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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 City Mound  
other names/site number 22-Hi-672

2. Location

street & number [redacted]  
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</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. P. Paul Oct. 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.

October 24, 1988  
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:)

Melores Byun 12/1/88  
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)

unoccupied land

**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 City Mound (22-Hi-672) is a small conical burial mound

with no associated habitation area.

Based upon mound characteristics (size and shape) and recovered ceramic types (Marksville Stamped, Marksville Incised) the mound is attributed to the Middle Woodland Period. No diagnostic lithic materials have been recovered to date. Evidence of loading of dirt (in baskets) can be seen in one of the relic collectors' holes. Shovel testing and solid core augering was conducted in the area directly adjacent to, and in the vicinity of the mound, revealed no cultural materials and no aboriginally discolored midden soils suggesting there is no immediate habitation (or village) area. This is consistent with Middle Woodland settlement patterns in which case the village area is some distance away from the mound proper.

Several holes have been dug unscientifically into the mound and these range from 1' across to 3' across disturbing only a small portion of the mound near the surface. At some point in time some type of heavy equipment was used to clip off about 10% of the western flank of the mound. Presently the mound is wooded and covered in rather dense underbrush. This factor helps to prevent erosion on the mound surface and tends to discourage would be casual relic seekers.

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

Middle Woodland (Marksville)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 City Mound (22-Hi-672) is a small, conical-like burial mound with no associated habitation area.

The site is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D, as the site has the potential to increase our knowledge of prehistoric archaeology.

Based upon mound characteristics and recovered cultural debris such as ceramics (Marksville Stamped var. unspecified and Marksville Incised var. unspecified) the mound apparently dates to the Marksville Period (Middle Woodland). Some ceramic variability appears to be present in the collection. Marksville types and varieties have been recovered from the mound surface and in relic collectors' backdirt providing a small sample for reference. Some of the decorated types include varieties of Marksville Stamped and Marksville Incised, however, some ceramic variability appears to exist between this material and Marksville ceramics known

some distance to the northwest of City Mound (Phillips 1970). No diagnostic lithic materials have been recovered to date, however, these may be recovered in future excavations, and if so, should be compared with the Yazoo Basin Marksville lithic inventory.

Stratigraphic excavations at the City Mound should be geared towards recovering an adequate sample of ceramics which can be compared with materials and if differences are noted they may possibly be explained in terms of a distinct phase relating to the better known Lower Mississippi Valley Marksville culture. The nature of relationships between Jackson Prairie Middle Woodland sites and Yazoo Basin sites of the same cultural and chronological position needs to be systematically investigated (Morgan 1987). Burials can be expected at the City Mound as human skeletal fragments have been

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Morgan, David T.

n.d. The Post-Archaic Prehistory [redacted] Manuscript in preparation for inclusion in the Comprehensive State Planning Document for the State of Mississippi.

Phillips, Philip

1970 Archaeological Survey [redacted] 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**

A [redacted]  
Zone Easting Northing

B [ ] [ ] [ ]  
Zone Easting Northing

C [ ] [ ] [ ]

D [ ] [ ] [ ]

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The site boundary is restricted to the area where the man made mound rises abruptly out of the local topography and continues to the apex of the mound.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary of the site is restricted to the man made mound proper [redacted]

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Hinds County, Mississippi

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recovered from relic collectors' backdirt. This class of data may better help us to understand burial practices and/or social organizations operative during the Marksville Period. Organic materials, if present, could provide samples for radiocarbon dating enabling us to get better chronological control over the site. Two solid core augerings placed in the mound revealed mottling of soil colors probably indicative of loading (baskets of dirt) during mound construction. Scientific excavations at the City Mound could very well provide data relative to mound construction processes operative during the Marksville Period.