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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi	
COUNTY: Hinds	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-11-23-8005	DATE 11/25/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Pocahontas Mound A

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:
Pocahontas

STATE: Mississippi CODE: 23 COUNTY: Hinds CODE: 049

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Public Ownership

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mississippi State Highway Department

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson STATE: Mississippi CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Hinds County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raymond STATE: Mississippi CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Mississippi Archaeological Survey

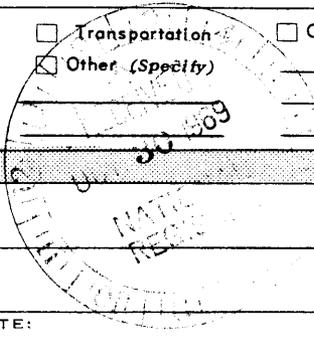
DATE OF SURVEY: 1926, 1927, 1933 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Mississippi Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
120 North State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson STATE: Mississippi CODE: 23

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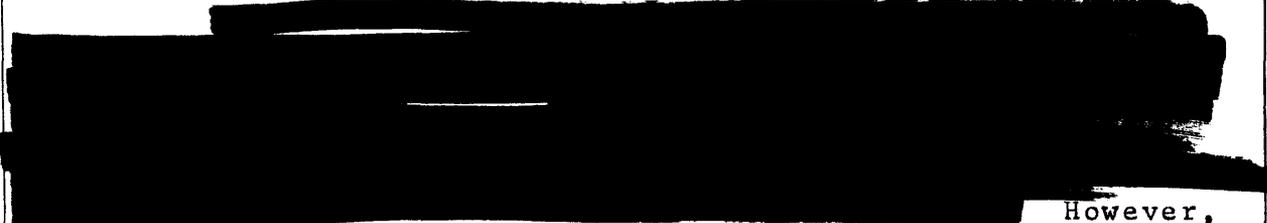
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mississippi Archaeological Survey team of 1926-27 recorded the mound as being 350' x 250' at the base and 25' high.

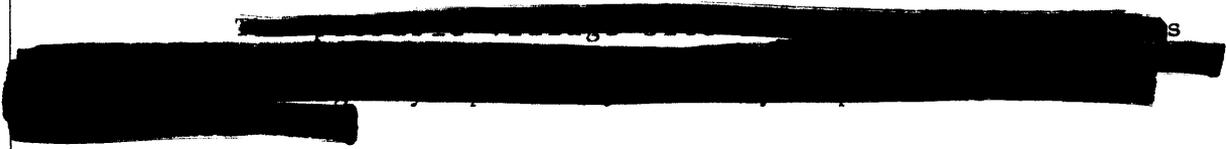


However, the holes do not substantially alter the appearance of the mound, since most of them have been partially filled by natural accretion.

The current measurements are 180' x 170' at the base and 20' high. The earlier measurements may have included a ramp [redacted], since James A. Ford in his 1936 report noted that the only approach to the top was a winding path up the western side. Ford also indicated that the mound was a pyramidal truncate with very steep sides covered by trees. A similar description could presently well be used.

Ford's description mentioned that the top of the mound was cultivated. This factor could possibly account for a portion of the mound's diminished height. The archaeologists surveying the mound in 1969 are at a loss to account for the other discrepancies in measurements, unless the earlier survey team simply estimated the size of the mound rather than taking exact measurements.

Ford reported that the fields around the mound were covered with a profusion of sherds, flint chips, and daub, as well as animal and human bone fragments exposed by cultivation. The area is presently covered with grass and trees so that very little surface material can be observed.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Pocahontas Mound A has not been substantially altered and probably contains significant information regarding the prehistoric inhabitants of the site. The village area surrounding the temple mound has never been cultivated with modern agricultural equipment, which has proven to be most destructive to archaeological sites. The land encompassing the mound was taken out of cultivation in 1956, when it was acquired by the Mississippi State Highway Department. It had been used as a nursery for several years prior to 1956.

There is an excellent possibility that a substantial midden deposit survives. The preservation of the mound would allow extensive excavations in the future to determine the site's prehistoric cultural associations. Ford indicated in his 1936 report that the pottery from the village site appeared to be related to the Tunica complex. More recent interpretations have revealed that the site is also important in Plaquemine culture characteristics.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brown, Calvin S., Archeology of Mississippi. (University, Miss. Mississippi Geological Survey, 1926), 29.

Ford, James A., Analysis of Indian Village Site Collections from Louisiana and Mississippi. (New Orleans: Louisiana Geological Survey, 1936), 113-125, passim.

Mangum, Paul L., An Archaeological Survey of the State of Mississippi East of the Lower Mississippi River Valley. (Cambridge, Mass.: B. A. Thesis, Harvard College,

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: [REDACTED]

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Elbert Hilliard, Curator of History

ORGANIZATION: Mississippi Department of Archives and History DATE: Oct. 11, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
120 North State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson STATE: Mississippi CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Dr. G. McFadden

Title Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History

Date October 14, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 25 1969

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Smutny
Keeper of The National Register

Date NOV 7 1969

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Pocahontas Mound A

5. Hinds County Chancery Court Building
316 South President Street
Jackson, Mississippi Code: 23

9. 1963), 59-63, passim.

Indian Mounds and Sites in Mississippi. (Jackson: U. S. Work:
Projects Administration, 1940), I.

