have been destroyed by agricultural as well as relic collectors' activities; the Wild Wings Mounds stands apart from this category of sites.

The presence of mounds at the site provides an opportunity to evaluate Middle Woodland mound construction techniques. The presence of burials, though not as of yet documented at Wild Wings, is very likely. These burials, when scientifically excavated could provide valuable information on physical types, social organization, and burial practices during the Middle Woodland, all aspects of Middle Woodland culture of which we need to know more (Morgan 1987). Further, organic materials may be present which could provide the basis for radiocarbon dating enabling us to get a rather firm chronological control over the site. Presently lacking is a good sample of ceramics, but it is likely these will be recovered in excavations, more than likely in a burial context. This data should be compared with ceramics from sites from the adjacent Loess Bluff and North Central Hills physiographic regions. According to Phillips (1970), the floodplain and valley edge sites (from the Loess Bluffs) cultural inventory will vary little, however, this idea needs to be tested archaeologically and Wild Wings Mounds would be a likely place to begin to test this proposition.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Connaway, John  
n.d. Archaeological Survey of Portions of the Braided Land Surface and [redacted]ript in preparation for Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

Phillips, Philip  
1970 Archaeological Survey [redacted] 1949-1955. Papers of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Vol. 60.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

**Specify repository:**

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Historic Preservation Division, Jackson, Mississippi

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property [redacted]

**UTM References**

ound A [redacted] Mound B [redacted]

Zone	Easting	Northing
C	[redacted]	[redacted]

Zone	Easting	Northing
D	[redacted]	[redacted]

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description** The site boundary is restricted to the two mounds, A and B, and is further restricted to the point where the man made mounds rise abruptly out of the local floodplain topography and continues to the apex of the mound.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary, restricted to mounds proper A and B, includes only the two mounds as surface survey in the cultivated fields failed to reveal the presence of any cultural materials or aboriginally discolored midden soil.

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